

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 Language

Spanish for the Professional		3
Spanish I and Spanish II are also recommended (see Free Electives)		

Mathematics

MA 1313	College Algebra	3
Math higher than MA 1313		3

Fine Arts

ART 1113	Art Appreciation	3
or MU 1113	History and Appreciation of Music	

Natural Sciences

Biological Science w/lab (BIO)		4
Physical Sciences w/lab (CH, GG, PH) ²		4
Natural Science Elective- no lab required (BIO, PH, GG, CH) ¹		3

Humanities

English – see General Education courses		3
History – see General Education courses		3
Philosophy - see General Education courses		3
Humanities Electives (HI, EN, PHI, REL)		9

Communication

CO 1003	Fundamentals of Public Speaking	3
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Social Sciences

SO 1003	Introduction to Sociology	3
AN/GR/PS/PSY/SO - See General Education		3
AN/GR/PS/PSY/SO/CO/CRM - Social Sciences Electives		12

Major Required Courses

CRM 1003	Crime and Justice in America	3
CRM 2003	Crime, Justice, and Inequality	3

CRM 3603	Criminological Theory	3
CRM 4803	Senior Seminar in Criminology	3
SO 3213	Introduction to Social Research	3
or SW 3213	Research Methods in Social Work	
SO 4803	Social Research Practice	3
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	
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	
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	
Free Electives		
A&S Upper Division Elective (3000/4000-level)		3
Other electives - see advisor (Spanish I and II recommended)		18
Total Hours		125

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
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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
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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		
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	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)		

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. 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 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
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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
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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

Program Director: Rhonda G. Carr, MSW, LCSW

The Social Work Program at Mississippi State University Meridian Campus is accredited by the Council on Social Work Education. The purpose of the social work profession is to promote human and community well-being. Guided by a person-in-environment framework, a global perspective, respect for human diversity, and knowledge based on scientific inquiry, the purpose of social work is actualized through its quest for social and economic justice, the prevention of conditions that limit human rights, the elimination of poverty, and the enhancement of the quality of life for all persons, locally and globally. (CSWE, 2015)

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.

The Social Work curriculum is grounded in a liberal arts perspective. This liberal arts perspective enhances the person-in-environment focus of generalist social work practice.

Although students may enroll in social work as their major, there is a formal admission process into the social work program. To be eligible for admission to the social work program students must meet the following criteria for admission into the program:

1. Cumulative GPA of 2.0
2. Completion of the following liberal arts requirements:
 - # English Composition I and II
 - # College Algebra
 - # Introduction to Sociology
 - # American Government
 - # General Psychology
 - # Anatomy & Physiology
 - # Principles of Economics
 - # Fundamentals of Public Speech
 - # Basic Computer Concepts & Applications
 - # Social Work with At-Risk Populations
3. Completion of two of the following social work courses with a minimum grade of C:
 - SW 3003 Social Work with At-Risk Populations
 - SW 2303 Social Welfare Policy I
 - SW 3013 Human Behavior in the Social Environment I
4. Completion of SW 2313 Introduction to Social Work (including 20 hours of service learning experience) with a minimum grade of B.
5. Completion of an Application for Admission to the Social Work Program.
 - Students must provide three reference letters on provided forms
 - Authorize a Background Check, Child Abuse/Neglect and Sex Offender Registries
 - Participate in a personal interview with Social Work Program Admissions Committee.

Before enrolling in any social work classes, it is the responsibility of the student to consult with their social work advisor regarding any prerequisites for social work classes.

The criteria for remaining in the program include:

- Maintain an overall GPA of 2.0, with a 2.75 GPA for all social work courses.
- Must earn a minimum of a "C" in each social work course.
- Continue to demonstrate an aptitude for a social work career.
- Adhere to all academic expectations of the university and the social work program.
- Adhere to the National Association of Social Workers Code of Ethics.

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
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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
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		28
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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