

Division of Arts and Sciences

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The Division of Arts and Sciences offers nine degree programs: Bachelor of Arts in Criminology, English, General Liberal Arts (GLA), History, Psychology, Communication –*Concentration in Broadcasting*, Bachelor of Science in Interdisciplinary Studies (BSIS), Bachelor of Applied Technology in Healthcare Services (BAT), and Bachelor of Social Work (BSW).

Bachelor of Arts in Criminology

Advisor: Amanda Cook

The Bachelor of Arts in Criminology degree program offers students the opportunity to explore the nature and causes of crime as well as examine the social response to crime and its effect on society.

The degree emphasizes the study of types, patterns, and trends in criminal behavior, and trains students to analyze crime data, test explanations of crime and victimization, and critically evaluate crime theory and policy.

Criminology

General Education and College Requirements

English Composition

EN 1103	English Composition I	3
or EN 1163	Accelerated Composition I	
EN 1113	English Composition II	3
or EN 1173	Accelerated Composition II	

Foreign Languages

3 Semesters - one Foreign Language – see advisor 9

Humanities

Literature – see General Education Courses	3
History – see General Education Courses	3
Philosophy – see General Education Courses	3
Humanities Electives - Must be from 2 different areas – see A&S Core	9

Mathematics

MA 1313	College Algebra	3
Elective Mathematics higher than MA 1313		3

Fine Arts

See A&S Core 3

Natural Sciences

Physical Sciences w/lab (CH, GG, PH) see General Education Courses	3-4
Life Sciences w/lab (BIO, EPP, PO) see General Education Courses	3-4

Natural Science Elective 3

Social Sciences

SO 1003	Introduction to Sociology	3
PS 1113	American Government	3
PSY 1013	General Psychology	3
see A&S Core		9

Major Core

CRM 1003	Crime and Justice in America	3
CRM 2003	Crime, Justice, and Inequality	3
CRM 3603	Criminological Theory	3
SO 3213	Introduction to Social Research	3
SO 4803	Social Research Practice	3
CRM 4803	Senior Seminar in Criminology	3

Major Electives

Criminal Behavior and Motivation Area

Choose two of the following:	6
CRM 3503	Violence in the United States
CRM 4233	Juvenile Delinquency
CRM 4243	Drugs, Crime and Control
CRM 4253	White Collar Crime and Elite Deviance

Social Dimensions of Crime Area

Choose two of the following:	6
CRM 3343	Gender, Crime, and Justice
CRM 3353	Race, Crime and Justice
CRM 3363	Globalization and Crime
CRM 4323	Victimology

Crime Control Policy and Practice Area

Choose two of the following:	6
CRM 3103	Contemporary Issues in Criminal Justice
CRM 3113	Community Crime Prevention and Policy
CRM 4513	Correctional Systems
CRM 4523	Law and Society

Oral Communication Requirement

CO 1003	Fundamentals of Public Speaking	3
or CO 1013	Introduction to Communication	

Writing Requirement

Satisfied by successful completion of CRM 3603

Computer Literacy

Satisfied by successful completion of SO 3213

General Electives

Consult advisor 15

Total Hours 123

(31 hours must be 3000/4000 from A&S)

Bachelor of Arts in English

Advisor: Dr. James Kelley

In addition to providing an overview of literature, the Bachelor of Arts in English degree program improves student's ability to read perceptively, think critically, conduct research, and write persuasively. This degree has some flexibility which allows students to tailor their program of study to meet their specific needs.

General Education and College Requirements

English Composition

EN 1103	English Composition I	3
or EN 1163	Accelerated Composition I	
EN 1113	English Composition II	3
or EN 1173	Accelerated Composition II	

Foreign Language

3 semesters: One Foreign Language (see advisor)	9
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Humanities

Philosophy Elective - see advisor	3
History Sequence - select one of the following:	6
HI 1063 Early U.S. History & HI 1073 and Modern U.S. History	
HI 1163 World History Before 1500 & HI 1173 and World History Since 1500	

Math

MA 1313 College Algebra	3
3 hours above College Algebra	3

Fine Arts

See A&S requirements	3
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Natural Sciences

Physical Science w/Lab ¹	3-4
Biological Science w/Lab ²	3-4
Natural Science Elective ³	3-4

