The College of Liberal Arts provides students with the foundation for a liberal education, preparing graduates to think independently, to choose freely, to base personal and professional decisions on a broad understanding of history and culture, and to live full, rewarding lives. Recognizing the central importance of liberal education, the university requires that more than fifty percent of the general education core curriculum be taken in the College of Liberal Arts, and students increasingly declare majors or minors in one of the college’s nine departments or special programs.

The College of Liberal Arts offers the Bachelor of Arts in each of its nine departments: Anthropology, English, Geography, History, Modern Languages, Philosophy, Political Science, Psychology, and Sociology. The Bachelor of Science is awarded in Anthropology, Psychology, Sociology, and Geography. The college also offers two special degrees: the Bachelor of Arts in International Studies (B.A.I.S.), and the Bachelor of Public Administration (B.P.A.). The college houses eleven interdisciplinary minors: Aging and the Life Course, Diversity Studies, International Studies, Medieval and Renaissance Studies, Nature and Heritage Tourism, Religious Studies, Southwestern Studies, Studies in Popular Culture, Value Studies, and Women’s Studies. The college provides education not only in the traditional humanities but also in the practical application of the humanities to professional careers.

Specific Requirements of the College of Liberal Arts

The following requirements apply to all degree programs within the College of Liberal Arts. Students transferring in more than 15 hours will not be required to complete US 1100 – University Seminar. Bachelor of Arts degrees require two semesters of literature and one additional science course. Transferring in a core coded 040 course from another institution does not waive this requirement. See your academic advisor for questions related to these requirements.