

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
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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
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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

Humanities

Philosophy Elective - see advisor	3
History Sequence - select one of the following:	6

HI 1063 & HI 1073	Early U.S. History and Modern U.S. History	
HI 1163 & HI 1173	World History Before 1500 and World History Since 1500	
Math		
MA 1313	College Algebra	3
3 hours above College Algebra		3
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		
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 or EN 4353	Literary Criticism from Plato-Present Critical Theory Since 1900	
EN 4403	Introduction to Linguistics	
EN 3303	Creative Writing	
EN 4223	Principles of Legal Writing	
EN 4233 or EN 4243	Composition Pedagogy Writing Center Tutor Training	
Elective		
Elective		3
Oral Communication Requirement		
CO 1003 or CO 1013	Fundamentals of Public Speaking Introduction to Communication	3
General Electives		
General Electives - Consult advisor		15
Total Hours		124

(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
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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

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
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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 SciencesPhysical Science w/Lab ¹ 3-4Biological Science w/Lab ² 3-4Natural 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
Writing Requirement		
HI 3903	Historiography and Historical Method	3
Computer Literacy		
BIS 1012 or TKT 1273	Introduction to Business Information Systems Computer Applications	2
General Electives ⁵		
Consult advisor		12
Total Hours		124
(31 hours must be A&S 3000 or above)		

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. Can be upper division hours. See advisor.

5 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
Humanities		
Literature - see General Education courses		3
History - see General Education courses		3
Philosophy Elective		
Consult advisor		3
Humanities Elective		
Must be from 2 different areas - see A&S Core		9
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
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
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
PSY Upper Division Electives		12
Oral Communication Requirement		
CO 1003	Fundamentals of Public Speaking	3
Writing Requirement		
PSY 3314	Experimental Psychology	4
Computer Literacy		
PSY 3314	Experimental Psychology	4
General Electives		
Consult advisor		

Total Hours

120

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

- 1 See General Education courses.
- 2 Consult advisor.
- 3 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
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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
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
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
Oral Communication Requirement		
CO 1003	Fundamentals of Public Speaking	3
Writing Requirement		
SW 4713	Social Work Senior Seminar ³	3
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
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Fine Arts

See General Education courses		3
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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
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Math/Science Elective

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

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Arts & Sciences Upper Division Electives

Upper Division Electives - Consult Advisor		3
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General Electives

General Electives - Consult Advisor

3-4

Total Hours

124