Social Sciences ⁴

See A&S requirements	6
Social Sciences Electives	12

Major Core

Fourth semester in chosen Foreign Language	3
Upper Division A&S Humanities (HI, FL, PHI) or Study Abroad Elective	3
EN 1111 English Studies	1
EN 2213 English Literature before 1800	3
EN 2223 English Literature After 1800	3
EN 2243 American Literature Before 1865	3
EN 2253 American Literature After 1865	3
EN 3414 Critical Writing and Research in Literary Studies	4
EN 4111 Portfolios and Reflective Writing	1

Upper Division Requirements

Pre-1660 English Lit Elective	3
Post-1660 English Lit Elective	3
American Lit Elective	3
American or contemporary Lit Elective	3
English Lit Elective	3

English Vocational Elective

Select one of the following:	3
EN 3313 Writing for the Workplace	
EN 4323 Literary Criticism from Plato-Present or EN 4353 Critical Theory Since 1900	
EN 4403 Introduction to Linguistics	
EN 3303 Creative Writing	

EN 4223	Principles of Legal Writing
EN 4233	Composition Pedagogy
or EN 4243	Writing Center Tutor Training

Elective

Elective	3
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Oral Communication Requirement

CO 1003	Fundamentals of Public Speaking	3
or CO 1013	Introduction to Communication	

General Electives

General Electives - Consult advisor	15
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Total Hours	124
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(Must maintain a 2.5 GPA in upper-division English courses. Must make a grade of C or higher in all upper-division English courses. Must complete 31 upper division A&S hours. Must take 15 hours at the 4000 level in residence.)

- 1 CH, GG, or PH; see General Education courses.
- 2 BIO, EPP, or PO; see General Education courses.
- 3 Consult advisor.
- 4 Must be from 2 different areas and must cross 4 disciplines over the 18 hours. Only one Economics allowed. See advisor.

General Liberal Arts Program (GLA)

Advisor: Dr. James Kelley

Students who prefer to specialize in more than one field of study may earn a B.A. degree in General Liberal Arts. Requirements for this degree include all of the following: satisfactory completion of the University and College Core curriculum; satisfactory completion of the College of Arts and Sciences B.A. requirements; approval of the proposed G.L.A. program; satisfactory completion of twelve hours of upper-division courses (courses numbered 3000 and above) in each of three fields of study. The three fields may all be within the College of Arts and Sciences, or one of the three may be within another school/college of the University if that field is related to the student's educational or career goals. To insure an orderly progression of work toward the degree, interested students should meet with the program's advisor as early as possible. Furthermore, admittance into the program requires a GPA of at least 2.5 and the approval of the GLA Committee and the Associate Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences. General Liberal Arts is not suitable for students who are uncertain about their choice of a major; these students should see the Undecided listing in this section.

General Education and College Requirements

English Composition

EN 1103	English Composition I	3
or EN 1163	Accelerated Composition I	
EN 1113	English Composition II	3
or EN 1173	Accelerated Composition II	

Foreign Language

3 semesters - one Foreign Language (see advisor)	9
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Humanities

Literature - see Major Core	3
History - see A&S listing	3
Philosophy Elective - see advisor	3

Humanities Electives - consult advisor	9
Math	
MA 1313 College Algebra	3
Above College Algebra	3
Fine Arts	
See A&S listing	3
Natural Sciences	
Physical Science w/Lab ¹	3-4
Biological Science w/Lab ²	3-4
Natural Science Elective ³	3-4
Social Sciences	
See A&S Listing	6
Social Sciences Electives ⁴	12
Major Core	
Students must choose 3 areas with 12 upper division hours in each area. Consult advisor.	
Oral Communication Requirement	
CO 1003 Fundamentals of Public Speaking	3
Computer Requirement	
Consult advisor for approved courses	
Writing Requirement	
Consult advisor for approved courses	
Electives	
8 or more hours to equal 124	
Total Hours	124

¹ CH, GG, or PH; see General Education courses.

² BIO, EPP, or PO; see General Education courses.

³ Consult advisor.

⁴ Must be from 2 different areas and must cross 4 disciplines over the 18 hours. Only one Economics allowed. See advisor.

