

Division of Arts and Sciences

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The Division of Arts and Sciences offers six degree programs: Bachelor of Arts in Criminology, General Liberal Arts (GLA), History, Psychology, Bachelor of Science in Interdisciplinary Studies (BSIS), and Bachelor of Social Work (BSW).

Bachelor of Applied Technology

Advisor: Mr. Ben Pace

The Bachelor of Applied Technology (BAT) degree offers students who have completed technical course work the opportunity to apply up to twenty-eight hours of those credits toward completion of a bachelor's degree. This degree will also benefit those who are already working but would like to further their education by earning a bachelor's degree.

The concentration in Healthcare Services is designed for students who have completed technical course work in the health professions and related programs at 2-year colleges. The concentration focuses on courses in health policy, managed care, and other pertinent topics for today's changing healthcare environment.

The concentration in Event and Hospitality Services is designed for students who have completed course work in the hospitality services, marketing, and related programs at 2-year colleges. The concentration focuses on courses in managing, marketing, and administering event and hospitality services in a diverse social and cultural environment.

General Education

English Composition

EN 1103	English Composition I	3-4
or EN 1104	Expanded English Composition I	
EN 1113	English Composition II	3
or EN 1173	Accelerated Composition II	

Creative Discovery

See General Education courses		3
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Humanities

See General Education courses		6
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Social Sciences

EC 2113	Principles of Macroeconomics	3
PSY 1013	General Psychology	3

Quantitative Reasoning

MA 2113	Introduction to Statistics	0,3
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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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Degree Requirements

Major Core

MA 1313	College Algebra	3
EN 3313	Writing for the Workplace	3
PHI 3013	Business Ethics	3
MGT 3513	Introduction to Human Resource Management	3
or MGT 4613	Cross-Cultural Management	
MGT 3323	Entrepreneurship	3
or MGT 3823	Socially Responsible Leadership	

MKT 3013	Principles of Marketing	3
BIS 3233	Management Information Systems	3
Healthcare Concentration Courses		
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
HCA 3313	Introduction to the U.S. Healthcare System	3
HCA 3813	Introduction to Healthcare Law and Regulation	3
HCA 4243	Managed Care	3
HCA 4803	Healthcare Policy	3
Event and Hospitality Services Concentration Courses		
CO 3803	Principles of Public Relations	3
SO 4503	Gender and Work	3
AN/SO 2203	Introduction to Race and Ethnicity	3
PSY 4813	Positive Psychology	3
HI 4243	American Life and Thought	3
MKT 4613	Services Marketing	3
MKT 4423	Strategic Brand Management	3
MKT 4513	Resort-Convention Marketing	3
MKT 3513	Marketing Internship (in MS Riley Center, Hotels, Events, etc.)	3
Oral Communication		
CO 1003	Fundamentals of Public Speaking	3
Junior/Senior 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		120

Bachelor of Arts in Criminology

Advisor: Dr. Amanda Cox

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 1104	Expanded English 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 4804	Social Research Practice	4
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 and Computer Crime	
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
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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 1104	Expanded English 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	Elementary 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
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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 or TECH 1273 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

Advisors: 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

English Composition

EN 1103 English Composition I or EN 1104 Expanded English Composition I	3
EN 1113 English Composition II or EN 1173 Accelerated Composition II	3

Creative Discovery

See A&S Core List	3
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Humanities

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

Social Sciences

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

Quantitative Reasoning

MA 1323 Trigonometry or ST 2113 Elementary Statistics	3
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Natural Sciences

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

Degree Requirements**Foreign Language**

3 semesters - one Foreign Language - see advisor	9
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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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Social Sciences Electives³

Social Sciences Electives	12
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Major Core

MA 1313	College Algebra	3
PSY 1021	Careers in Psychology	1
PSY 3314	Experimental Psychology	4
PSY 3104	Introductory Psychological Statistics	0,4

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
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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	
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Total Hours	120
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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 College of Arts & Sciences 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 31 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. Only one grade of "D" will be accepted in each area of emphasis, and a minimum GPA of 2.0 is required in each area of emphasis. A total of 120 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.

BSIS Limitations: Students may only receive minors in the BSIS in subjects outside their emphasis areas. A student may only receive a BSIS degree as a second bachelor's degree with special permission by the Interdisciplinary Studies Committee.

The Interdisciplinary Studies Committee will meet during the fall, spring and summer semesters, and students must submit a written application through the IDS 2111 course.

Bachelor of Social Work

Program Director: Dr. Mirian Swindell

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 1104	Expanded English 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
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History – see General Education courses		3
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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
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Humanities Elective		3
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Mathematics

MA 1313	College Algebra	3
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ST 2113	Elementary Statistics	3
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Fine Arts

See Arts & Sciences Core List		3
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Natural Sciences

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

SO 1003	Introduction to Sociology	3
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PS 1113	American Government	3
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Social Sciences Electives

Required:

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

General Liberal Arts Program (GLA)

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 1104	Expanded English 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 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.