College of Liberal Arts

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Majors in Liberal Arts prepare students for immediate employment after receiving undergraduate degrees, for example, as journalists, public relations experts, archivists, interpreter/translators, curators, social scientists, counselors, fine arts and entertainment industry professionals, education support specialists, management professionals, or technical communicators. Students also receive strong academic backgrounds for graduate study or professional education. The College of Liberal Arts consists of four academic areas, each of which is divided further into departments:

- Humanities: English, Foreign Languages and Literatures, History, and Philosophy, awarding Bachelor of Arts degrees.
- Fine Arts: Art, Music, and Theatre, awarding Bachelor of Arts, Bachelor of Music, and Bachelor of Fine Arts degrees.
- Communication: Communication Disorders and Communication and Journalism, awarding Bachelor of Arts and Bachelor of Science degrees.
- Behavioral and Social Sciences: Economics, Political Science, Psychology, and Sociology, Anthropology, and Social Work, awarding Bachelor of Arts and Bachelor of Science degrees.

Becoming a Liberal Arts Major

Entering a Major: Incoming freshmen and external transfer students are admitted directly to the College of Liberal Arts. The following majors have additional admission requirements beyond university admission: Art-BFA, Communication, Communication Disorders, Health Services Administration, Journalism, Music, Public Relations, Media Studies, Social Work, Theatre-BFA. Students should contact the department that houses their intended major to determine specific entrance requirements.

Declaring a Major: All students must declare a major by the end of the semester in which they complete 65 semester hours of credit, including transfer and other college credit. Students transferring into the College of Liberal Arts with 65 or more semester hours of credit must declare a major upon admission. Before a major is declared, students will follow the requirements for the College of Liberal Arts and will be identified as pre-majors in a curriculum or by the designation UNLA for undeclared students.

Required Courses for All Liberal Arts Majors

Most majors in the College of Liberal Arts require students to complete a one-year sequence in a foreign language. Students are placed into each sequence based on results of a placement exam administered by the Department of Foreign Languages and Literatures prior to their enrollment at Auburn. Students pursuing BFA degrees in Art and Theatre are exempted from the foreign language sequence requirement.

Policies for Dual Degrees and Double Majors

To earn a second baccalaureate degree, students must complete a separate body of knowledge appropriate for the degree. The Dean’s Office in the College of Liberal Arts determines when it is possible for students to earn a second baccalaureate degree. Auburn University academic policy stipulates the minimum hours necessary in addition to the primary degree or curriculum. The College of Liberal Arts requires that, at a minimum, 30 additional hours of non-overlapping course work must be accomplished in the second baccalaureate degree program.

To earn a double major, students must complete all the major courses in both majors. Of these major courses, at least 20 hours of each major must be unique, rather than being used as major, support, or core courses in both majors. If at least 20 hours of unique courses do not exist for each of the two majors, students cannot pursue a double major.

For complete information on dual degrees and double major requirements, please see the Academic Policies section.

Special Academic Opportunities

To augment the learning experiences available through majors in the College of Liberal Arts, students can take advantage of the following possibilities:
• Dual Degrees with the College of Engineering. Students can receive a degree from a Liberal Arts major and a degree from a major in the Samuel Ginn College of Engineering. To ensure that all requirements are met, students should see advisors in both colleges. Typically, five to six academic years are necessary to complete dual degrees.

• Pre-Law Study. Most majors in Liberal Arts are accepted by law schools as appropriate preparation for the study of law. However, students should consult with the pre-law advisor in Haley Center 7002 in preparing for law school admission and the study of law. The pre-law advisor will suggest the most useful courses to take.

• Pre-Health Study. Most majors in Liberal Arts are accepted as preparation for professional degrees in health, including medicine, dentistry, optometry, physical therapy, and occupational therapy. Generally, students will need to take particular courses in science, mathematics, and philosophy as their university core requirements. They will also need to take additional courses in science and mathematics not required by most Liberal Arts majors and attend a Pre-Health Professional Orientation course offered during fall semester. To ensure they complete the necessary requirements and to get assistance in applying to graduate or professional programs in health fields, students should meet with the pre-health advisors in the College of Science and Mathematics. Students should also consult with advisors in the College of Liberal Arts and in the departments that house their majors.

• Teacher Certification through the College of Education. Students holding baccalaureate degrees in English, history, French, or Spanish may gain teaching certification through enrolling in the Alternative Master’s Certification Program in the College of Education. Upon successful completion of the program, students are awarded a master’s degree in education (MEd), and they will be eligible to apply for Alabama Class A certification (master’s level certificate).

• University Honors College. Students with extraordinarily high academic aptitude can receive individual learning opportunities through the Honors College. For more information, see the “Academics Policies” section.

• Study Abroad. Students can gain course credit either through class instruction or internship in Study Abroad programs. For more information, students can contact the Office of International Programs or the departments / colleges that house these Study Abroad opportunities.