Bachelor of Arts in History

Advisor: Dr. Toby Bates

The Bachelor of Arts in History degree prepares students to think critically beyond their immediate environment, learn research skills and the proper method of collecting data, develop historical arguments, and successfully communicate their conclusions.

Students will achieve a detailed understanding of the political, cultural, economic, and racial aspects found within American history, European history, as well as Latin American history. Through a study of Mississippi history students will also find great insight into their local and state narratives.

General Education and College Requirements

English Composition

EN 1103 English Composition I	3
or EN 1163 Accelerated Composition I	
EN 1113 English Composition II	3
or EN 1173 Accelerated Composition II	

Foreign Language

3 semesters - one Foreign Language - see advisor 9

Humanities

Literature - see General Education courses	3
History - see major	3
Philosophy Elective - see A&S requirements	3
Humanities Elective - see A&S core (Must be from 2 different areas. Can be upper division hours; 6 hours may be HI courses; 3 hours must be from another area.)	9

Math

MA 1313 College Algebra	3
MA 1323 Trigonometry	3
or ST 2113 Introduction to Statistics	

Fine Arts

See A&S requirements 3

Natural Sciences

Physical Science w/Lab ¹	3-4
Biological Science w/Lab ²	3-4
Natural Science Elective ³	3-4

Social Sciences ⁴

See A&S requirements	6
Social Sciences Electives	12

Major Core

Must choose two of the following sequences:

World History

HI 1163 World History Before 1500	3
HI 1173 World History Since 1500	3

Western World

HI 1213 Early Western World	3
HI 1223 Modern Western World	3

U.S. History

HI 1063 Early U.S. History	3
HI 1073 Modern U.S. History	3

East Asian Civ

HI 1313 East Asian Civilizations to 1300	3
HI 1323 East Asian Civilizations since 1300	3

Students declaring a history major prior to Fall 2008

U.S. history U/D Electives	6
African, Ancient, Asian or Latin American U/D Electives	6
European history U/D Electives	6
U/D Electives	6

Students declaring a history major after Summer 2008

Category I History U/D Electives	6
Category II History U/D Electives	6
Category III History U/D Electives	6
U/D Electives	6

Oral Communication Requirement

CO 1003 Fundamentals of Public Speaking	3
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Writing Requirement

HI 3903 Historiography and Historical Method	3
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Computer Literacy

BIS 1012 Introduction to Business Information Systems	2
or TKT 1273 Computer Applications	

General Electives ⁵

Consult advisor	12
Total Hours	124
(31 hours must be A&S 3000 or above)	

- CH, GG, or PH; see General Education courses.
- BIO, EPP, or PO; see General Education courses.
- Consult advisor.
- Must be from 2 different areas and must cross 4 disciplines over the 18 hours. Only one Economics allowed. Can be upper division hours. See advisor.
- 13 hours of general electives required if BIS 1012 is chosen for computer requirement.

Bachelor of Arts in Psychology

Advisor: Dr. Vicki Gier

The Bachelor of Arts in Psychology degree offers students the opportunity to learn unique insights into human behavior and mental processes which enable them to have a positive impact on people's day-to-day lives. Students will develop good research, writing, and problem solving skills, and the ability to analyze, synthesize, and evaluate information.

Psychology majors are encouraged to work with faculty members on research projects and to share authorship of posters and journal articles. Students also have an opportunity to experience an internship in area mental health facilities.

Required Curriculum

Undergraduate students wishing to major in psychology must have a minimum 2.0 grade point average on all college work attempted prior to entering the major. The Bachelor of Arts degree program in psychology is designated to provide training for advanced study in psychology or related fields. Advanced study is recommended for students desiring a career in psychology. Psychology majors must earn a C or better in all required psychology courses.

