



COLLEGE OF LIBERAL ARTS AND BEHAVIORAL SCIENCES

OVERVIEW

As the largest and most diversified overall instructional unit (that is, college or school) at Texas Southern University, the College of Liberal Arts and Behavioral Sciences offers sixteen (16) different undergraduate or baccalaureate degrees and seven (7) different graduate degrees through eight (8) departments. The eight (8) departments are situated at various locations, and students are referred to the sections below for information concerning these departments. Students should also refer to the Graduate Bulletin of Texas Southern University for detailed descriptions of the seven graduate degrees. A summary of the degrees and departments, by name, appears in the chart below:

Department	Undergraduate Degrees	Graduate Degrees
English	Bachelor of Arts in English	Master of Arts in English
Fine Arts	Bachelor of Arts in Art Bachelor of Arts in Music Bachelor of Arts in Theatre	Master of Arts in Fine Arts
Foreign Languages	Bachelor of Arts in French Bachelor of Arts in Spanish	
History, Geography, and Economics	Bachelor of Arts in History Bachelor of Arts in Economics Bachelor of Arts in General Studies	Master of Arts in History
Human Services and Consumer Sciences	Bachelor of Science in Dietetics Bachelor of Science in Human Services and Consumer Sciences	Master of Science in Human Services and Consumer Sciences
Psychology	Bachelor of Arts in Psychology	Master of Arts in Psychology
Social Work	Bachelor of Arts in Social Work	
Sociology	Bachelor of Arts in Sociology	Master of Arts in Sociology

The College of Liberal Arts and Behavioral Sciences offers students who matriculate at the University the opportunity to choose an integrated major called “General Studies.” This major leads to the earning of a Bachelor of Arts Degree. Students are required to complete a number of courses across several disciplines along with the standard undergraduate core curriculum. In providing this degree option, students who do not want to focus on a narrowly defined major have the opportunity to develop a broader world view and prepare for a variety of careers, including teaching careers. Since the Dean’s Office does not directly house faculty, responsibility for the mentoring and advising of students who wish to pursue the B.A. in General Studies is assigned to the Department of History, Geography, and Economics in the College. Students interested in the General Studies undergraduate degree should, therefore, contact that department for further information at the telephone number given below.

Although a degree in Women’s Studies is not offered at the undergraduate level at the University, the College of Liberal Arts and Behavioral Sciences does provide students having such an interest with a non-degree interdisciplinary program which seeks to examine women’s lives, culture, and history in all their complex multiplicities. This body of information can be attained through enrollment in the following courses: ENG 239, ENG 440, HIST 349, HSCS 335, POLS 499, SOC 460, and SOCW 333. For further information, contact the Department of History, Geography, and Economics at (713)-313-7814.

The organization of the College is patterned after a conventional model of dean and faculty chairs as programmatic supervisors. The Assistant to the Dean is charged with administrative matters related to student affairs and acts in the Dean’s stead in certain matters. The Office of the Dean is located in Room 201 of Hannah Hall, and the Office of the Assistant to the Dean is located in Room 202 of Hannah Hall. The Office of the Dean may be contacted by calling (713)-313-4287.

MISSION STATEMENT

The most diversified instructional unit at the University is the College of Liberal Arts and Behavioral Sciences. Its mission is to educate every individual to live knowledgeably, responsibly, and humanely. In an effort to have highly employable graduates, the College seeks to provide the knowledge and understanding necessary for its majors to perform successfully in their specific disciplines, as well as in education, mass communications, politics, the international areas, and the performing arts. Thus, the goals of the College are:

1. To prepare students to demonstrate oral and written communications.
2. To prepare students to think and read critically and analytically.
3. To prepare students to obtain employment or admission to graduate and professional schools.
4. To prepare competent professionals and leaders capable of providing solutions to the problems in the urban environ of the nation and the world.
5. To expose students to a variety of literary and cultural experiences.

These goals are attendant to the mission which is ordered so as to accomplish the general educational aims of the University, while providing specialized training in selective areas of knowledge. Of special note is the fact that most of the Undergraduate Core Curriculum courses required for the conferral of the various undergraduate degrees at Texas Southern University are offered through the Departments in the College of Liberal Arts and Behavioral Sciences.

Students (either new or transfer) wishing to enroll in one of the programs of study leading to undergraduate degrees offered through the College of Liberal Arts and Behavioral Sciences must first gain admission to Texas Southern University through adherence to the policies and procedures established by the Office of Admissions and referenced in chapter two of this document. Once admitted, students are assigned to the General University Academic Center (GUAC) until they fulfill ASSET requirements, until they eradicate deficiencies identified at the time of admission, and until prerequisites established by the various departments in the College, where majors and minors may be declared, are completed. While under the guidance of GUAC, students should develop rapport with the departments in which they intend to declare majors and minors (if required). The departmental offices provide advisement upon request related to courses available to students who are not yet eligible to declare majors and who are trying to fulfill prerequisites that must be met in order to declare majors or minors. In either case, students should consult the respective department section of this document for detailed information.

Once admitted or while applying for admission, students who need financial aid or assistance should contact the Office of Financial Aid at the University. Former students in the College who were enrolled for credit within the year prior to registration are not required to apply for readmission. However, students who last attended one year or more, prior to registration, are required to file applications for readmission and submit transcripts from all colleges attended since their last enrollment at Texas Southern University.

GENERAL COLLEGE POLICIES

1. All students enrolled in the College of Liberal Arts and Behavioral Sciences are required to follow the sequence of courses outlined in their respective degree plans.
2. Students pursuing undergraduate degrees in the College may or may not be required to declare a minor; hence, the respective departmental information describing the various degrees should be consulted regarding this matter.

GOOD ACADEMIC STANDING

To remain in good academic standing in the College, students must meet the requirements for good academic standing and are subject to the probationary and suspension policies set by the University as referenced under the academic regulations described in chapter two of this document.

Students pursuing majors and/or minors through the various departments in the College of Liberal Arts and Behavioral Sciences are strongly cautioned that many of the curricula of study offered have specific GPA and grade requirements that exceed the overall good academic standing policy of the University. Students enrolled in such programs must also meet these requirements in order to remain in good standing as designated majors and minors.

STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS AND PERFORMING GROUPS

Various student organizations operate in the College and are housed in the nine member departments. Students should contact the respective departments if they are interested in these organizations. In addition, a number of ensemble groups perform under the guidance of the Department of Fine Arts. Interested students who are not Fine Arts Majors are eligible to participate in these groups and should contact the Fine Arts Department Office for further information.

ACCREDITATION

All programs in the College of Arts and Sciences are accredited by the Commission on Colleges of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools, but some programs have professional accreditation as well. The Bachelor of Arts Degree in Social Work is accredited by the Council on Social Work Education, and the Bachelor of Science in Dietetics is accredited by the American Dietetic Association.

RIGHT TO MODIFY

The information contained in this bulletin is considered to be descriptive in nature and not contractual. The University reserves the right to change any policy or requirement during the time that students are enrolled. Courses are also subject to change.

DESCRIPTION OF DEPARTMENTS IN THE COLLEGE

The eight departments in the College of Arts and Sciences are described in detail on the pages that follow in the order referenced in the chart at the beginning of this section.