# **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**

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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 Foreigr	n Language – see advisor	6
Humanities		
Literature – see General E	Education courses	3
History – see General Edu	ucation courses	3
Philosophy		
PHI 1103	Introduction to Philosophy	3
or PHI 1113	Introduction to Logic	
Humanities Elective <sup>1</sup>		
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	e List	3
Natural Sciences		
BIO 1004	Anatomy and Physiology	4
Physical Sciences w/lab (	CH, GG, PH) <sup>2</sup>	3-4
Natural Science Elective <sup>1</sup>		3-4
Social Sciences		
SO 1003	Introduction to Sociology	3
PS 1113	American Government	3
Social Sciences Elective	es	

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		
	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 <sup>1</sup>	3
SW 3013	Human Behavior and the Social Environment I	3
Students must successf	fully complete a formal admissions process prior to taking the following courses:	
SW 2323	Social Welfare Policy II <sup>3</sup>	3
SW 3023	Human Behavior and the social Environment II <sup>3</sup>	3
SW 3213	Research Methods in Social Work <sup>3</sup>	3
SW 4613	Child Welfare Services	3
SW 3513	Social Work Practice I <sup>3</sup>	3
SW 3523	Social Work Practice II <sup>3</sup>	3
SW 3533	Social Work with Communities and Organizations <sup>3</sup>	3
Social Work Elective		3
Oral Communication F	Requirement	
CO 1003	Fundamentals of Public Speaking	3
Writing Requirement		
SW 4713	Social Work Senior Seminar <sup>3</sup>	3
Computer Literacy		
Consult Advisor		
General Electives		
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	-time placement for one semester in a supervised agency setting.	
SW 4916	Social Work Field Practicum/Seminar I <sup>3</sup>	6
SW 4926	Social Work Practicum/Seminar II <sup>3</sup>	6
Total Hours		124
32 hours of course work	k must be A&S 3000/4000	

# 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
Humanities		
Literature - see Major Core		3
History - see A&S listing		3
Philosophy Elective - see a	dvisor	3
Humanities Electives - cons	sult advisor	9
Math		
MA 1313	College Algebra	3
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Fine Arts		
See A&S listing		3
Natural Sciences		
Physical Science w/Lab <sup>1</sup>		3-4
Biological Science w/Lab <sup>2</sup>		3-4
Natural Science Elective <sup>3</sup>		3-4
Social Sciences		
See A&S Listing		6
Social Sciences Electives 4	l.	12
Major Core		
Students must choose 3 are	eas with 12 upper division hours in each area. Consult advisor.	
Oral Communication Req	uirement	
CO 1003	Fundamentals of Public Speaking	3
Computer Requirement		
Consult advisor for approve	ed courses	
Writing Requirement		
Consult advisor for approve	ed courses	
Electives		
8 or more hours to equal 12	24	
Total Hours		124
<sup>1</sup> CH, GG, or PH; see	e General Education courses.	

<sup>2</sup> BIO, EPP, or PO; see General Education courses.

<sup>3</sup> Consult advisor.

<sup>4</sup> 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

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HI 3903 Historiography and Historical Method 3
Computer Literacy
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or TKT 1273 Computer Applications
General Electives <sup>5</sup>

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

- <sup>1</sup> CH, GG, or PH; see General Education courses.
- <sup>2</sup> BIO, EPP, or PO; see General Education courses.
- <sup>3</sup> Consult advisor.
- <sup>4</sup> 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.
- <sup>5</sup> 13 hours of general electives required if BIS 1012 is chosen for computer requirement.

# **Bachelor of Arts in Psychology**

Advisor: Dr. Rodney Wilson

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 La	nguage - see advisor	9
Humanities		
Literature - see General Educ	ation courses	3
History - see General Education	on 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) <sup>1</sup>		3-4
Biological Sciences w/lab (BIO, EPP, PO) <sup>1</sup>		3-4
Natural Science Elective <sup>2</sup>		3-4
Social Sciences Core		
PSY 1013	General Psychology	3

See A&S Core listing		3
<b>Social Sciences Elective</b>	s <sup>3</sup>	
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 followin	g:	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	ng:	3
PSY 3343	Psychology of Learning	
PSY 3713	Cognitive Psychology	
Choose one of the following	ng:	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 Red	quirement	
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 m	nust be A&S 3000/4000	

<sup>1</sup> See General Education courses.

<sup>2</sup> Consult advisor.

<sup>3</sup> 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 La	nguage – see advisor	6
Humanities		
Literature - see General Educ	cation courses	3
History – see General Educati	ion courses	3
Philosophy		
PHI 1103	Introduction to Philosophy	3
or PHI 1113	Introduction to Logic	
Humanities Elective <sup>1</sup>		
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 & amp; Sciences Cor	e List	3
Natural Sciences		
BIO 1004	Anatomy and Physiology	4
Physical Sciences w/lab (CH,	GG, PH) <sup>2</sup>	3-4
Natural Science Elective <sup>1</sup>		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 com	npleted 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 <sup>1</sup>	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 <sup>3</sup>	3
SW 3023	Human Behavior and the social Environment II $^3$	3
SW 3213	Research Methods in Social Work <sup>3</sup>	3
SW 4613	Child Welfare Services	3
SW 3513	Social Work Practice I <sup>3</sup>	3
SW 3523	Social Work Practice II <sup>3</sup>	3
SW 3533	Social Work with Communities and Organizations <sup>3</sup>	3
Social Work Elective		3
Oral Communication Requ	irement	
CO 1003	Fundamentals of Public Speaking	3
Writing Requirement		
SW 4713	Social Work Senior Seminar <sup>3</sup>	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 <sup>3</sup>	6
SW 4926	Social Work Practicum/Seminar II <sup>3</sup>	6
Total Hours		124
32 hours of course work mus	st be A&S 3000/4000	

- <sup>1</sup> Consult Advisor.
- <sup>2</sup> See General Education courses.
- <sup>3</sup> 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**

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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 c	ourses	6
Fine Arts		
See General Education c	ourses	3
Mathematics		
MA 1313	College Algebra	3
MA 2113	Introduction to Statistics	3
Natural Sciences		
Select 2 lab-based science	es from General Education courses	7-8
Math/Science Elective		
Math/Science elective (fro	om 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 Manageme	ent	3
MGT 3823	Socially Responsible Leadership		3
MKT 3013	Principles of Marketing		3
<b>Concentration Courses</b>			
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
Writing Requirement			
Satisfied by successful com	pletion of EN 3313		
Computer Literacy			
Satisfied by successful com	pletion of BIS 3233		
Technical Core			28
Arts & Sciences Upper Di	vision Electives		
Upper Division Electives - Consult Advisor			3
General Electives			
General Electives - Consult Advisor			3-4
Total Hours			124