

The College of Arts and Sciences

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The college of Arts and Sciences is composed of the Departments of:

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Purposes

By offering a wide range of courses and curricula in the arts, humanities, and in the natural, applied, and social sciences, the College of Arts and Sciences enables students to understand themselves and the world around them in a broad intellectual perspective. Such a perspective provides students the opportunity to live a full, rich, balanced life, to seek additional specialized training in the professions, and to assume positions of leadership in business, industry, and government.

Entrance Requirements

To enter a degree curriculum in the College of Arts and Sciences a student must meet the following requirements:

- A. Earn 24 hours of non-remedial course work and
- B. Earn an adjusted GPA of 2.000 or higher and
- C. Earn 6 hours of English composition and proficiency and
- D. Earn 6 hours of mathematics (core requirements) or
- E. Score 27 or above on the ACT

In addition a student will not be allowed to register for 300/400 level courses until admitted to the senior college.

Graduation Requirements

In order to obtain a baccalaureate degree in the College of Arts and Sciences a student must successfully complete three sets of academic requirements: University requirements, College of Arts and Sciences requirements, and departmental requirements.

University Requirements: The University requirements are listed elsewhere in the General Catalogue.

College of Arts and Sciences Requirements * in Curricula offered in the following departments: English, Foreign Languages and Literatures, History and Political Science, Music, Psychology, Sociology, Social Work, and Criminal Justice, Communication and Theatre, Visual Arts, and General Studies.

**The Bachelor of General Studies Program has special requirements.*

1. A minimum of one hundred and twenty (120) semester hours.

2. Courses required include:

A. English

12 hours total

(1) Composition 6 hours

(2) Literature, 6 hours
completion of six hours of literature at
the sophomore level or above¹

B. Mathematics² 6 hours total

C. Humanities 9 hours total

(1) History, to include either 6 hours
American History (History 201, 202) or
Western Civilization (History 101, 102)

(2) An additional 3 hours at the 6 hours
sophomore level or above,
selected from:
Foreign Language (including
Mythology),
Philosophy, History, Speech
Communication, or
Literature (either in the English
Department or
the Foreign Languages and Literatures
Department).
These 3 hours must be chosen from
subjects outside the student's major, if
the student is majoring in Foreign
Language, History, Communication, or
English

D. Social Science Elective¹ 6 hours total

(selected from Anthropology, Economics,
Geography³, Political Science,
Psychology, or Sociology). Must be
chosen from subjects outside the student's
major, if the student is majoring in
Psychology, Sociology, or Political
Science.

E. Natural Sciences 9 hours total

to include both Physical and Biological
Sciences, at least 6 hours of which must
be in a two-semester sequence.

(1) Biological Science¹ 3-6 hours

(2) Physical Science 3-6 hours

F. Arts¹

9 hours total

(1) Art 1054 or 1064 3 hours

(2) Music 1514 3 hours
(not required in the Music Curriculum)

(3) Theatre 131 3 hours
(not required in Criminal Justice Curriculum)

G. Foreign Languages

12 hours total

To include 101, 102, 201, 202, or their equivalents

(1) The following curricula will require 12 hours of any one Foreign Language: Political Science, English, Communication, Liberal Arts, and History.

(2) Voice majors in the B.M. curriculum will schedule 12 hours of a single language (French, German, or Italian) or a combination of 12 hours of French, German, and Italian.

(3) The following curricula will require 12 hours of any one Foreign Language or 12 hours of Computer Science: Psychology and Sociology. Nine hours of any one Foreign Language or 9 hours of Computer Science are required in the Criminal Justice B.A. degree. Six hours of any one Foreign Language are required in Visual Arts and Cultural Resource Management.

(4) Foreign Language is not required in the Social Work and BM curricula, except as noted in G (1) and (2) above.

H. Computer Literacy

0-3 hours total

Minimum requirements for Computer Literacy Certification must include (a) familiarity with the general terminology associated with computer usage, (b) hands-on experience with computers, and (c) word processing capability

3. Completion of a major and a minor, if required by the department, as prescribed by the department concerned.

¹ The BM curriculum conforms to the recommendations of the NASM.

