

# College of Arts and Sciences

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The College of Arts and Sciences is dedicated to the ideal of a liberal arts education and serves as the intellectual core of the University by offering general education courses to all undergraduate students. The College houses seven graduate programs and twenty-three undergraduate academic units in the areas of fine and performing arts, humanities, and natural and social sciences. The faculty of the College is committed to the preservation and dissemination of fundamental knowledge and dedicated to enhancing this knowledge through creative expression, scholarly interpretation, and research. By demanding teaching excellence, the College strives to instill in all students the attributes of creative critical thinking, effective oral and written communication skills, and social values that embrace diversity and multiculturalism. Through the various disciplines, the College contributes to the formation of responsible citizens by providing an educational foundation upon which students build their lives and professions.

The College of Arts and Sciences offers a wide variety of majors and programs leading to graduate and professional study, and directly to careers. The College offers courses and programs of study to students in all schools of the University for intellectual development and aesthetic enrichment.

## ***Departmental Organization***

The College of Arts and Sciences has the following undergraduate schools and departments:

Art	Mathematics and Statistics
Biological Sciences	Modern and Classical Languages and Literatures
Chemistry	Music
Communication and Media Studies	Philosophy
Criminology	Physics
Economics	Political Science
English	Psychology
Geography-Anthropology	Social Work
Geosciences	Sociology
History	Theatre
Linguistics	

## ***Baccalaureate Degree Programs***

Programs of study leading to a bachelor of arts (B.A.) degree are available in the areas listed below. In addition, bachelor of fine arts (B.F.A.) is offered by the Art Department; bachelor of science (B.S.) is offered by the Department of Biological Sciences, the Department of Chemistry, the Department of Economics, and the Department of Geosciences; and bachelor of music in performance (B.M.) and bachelor of music in music education (B.M.) are offered by the School of Music.

Art	Liberal Studies: Teachers K-8 Certification Program
Biochemistry	Linguistics
Biology	Mathematics
Chemistry	Media Studies
Communication	Music
Criminology	Philosophy
Economics	Physics
English	Political Science
French	Psychology
Geography-Anthropology	Sociology
Geosciences	Social Work
History	Theatre

Self-Designed

a) Group Contract:

Classics

Foreign Languages

French Studies

General Science

German Studies

Hispanic Studies

International Studies

Russian Studies

Social Science

b) Individual Contract

**Requirements for all  
Baccalaureate Degree  
Candidates**

To be eligible for a baccalaureate degree from the University, a student must meet the following minimum requirements:

- I. Core curriculum requirements
- II. departmental or program requirements
- III. minimum of 120 credits of accepted courses
- IV. minimum of 2.0 cumulative grade point average

*Core Curriculum Requirements*

Every baccalaureate degree student who is admitted to the University is required to meet the Core curriculum requirements, including college readiness courses if necessary. These are set out in the section on Core curriculum.

*Departmental or Program Requirements*

The College requires that every baccalaureate degree student fulfill the requirements of a major program as noted in the catalog section devoted to each department's majors. These requirements may be greater than the college minimum requirements.

*Declaration or Change of Major*

Students normally declare a major program prior to completing 53 credits. Students who wish to declare or change their major within the College must obtain a Change of Major form from the Registrar's Office. Students who have to complete college readiness in Mathematics Area B must do so prior to declaring or changing a major within the College of Arts and Sciences and have a USM grade point average in good standing. Methods of satisfying Mathematics Area B are noted in the Academic Policies section of the catalog.

Fine arts students, especially in the Department of Art and the School of Music, usually must begin their program earlier owing to portfolio and audition requirements. Students planning to major in a science are urged to obtain an advisor in the appropriate department and begin the required course sequence as early as possible.

Selecting a major is an important and often difficult decision. Students who are undecided about a major should take courses in programs that interest them before making a final decision. It is recommended that students meet with a faculty member in the Department to request admission to the major and/or to ask questions about the appropriateness of the new major to their long-term goals. Students may also benefit from consulting Career Services and Professional Life Development for information.

Individual departmental or program requirements are described in the sections that follow. Students should note that not all courses listed and described in the following sections are offered each academic year. Consult the particular department or program for further information about the year and semester a specific course will be offered.

**Other Educational  
Opportunities**

*Independent Study Term*

Students who have an academic project which they feel would contribute significantly to their program may, with the approval of a faculty sponsor, the appropriate department, and the dean, apply for a semester of independent study. General guidelines for the independent study term may be obtained from departments.

*Double Majors*

Students interested in a double major should consult the appropriate departments and obtain a declaration of major form from the Registrar's Office.

### *College of Arts and Sciences Minors*

Art	Linguistics
Biology	Mathematics
Chemistry	Modern Languages
Communication	Music
Criminology	Philosophy
Economics	Physics
English	Political Science
Geography/Anthropology	Religious Studies
Geosciences	Sociology
History	Theatre
Labor Studies	

### *School of Business Minor*

The School of Business offers a 21-credit hour minor in business administration to any baccalaureate student. The minor is recommended to liberal arts majors with a strong interest in business theory and practice. For more information, see the School of Business section of this catalog.

### *School of Applied Science, Engineering, and Technology Minors*

The School of Applied Science, Engineering, and Technology offers minors in computer science, electrical engineering, computer applications, environmental safety and health, environmental science, industrial management, and manufacturing technology. For more information, see the School of Applied Science, Engineering, and Technology section of this catalog.

### *Teacher Certification*

Students who wish to prepare for a career in teaching at the elementary, middle, or secondary levels work with both the College of Arts and Sciences and the College of Education and Human Development through the Extended Teacher Education Program (ETEP), which offer coursework and experiences at the undergraduate and post-baccalaureate levels.

Undergraduates who seek teacher certification follow these steps:

#### *1. Undergraduate Level*

- College of Arts and Sciences: Students complete a baccalaureate degree with a major in the liberal arts, in a subject related to the desired teaching level and subject;
- College of Education and Human Development: Students complete the 18-credit minor in educational studies (recommended, but optional)

#### *2. Post-Baccalaureate Level*

##### *College of Education and Human Development*

- Complete the one-year certification program (approximately 33 graduate credits)
- Complete the master of science in education degree (optional—an additional 18 credits taken over two years during the summer and on weekends)

Additional information on the Extended Teacher Education Program can be found in the College of Education and Human Development section of this catalog.

### *Graduate Programs in the College of Arts and Sciences*

The College of Arts and Sciences offers six graduate programs leading to the master's degree and two graduate certificate programs. These are the master of arts (M.A.) in American and New England studies, the master of fine arts (M.F.A.) in creative writing, the master of science (M.S.) in biology, the master of music (M.M.), the master of science (M.S.) in statistics, the master of social work (M.S.W.), and certificates of graduate study in Composing Together and the Michael Chekhov Theatre Institute. Consult the University's graduate catalog for further information.