General Education and College Requirements

English Composition

EN 1103	English Composition I	3
or EN 1163	Accelerated Composition I	
EN 1113	English Composition II	3
or EN 1173	Accelerated Composition II	

Foreign Language

3 semesters - one Foreign Language - see advisor	9
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Humanities

Literature - see General Education courses	3
History - see General Education courses	3

Philosophy Elective

Consult advisor	3
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Humanities Elective

Must be from 2 different areas - see A&S Core	9
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Mathematics

MA 1313	College Algebra	3
MA 1323	Trigonometry (or higher math)	3
or ST 2113	Introduction to Statistics	

Fine Arts

See A&S Core List	3
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Natural Sciences

Physical Sciences w/lab (CH, GG, PH) ¹	3-4
Biological Sciences w/lab (BIO, EPP, PO) ¹	3-4
Natural Science Elective ²	3-4

Social Sciences Core

PSY 1013	General Psychology	3
See A&S Core listing		3

Social Sciences Electives ³

Social Sciences Electives	12
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Major Core

PSY 1021	Careers in Psychology	1
PSY 3314	Experimental Psychology	4
PSY 3104	Introductory Psychological Statistics	4
Choose two of the following:		6
PSY 3213	Psychology of Abnormal Behavior	
PSY 3623	Social Psychology	
PSY 3803	Introduction to Developmental Psychology	
PSY 4203	Theories of Personality	
Choose one of the following:		3
PSY 3343	Psychology of Learning	
PSY 3713	Cognitive Psychology	

Choose one of the following:		3
PSY 4403	Biological Psychology	
PSY 4423	Sensation and Perception	

Choose one unused course from the groups above	3
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PSY Upper Division Electives	12
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Oral Communication Requirement

CO 1003	Fundamentals of Public Speaking	3
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Writing Requirement

PSY 3314	Experimental Psychology	4
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Computer Literacy

PSY 3314	Experimental Psychology	4
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General Electives

Consult advisor	
Total Hours	120

32 hours of course work must be A&S 3000/4000

- See General Education courses.
- Consult advisor.
- Must be from 2 different areas and must cross 4 disciplines over the 18 hours (6 hours from the Social Science core and 12 hours of SS electives). Only one Economics allowed. See advisor.

Bachelor of Science in Interdisciplinary Studies (BSIS)

Advisor: Dr. Jarod Fogarty

The Bachelor of Science in Interdisciplinary Studies is a university-wide degree coordinated through the Office of Academic Affairs by the Interdisciplinary Studies Committee. This multi-discipline academic program is appropriate for students motivated by specific interests not

recognized in traditional majors and is not intended to compete with existing programs. All University requirements, including 32 hours of upper division course work and a year's residence, must be met for graduation.

The Bachelor of Science in Interdisciplinary Studies is intended to allow students maximum flexibility to custom-design a curriculum to meet their personal and career goals. Such a program of study must assure depth of study as well as breadth. Therefore, it must insure that students take at least 36 upper-division hours in the areas they have chosen for emphasis and that they select a minimum of 12 hours in each of three areas or 18 hours in two. Emphasis areas must be selected from at least two colleges. General education requirements (45 hours) must be met in addition to a general studies core of 15 hours. A total of 122 semester hours is required for graduation, along with an MSU and cumulative GPA of 2.0.

To insure coherence in the program, the student must construct and explain in writing the rationale for the interdisciplinary studies program's direct relationship to the student's personal and career goals. Each student will be required to find advisors in the academic disciplines who will agree to sponsor the student in drawing up the proposed curriculum, formulating the rationale, and presenting the case in writing to the Interdisciplinary Studies Committee. This should be done prior to the senior year.

If approved, the student may proceed with the curriculum. The Committee will meet during the fall, spring and summer semesters, and students must make written application by September 15 or February 1. Application for a degree must be submitted to the Office of the Registrar. For further information, contact Dr. James Kelley, Office 088 of the MSU-Meridian Campus.

Bachelor of Social Work

Advisor: Rhonda G Carr

The Bachelor of Social Work (BSW) prepares students for entry-level generalist social work practice. Students learn ways to properly assess and develop therapeutic working relationships with diverse populations, utilize varying intervention approaches, identify strengths and enhance client problem-solving and coping skills, as well as program evaluation, advocacy, research, and community outreach.