² Must be at a level no lower than Math 160, depending on your major. Please contact the Department Head of your major for information about math requirements.

³ Except Geography 205.

⁴ Art 105 or 106 or Music 151 is required in the Criminal Justice curriculum. The Sociology, Psychology, History, and Political Science curricula allow a choice of any six out of nine hours of Art 105 or Art 106, Music 151 or Theatre 131.

College of Arts and Sciences Requirements in Curricula offered in the following departments: Biological Sciences, Chemistry and Physics, Computer Science, Industrial Technology, Mathematics.

Associate Degree

The College Requirements are:

1. A minimum of sixty-one (61) semester hours

2. Completion of 15 semester hours of General Education requirements to include:

A. Mathematics 161 and 162 or 241

6 hours

B. English Composition 6 hours

C. Social/Behavioral Sciences 3 hours

Baccalaureate Degree

The College Requirements are:

1. A minimum of one hundred twenty (120) semester hours

2. Completion of the following General Education requirements:

A. English

. (1) Composition 6 hours

. (2) Literature 3 hours

B. Mathematics 6 hours

(must be at a level no less than Mathematics 160)

C. Computer Science 3 hours

D. Science

(eight of the hours must be in a two-semester sequence)

. (1) Biological 3 hours

. (2) Physical 3 hours

. (3) Biological or Physical 3 hours

E. Arts 3 hours

. (1) Music

. (2) Visual Arts

. (3) Dance

. (4) Theatre

F. Humanities²

. (1) History 3 hours

. (2) English or Communication 3 hours

. (3) Elective 3 hours

(must be selected from foreign language (including mythology), philosophy, history, speech communication, or English)

G. Social Science

6 hours

(must be selected from economics, geography, anthropology, psychology, sociology, or political science)

3. Completion of a major and a minor, if required, as prescribed by the department concerned.

2 Must include at least three (3) semester hours at the sophomore-level or above.

Departmental/Program Requirements:

1. Fulfillment of the requirements specified by the department offering the program of study in the student's major. These departmental requirements, including a curriculum outline, are located elsewhere in this section (chapter) of the General Catalogue.
2. Courses listed in each curriculum which will be used in calculating the grade point average in the major are identified by a "†". The following departments require that a grade of "C" be made in each of these courses: Biological Sciences, Computer Science, Industrial Technology, and Mathematics.
3. All departments require that an adjusted or degree grade point average of 2.0 or higher be earned in the major.

Degrees Awarded

The degree of Bachelor of Arts is awarded upon the successful completion of a four-year curriculum in Art, Cultural Resource Management, English, French, History, Political Science, Criminal Justice, Liberal Arts Studies, Psychology, Social Work, Spanish, Communication, or Sociology. The degree of Bachelor of Music is awarded in Music. The Associate of Arts degree is awarded upon the completion of the two-year program in Criminal Justice.

The degree of Bachelor of Science is awarded upon the successful completion of any one of the following four-year curricula: Biological Sciences (Five areas of Concentration), Horticulture, Chemistry (Three areas of Concentration), Physics, Computer Science, Industrial Technology, Mathematics (Pure or Applied Concentration).

The Associate Degree is awarded upon the successful completion of the following curriculum: Department of Industrial Technology—Design Drafter Technology.

The Major and Minor Programs

Within the College of Arts and Sciences, the various curricula are outlined to include the required number of semester hours in the College of Arts and Sciences Core Curriculum and in the sub areas prescribed by the department concerned. The requirements for both the major and the minor (for departments requiring a minor) are stated in the introductory section describing departmental curricula.

Pre-Professional Programs

Pre-professional study prepares a student to transfer to another institution for the completion of a professional degree. Because the specific requirements of professional schools vary considerably, students should obtain current catalogs from the schools in which they are interested. A pre-professional advisor at Southeastern Louisiana University will then help each student plan a suitable curriculum.

