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Overview

Scope of the Program - The College of Liberal Arts offers a broad and comprehensive course of study including most areas of knowledge in the humanities, the fine and performing arts, mathematics, and the biological, physical, and social sciences.

History/Mission/Purpose

Founded in 1848 with four professors, the College of Liberal Arts is the oldest and largest division of the university. Students seeking a general education may acquire intellectual and civic competence; lay the broad foundation needed for specialized training in law, medicine, theology, and other professional fields; and prepare themselves for advanced study, research, and teaching in the humanities, fine arts, mathematics, and sciences.

All degrees in the College of Liberal Arts include required course work in the natural sciences, social sciences, mathematics, humanities, and fine and performing arts, while permitting some liberty in the selection of courses within these areas. In these courses, the student is introduced to the fundamentals of scholarship in the main branches of knowledge, is provided with an orientation that may help identify a field of knowledge that attracts the student's interest, and prepares a foundation to support scholarship in his or her chosen field.

Course work in a student's major, minor, related area, or electives (depending upon the type of degree chosen) provides access to advanced instruction and specialized equipment to prepare the student for responsible leadership in the professional, civic, social, and economic spheres of society, and creates a foundation that may enrich character and provide the resources for living a meaningful and useful life.

Accreditation

Degree programs in the Department of Art are accredited by the National Association of Schools of Art and Design. The Department of Chemistry and Biochemistry is accredited by the American Chemical Society and the B.S. in forensic chemistry is accredited by Forensic Science Education Programs Accreditation Commission. The Department of Music is an accredited member of the National Association of Schools of Music. The doctoral program in clinical psychology is accredited by the American Psychological Association. The Department of Theatre Arts is accredited by the National Association of Schools of Theatre.

The University of Mississippi is accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges to award certificates and baccalaureate, master's, specialist, and doctoral degrees. Contact the Commission on Colleges at 1866 Southern Lane, Decatur, Georgia 30033-4097, call 404-679-4500, or visit online at www.sacscoc.org for questions about the accreditation.