

Arts, Humanities, and Social Sciences

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Degree

Master of Arts

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Mission

The College of Arts, Humanities, and Social Sciences is committed to excellence in teaching, research, and service in the following disciplines:

- fine arts,
- humanities,
- the social and behavioral sciences, and
- teacher education.

For its own majors, as for those in the professional schools, the College strives to provide superior liberal arts education characterized by close interaction between teachers and learners. Its goals are to impart to each student

- a spirit of intellectual curiosity,
- critical thinking skills,
- abilities in writing and oral communication,
- aesthetic awareness and creativity,
- familiarity with human history and behavior,
- a knowledge of languages and cultures, and
- an understanding of the bases of ethical behavior and the duties of citizenship.

Believing in the centrality of liberal learning to the mission of a university, the College is committed to maintaining a diverse community of teacher-scholars of the highest quality and to providing an environment that encourages personal and professional growth. It considers teaching and research mutually enriching activities and strives to make its knowledge and expertise available to professional programs on campus and to the educational needs of society. Through its graduates and programs, the College contributes to the cultural, intellectual, and economic growth of the state and nation.

Accreditation

UAH is accredited by the *Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges (SACSCOC)* to award bachelor's, master's, and doctoral degrees. Contact the Commission on Colleges at 1866 Southern Lane, Decatur, Georgia 30033-4097 or call 404.679.4500 for questions about the accreditation of UAH. The College of Arts, Humanities, and Social Sciences thus offers baccalaureate and master's programs under the auspices of that accrediting body. In addition, The University of Alabama in Huntsville is an accredited institutional member of the National Association of Schools of Art and Design and the National Association of Schools of Music. Teacher education programs are approved by the Alabama State Board of Education, according to standards of the National Association of the State Directors of Teacher Education and Certification (NASDTEC), for the issuance of appropriate professional certificates for service in public schools, and the Department of Education at The University of Alabama in Huntsville is accredited by the National Council for Accreditation of Teacher Education (NCATE).

Facilities

The College of Arts, Humanities, and Social Sciences utilizes the facilities and resources of the entire university. However, the College is housed primarily in two buildings, namely Morton Hall and Roberts Hall. Critical to study of the liberal arts is the Salmon Library, located in close proximity to both Morton and Roberts Halls. Supporting facilities include the instructional computer laboratories on the second floor of Salmon Library, art galleries in several buildings, and Union Grove Gallery and Meeting Hall, an historic church moved to campus in 1974 and currently used as an art gallery and a meeting place for students and faculty.

The Humanities Center

The Humanities Center was established in 1991 with the aid of an award from the National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH). The NEH award was a challenge grant that was subsequently matched by funds from other sources, including public, corporate, and private giving, to create the three endowments that support the Center's activities in five areas:

1. hiring of eminent and visiting scholars,
2. library enhancement grants,
3. public programming grants,
4. faculty travel, and
5. faculty research.

The Humanities Center is located on the second floor of Morton Hall.

Degrees and Programs

Graduate study in the College of Arts, Humanities, and Social Sciences brings together faculty and advanced students to share the excitement of creative learning. All degree candidates plan a Program of Study with faculty members who share the student's intellectual interests. Students design, in consultation with a faculty advisor, a graduate program fitted to their particular interests and needs.

The College of Arts, Humanities, and Social Sciences offers programs of study leading to the Master of Arts degree in

- English,
- History,
- Professional Communication,
- Psychology, and
- Public Affairs.

Class A teacher certification is available with degree programs in English and History, as well as the disciplines of Biology, Chemistry, Mathematics and Physics (offered within the College of Science).

Teacher certification may be achieved through either traditional (including the Strengthened Subject Matter Option or the Technology Option) or non-traditional "fifth year" approaches. Those students who have earned graduate degrees in appropriate disciplines may be eligible for certification only programs.

Discipline Graduate Programs

Discipline	Degree	Focus
English	M.A.	Literature, Teacher Preparation, Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages, Technical Communication
History	M.A.	American History, European History, Teacher Preparation
Professional Communication	M.A.	Preparation to work in communication intensive fields; Basic understanding of communication processes
Public Affairs	M.A.	Public Policy, Public Administration
Psychology	M.A.	Experimental; A specialization in Industrial/Organizational Psychology is available

Teacher Preparation Graduate Programs

Discipline	Degree	Focus	Teacher Certification	Traditional	Strengthened Subject Matter Option	Traditional w/ Technology	Nontraditional Fifth Year	Certification Only ¹
English	M.A.	English Language Arts	6-12	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
History	M.A.		6-12	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Biology ²	M.S.		6-12	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Chemistry ²	M.S.		6-12	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Mathematics ²	M.A.		6-12	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Physics ²	M.S.		6-12	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes

¹ For those who have already earned appropriate graduate degrees, but who seek teacher certification.

² Offered within the College of Science.

Master's Programs in Arts, Humanities, and Social Sciences

- English, MA (<http://catalog.uah.edu/grad/colleges-departments/arts-humanities-social-sciences/english-ma>)
- History, MA (<http://catalog.uah.edu/grad/colleges-departments/arts-humanities-social-sciences/history-ma>)
- Political Science - Public Affairs, MA (<http://catalog.uah.edu/grad/colleges-departments/arts-humanities-social-sciences/political-science-public-affairs-ma>)
- Professional Communication, MA (<http://catalog.uah.edu/grad/colleges-departments/arts-humanities-social-sciences/professional-communication-ma>)
- Psychology, MA (<http://catalog.uah.edu/grad/colleges-departments/arts-humanities-social-sciences/psychology-ma>)
- Psychology, MA - Industrial/Organizational Psychology Specialization (<http://catalog.uah.edu/grad/colleges-departments/arts-humanities-social-sciences/psychology-ma-industrial-organizational-psychology-specialization>)

Certificates in Arts, Humanities, and Social Sciences

- Technical Communication (<http://catalog.uah.edu/grad/colleges-departments/arts-humanities-social-sciences/english-ma/tech-cert>)
- TESOL Certificate (<http://catalog.uah.edu/grad/colleges-departments/arts-humanities-social-sciences/english-ma/tesol-cert>)