PRE-AGRICULTURE

Department of Biological Sciences

Students who wish to complete a B.S. degree in agriculture or agri-business should plan to transfer after one or possibly two years at SLU. Students who earn a BS degree at SLU, in such studies as biology or chemistry, may apply for admission to graduate programs in agriculture. Consult advisor for specific course recommendations.

PRE-ARCHITECTURE

Department of Industrial Technology

Students should plan to transfer after two years at SLU. Typical requirements include mathematics; physics; courses in design; English compositions; and speech. Consult advisor, since specific requirements differ widely among schools of architecture.

PRE-DENTISTRY

Department of Biological Sciences or Department of Chemistry and Physics

Students should plan to spend at least three years in pre-professional work or complete a BS degree in biology or chemistry. A typical freshman program includes Chemistry 121/123; GBIO

151/BIOL 152; GBIO 153/BIOL 154 Mathematics 162 and 163; English 101 and 102. Consult advisor for further recommendations.

NOTE: The Dental Admission Test must be taken prior to applying for admission to dental school, preferably during the first semester of the junior year.

PRE-ENGINEERING

Department of Chemistry and Physics

NOTE: High school preparation should include as much algebra, trigonometry, and advanced mathematics as possible as well as courses in chemistry and physics.

Students should plan to transfer after two years at SLU. Required freshman and sophomore courses include Mathematics 161 or 165, 200 and 201; Physics 221/223, 222/224. Many fields of engineering also require chemistry, statics, dynamics, differential equations, or computer programming. Students should be aware that many engineering schools now require grade point averages of 2.5 or even higher to be admitted to the junior year. Consult pre-engineering advisor, since specific course and grade requirements vary among engineering fields as well as among schools of engineering.

PRE-FORESTRY

Department of Biological Sciences

Students should plan to transfer after one or two years at SLU. Typical first-semester courses include: GBIO 151/BIOL 152, GBIO 153/BIOL 154, Chemistry 121/123, English 101, and Mathematics 161. Consult advisor for further recommendations.

PRE-LAW

Department of History and Political Science

Students should plan to complete a baccalaureate degree before applying for admission to a law school. Major and minor fields may be chosen according to interest. Typical choices are business, economics, English, history, journalism, political science, and sociology. Recommended courses include accounting, expository writing, ethics, logic, American constitutional law, British constitutional and legal history, business law, judicial politics, and philosophy of law. Consult both Pre-Law and major advisors in planning a program.

NOTE: The Law School Admission Test should be taken early in the senior year.

PRE-MEDICINE

Department of Biological Sciences or Department of Chemistry and Physics

Most medical schools recommend that a student complete four years of college before applying for admission. In the past, the majority of students accepted at Louisiana State University and Tulane Medical Schools have held the baccalaureate degree upon registering. A student who desires a degree from SLU should consult with his advisor and follow in general the curriculum outlined for a concentration in Organismal/Integrated Biology or Chemistry. Typical freshman courses include English 101 and 102; GBIO 151/BIOL 152; GBIO 153/BIOL 154; Chemistry 121/123 and 122/124; Math 162 and 165; and physical education. Consult advisor for further recommendations.

NOTE: Entry into medical schools is based on (1) the student's academic record, (2) the results of the Medical College Admissions Test, which should be taken in the spring of the junior year, and (3) recommendation and interviews. Because of competition for the available places, students are urged to plan programs, which will permit alternative career choices if acceptance into a medical school is not secured.

PRE-OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY

Department of Biological Sciences

NOTE: SLU does not offer a degree in Occupational Therapy. Because available places in Occupational Therapy programs are limited, it is recommended that a freshman enroll in a school offering a degree program in this field. Students who choose to enroll in pre-professional courses at SLU should consult the advisor for further information.

PRE-OPTOMETRY

Department of Biological Sciences or Department of Chemistry and Physics

Students should plan to spend at least two years in undergraduate study; the majority of successful applicants have three or four years of college work. A typical first-semester program includes English 101, GBIO 151/BIOL 152, Chemistry 121/123, and Mathematics 163. Consult advisor for further recommendations.