• Cooperative Education Programs. Students receive opportunities to integrate classroom education with work experience in Cooperative Education Programs. Students alternate each semester between attending classes and working for companies. Cooperative Education Programs are available in the Departments of Art, English (Professional Writing and Public Writing track), Political Science (Health Services Administration and Public Administration majors) Psychology, and Sociology, Anthropology, and Social Work. Interested students should contact the director of the Cooperative Education Program.

• The Caroline Marshall Draughon Center for the Arts and Humanities. Students may be interested in the programs and other activities sponsored through the Caroline Marshall Draughon Center for the Arts and Humanities. As described on its website, the mission of the Center is “to strengthen the bonds between the College of Liberal Arts and the public by creating and implementing arts and humanities programs that explore our individual and collective experiences, values, and identities through the past, in the present, and for the future. The Center also creates occasions and space for dialogue, intellectual community, and cross-disciplinary scholarship.”

Undergraduate Degrees
The College of Liberal Arts and the School of Fine arts offer academic majors, programs, and options in more than 30 fields. These are listed below.

Graduate Degrees
Doctor of Philosophy degrees are offered in English, History, Psychology, and Public Administration and Public Policy, and a PhD track is offered in Applied Economics. The Doctor of Audiology degree is offered in Communication Disorders. Master of Arts degrees are offered in English, Spanish, History, Political Science, Sociology, and Communication. Master of Science degrees are offered in Communication Disorders, Economics, and Psychology. The degrees of Master of Communication Disorders, Master of Community Planning, Master of Hispanic Studies, Master of Public Administration, and Master of Technical and Professional Communication are also offered. These degree programs are described in the Graduate School section.

Majors
• Anthropology (http://bulletin.auburn.edu/undergraduate/collegeofliberalarts/departmentofsociologyanthropologyandsocialworkso/socy/anthropology_major)
• Art (http://bulletin.auburn.edu/undergraduate/collegeofliberalarts/schooloffinearts/art_major)
• Art History (http://bulletin.auburn.edu/undergraduate/collegeofliberalarts/schooloffinearts/arthistory_major)
• Art-Studio/Fine Arts (http://bulletin.auburn.edu/undergraduate/collegeofliberalarts/schooloffinearts/studio-finearts_major)
• Communication (http://bulletin.auburn.edu/undergraduate/collegeofliberalarts/departmentofcommunicationjournalismcmjnm/communication_major)
• Theatre - Management (http://bulletin.auburn.edu/undergraduate/collegeofliberalarts/theatre/theatre-management_major)
• Theatre - Music Theatre (http://bulletin.auburn.edu/undergraduate/collegeofliberalarts/theatre/theatre-musictheatre_major)
• Theatre - Performance (http://bulletin.auburn.edu/undergraduate/collegeofliberalarts/theatre/theatre-performance_major)