General Education and College Requirements

English Composition

EN 1103	English Composition I	3
or EN 1163	Accelerated Composition I	
EN 1113	English Composition II	3
or EN 1173	Accelerated Composition II	

Foreign Language

2 semesters - one Foreign Language – see advisor 6

Humanities

Literature – see General Education courses	3
History – see General Education courses	3

Philosophy

PHI 1103	Introduction to Philosophy	3
or PHI 1113	Introduction to Logic	

Humanities Elective ¹

Literature Elective	3
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History Elective	3
Humanities Elective	3

Mathematics

MA 1313	College Algebra	3
ST 2113	Introduction to Statistics	3

Fine Arts

See Arts & Sciences Core List	3
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Natural Sciences

BIO 1004	Anatomy and Physiology	4
Physical Sciences w/lab (CH, GG, PH) ²		3-4
Natural Science Elective ¹		3-4

Social Sciences

SO 1003	Introduction to Sociology	3
PS 1113	American Government	3

Social Sciences Electives

Required:		
PSY 1013	General Psychology	3
EC 2113	Principles of Macroeconomics	3
AN 1103	Introduction to Anthropology	3
AN 1143	Introduction to Cultural Anthropology	3

Major Core

Social Work curriculum is completed as sequenced.		
SW 2313	Introduction to Social Work/Social Welfare	3
SW 2303	Social Welfare Policy I	3
SW 3003	Social work with At-Risk Populations ¹	3
SW 3013	Human Behavior and the Social Environment I	3

Students must successfully complete a formal admissions process prior to taking the following courses:

SW 2323	Social Welfare Policy II ³	3
SW 3023	Human Behavior and the social Environment II ³	3
SW 3213	Research Methods in Social Work ³	3
SW 4613	Child Welfare Services	3
SW 3513	Social Work Practice I ³	3
SW 3523	Social Work Practice II ³	3
SW 3533	Social Work with Communities and Organizations ³	3

Social Work Elective	3
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Oral Communication Requirement

CO 1003	Fundamentals of Public Speaking	3
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Writing Requirement

SW 4713	Social Work Senior Seminar ³	3
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Computer Literacy

Consult Advisor

General Electives

Consult Advisor

Field Work includes full-time placement for one semester in a supervised agency setting.

SW 4916	Social Work Field Practicum/Seminar I ³	6
SW 4926	Social Work Practicum/Seminar II ³	6

Total Hours 124
32 hours of course work must be A&S 3000/4000

- 1 Consult Advisor.
- 2 See General Education courses.
- 3 Course has prerequisite. Please check course description in back of catalog or consult advisor.

Bachelor of Applied Technology in Healthcare Services

Advisor: Dr. Dennis Mitchell

The Bachelor of Applied Technology in Healthcare Services will offer students in healthcare technology programs like Health Information, Medical Lab, Radiological and even nursing, the advantage of applying some of their technical credits to a bachelor's degree. This degree will also benefit those who are already working in health occupations but would like to further their education by earning a bachelor's degree.

English Composition

EN 1103	English Composition I	3
or EN 1163	Accelerated Composition I	
EN 1113	English Composition II	3
or EN 1173	Accelerated Composition II	

Humanities

See General Education courses 6

Fine Arts

See General Education courses 3

Mathematics

MA 1313	College Algebra	3
MA 2113	Introduction to Statistics	3

Natural Sciences

Select 2 lab-based sciences from General Education courses 7-8

Math/Science Elective

Math/Science elective (from Gen Ed) - Consult Advisor 3

Social Sciences

EC 2113	Principles of Macroeconomics	3
PSY 1013	General Psychology	3

Major Core

EN 3313	Writing for the Workplace	3
PHI 3013	Business Ethics	3
PSY 3503	Health Psychology	3
PSY 4223	Drug Use and Abuse	3
SW 3003	Social work with At-Risk Populations	3
SW 4633	Social Work in Health Care	3
SO 3213	Introduction to Social Research	3
MGT 3114	Principles of Management and Production	4
MGT 3513	Introduction to Human Resource Management	3
MGT 3823	Socially Responsible Leadership	3
MKT 3013	Principles of Marketing	3

Concentration Courses

BIS 3233	Management Information Systems	3
HCA 3313	Healthcare Systems	3
HCA 3813	Healthcare Regulations	3

HCA 4243	Managed Care	3
HCA 4803	Healthcare Policy	3

Oral Communication

CO 1003	Fundamentals of Public Speaking	3
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Writing Requirement

Satisfied by successful completion of EN 3313

Computer Literacy

Satisfied by successful completion of BIS 3233

Technical Core 28

Arts & Sciences Upper Division Electives

Upper Division Electives - Consult Advisor 3

General Electives

General Electives - Consult Advisor 3-4

Total Hours 124