NOTE: The Optometry College Admission Test must be taken before or during the semester in which the student applies for acceptance into a school of optometry. Because of competition for the available places, students are urged to plan programs that will permit alternative career choices if acceptance into an optometry school is not secured.

PRE-PHARMACY

Department of Biological Sciences or Department of Chemistry and Physics

Students should plan to spend two years at SLU. A typical freshman program includes

Chemistry 121/123, Mathematics 163, English 101 and 102, GBIO 151/BIOL 152, Economics 211. Consult advisor for further recommendations and for information about the Student Pharmaceutical Society.

NOTE: Typical requirements for admission to a school of pharmacy include a grade point average of at least 2.75 and 60-62 credits to transfer.

PRE-PHYSICAL THERAPY

Department of Biological Sciences

NOTE: SLU does not offer a degree in Physical Therapy. Because available places in Physical Therapy programs are limited, it is recommended that a freshman enroll in a school offering a degree program in this field. Students who choose to enroll in pre-professional courses at SLU should consult the advisor for further information.

PRE-VETERINARY MEDICINE

Department of Biological Sciences

Students should plan to spend at least three years in pre-professional work; a majority of the Louisiana applicants accepted have completed a baccalaureate degree. A typical freshman program includes GBIO 151/BIOL152, GBIO 153/BIOL 154 Chemistry 121/123 and 122/124, English 101 and 102, Mathematics 162, 163, (or higher). Consult advisor for further recommendations.

NOTE: Most schools of veterinary medicine require extensive experience with food animals, such as that gained through a farm background or working as an assistant to a veterinarian, as well as the completion of the Graduate Record Examination. Some schools in veterinary medicine may require courses (such as animal science and/or animal nutrition) which are not available at SLU. Because of competition for the available places, students are urged to plan programs that will permit alternative career choices if acceptance into a school of veterinary medicine is not secured.

Center for Regional Studies

The Center for Regional Studies preserves and promotes the history and the cultures of the Florida Parishes and southwestern Mississippi within state, national and international contexts through

scholarly research, lectures and publishing.

Over two hundred separate archival collections document regional history with critical holdings on the area's farming, logging, railroading and maritime industries. Additional collections highlight the region's antebellum development, Civil War operations, and the struggle for civil rights.

An extensive photographic collection depicts turn-of-the-century families and folkways. Vintage maps, newspapers, census reports and oral histories compliment the study of local and regional history.

The Center conducts a Release-Time Program and a Scholar-in-Residence Program to encourage research in regional studies, maintains the Southeastern Louisiana University Archives and Special Collections and provides a closed-stack research library.

The Center sponsors the Deep Delta Civil War Symposium, the Plain Folk of the South Symposium, the James H. Morrison Lectures on Politics and Government and the Southeast Louisiana Historical Association's History Lectures, serves as headquarters for the Gulf South History and Humanities Association and publishes *The Gulf South Historical Review*.

The Center also administers a minor program in ethnic studies which is interdisciplinary in content. The minor consists of 18 hours and includes the following course requirements.

Minor in African American Ethnic Studies

Required courses:

English 310, Black Writers

Sociology 411, Race and Ethnic Relations

Twelve additional hours must be chosen from:

History 408, Local and Regional History

Political Science 407, Civil Rights and Civil Liberties

History 488, Oral History Techniques

Anthropology 405, The North American Indian

Communication 400, Special Topics in Communication

(Alternates for these courses must be approved by the director of the Center.)

Florida Parishes Social Science Research Center

The SLU Florida Parishes Social Science Research Center was founded in 1991 to provide SLU students with high-quality social science research experiences and skills, to offer social science research services to SLU's local and regional communities, and to provide SLU faculty with enhanced opportunities for scholarly research.

Located in D. Vickers, Room 384, the Center's contains a twenty-five station computer lab equipped with standard word-processing software, statistical and database software, ArcView GIS mapping software, Internet capabilities, and a networked computer assisted telephone interviewing system (CATI). In addition, the Center has production equipment and a portable multimedia computer.

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