Minors

• Africana Studies (http://bulletin.auburn.edu/undergraduate/collegeofliberalarts/africanastudies_minor)
• Anthropology (http://bulletin.auburn.edu/undergraduate/collegeofliberalarts/departmentofsociologyanthropologyandsocialworkscocy/anthropology_minor)
• Art History (http://bulletin.auburn.edu/undergraduate/collegeofliberalarts/schooloffinearts/arhistory_minor)
• Asian Studies (http://bulletin.auburn.edu/undergraduate/collegeofliberalarts/departmentofforeignlanguagesandliteraturesfng/asianstudies_minor)
• Community and Civic Engagement (http://bulletin.auburn.edu/undergraduate/collegeofliberalarts/civicengagement_minor)
• Classics (http://bulletin.auburn.edu/undergraduate/collegeofliberalarts/departmentofforeignlanguagesandliteraturesfng/classics_minor)
• Communication (http://bulletin.auburn.edu/undergraduate/collegeofliberalarts/departmentofcommunicationjournalismcmjn/communication_minor)
• Dance (http://bulletin.auburn.edu/undergraduate/collegeofliberalarts/theatre/dance_minor)
• Economics (http://bulletin.auburn.edu/undergraduate/collegeofliberalarts/departmentofeconomicsecon/economics_minor)
• English (http://bulletin.auburn.edu/undergraduate/collegeofliberalarts/departmentofengishengl/english_minor)
• English - Creative Writing (http://bulletin.auburn.edu/undergraduate/collegeofliberalarts/departmentofengishengl/creativewriting_minor)
• English - Technical Professional Communication (http://bulletin.auburn.edu/undergraduate/collegeofliberalarts/departmentofengishengl/technicalprofessionalcommunication_minor)
• French (http://bulletin.auburn.edu/undergraduate/collegeofliberalarts/departmentofforeignlanguagesandliteraturesfng/french_minor)
• German (http://bulletin.auburn.edu/undergraduate/collegeofliberalarts/departmentofforeignlanguagesandliteraturesfng/german_minor)
• German Linguistics (http://bulletin.auburn.edu/undergraduate/collegeofliberalarts/departmentofforeignlanguagesandliteraturesfng/germanlinguistics_minor)
• Global Cultures (http://bulletin.auburn.edu/undergraduate/collegeofliberalarts/departmentofforeignlanguagesandliteraturesfng/globalcultures_minor)
• History (http://bulletin.auburn.edu/undergraduate/collegeofliberalarts/departmentofhistory/history_minor)
• Italian Studies (http://bulletin.auburn.edu/undergraduate/collegeofliberalarts/departmentofforeignlanguagesandliteraturesfng/italian_minor)
• Journalism (http://bulletin.auburn.edu/undergraduate/collegeofliberalarts/departmentofcommunicationjournalismcmjn/journalism_minor)
• Latin American Studies (http://bulletin.auburn.edu/undergraduate/collegeofliberalarts/latinamericanstudies_minor)
• Linguistics (http://bulletin.auburn.edu/undergraduate/collegeofliberalarts/departmentofengishengl/linguistics_minor)
• Medieval and Renaissance Early Modern Studies (http://bulletin.auburn.edu/undergraduate/collegeofliberalarts/departmentofengishengl/medievalrenaissance_earlymodernstudies_minor)
• Music (http://bulletin.auburn.edu/undergraduate/collegeofliberalarts/music/music_minor)
• Philosophy (http://bulletin.auburn.edu/undergraduate/collegeofliberalarts/departmentofphilosophyphil/philosophy_minor)
• Philosophy and Religion (http://bulletin.auburn.edu/undergraduate/collegeofliberalarts/departmentofphilosophyphil/philosophyandreligion_minor)
• Political Science (http://bulletin.auburn.edu/undergraduate/collegeofliberalarts/departmentofpoliticalsciencepoli/politicalscience_minor)
• Psychology (http://bulletin.auburn.edu/undergraduate/collegeofliberalarts/departmentofpsychologypsyc/psychology_minor)
• Public Administration (http://bulletin.auburn.edu/undergraduate/collegeofliberalarts/departmentofpoliticalsciencepoli/publicadministration_minor)
• Social Work (http://bulletin.auburn.edu/undergraduate/collegeofliberalarts/departmentofsociologyanthropologyandsocialworkscocy/socialwork_minor)
• Sociology (http://bulletin.auburn.edu/undergraduate/collegeofliberalarts/departmentofsociologyanthropologyandsocialworksoct sociology_minor)
• Spanish (http://bulletin.auburn.edu/undergraduate/collegeofliberalarts/departmentofforeignlanguagesandliteraturesflng/ spanish_minor)
• Spanish Linguistics (http://bulletin.auburn.edu/undergraduate/collegeofliberalarts/departmentofforeignlanguagesandliteraturesflng/ spanishlinguistics_minor)
• Sports Communication (http://bulletin.auburn.edu/undergraduate/collegeofliberalarts/departmentofcommunicationjournalismcmjn/ sportcommunication_minor)
• Studio Art (http://bulletin.auburn.edu/undergraduate/collegeofliberalarts/schooloffinearts/studioart_minor)
• Theatre (http://bulletin.auburn.edu/undergraduate/collegeofliberalarts/theatre/theatre_minor)
• Women's Studies (http://bulletin.auburn.edu/undergraduate/collegeofliberalarts/womensstudies_minor)

Program
• Audiology Program - AuD
• Communication - MA, Graduate Certificate
• Communication Disorders - MCD, MS
• Community Planning - MCP
• Economics - MS
• Economics, Applied - PhD track - Agric. Economics
• Economics, Applied - PhD track - Economics
• Economics, Applied - PhD track - Forestry
• English - MA, MTPC, PhD, Graduate Certificate
• History - MA, PhD, Graduate Certificates
• Psychology - MS, PhD
• Public Administration and Public Policy - MPA, PhD, Graduate Certificates
• Sociology - MS, MA
• Spanish - MA, MHS

Graduate Degrees
Doctor of Philosophy degrees are offered in Economics, English, History, Psychology, and Public Administration and Public Policy. Master of Arts degrees are offered in English, Spanish, History, Political Science, Sociology and Communication. Master of Science degrees are offered in Communication Disorders, Economics, and Psychology. The Doctor of Audiology degree is offered in Communication Disorders.

The degrees of Master of Communication Disorders, Master of Community Planning, Master of Hispanic Studies, Master of Public Administration, and Master of Technical and Professional Communication are offered. Degree programs are described in the Graduate School section.

Graduate Minors
The College of Liberal Arts houses the Women’s Studies Program, which offers a graduate minor in Women’s Studies. For more information about this minor, please select the link below.

• Women's Studies

Faculty in the Departments of Economics and Political Science participate in the graduate minor in Economic Development, which is administered by the Economic and Community Development Institute.

• Economic Development

Graduate Certificates
The College of Liberal Arts offers Graduate Certificates in Archival Studies, Communication, Elections Administration, Non-profit Organizations and Community Governance, Public History, and Technical Communication. More information on these certificates is available at the Graduate School and the programs linked above.