

# Arts, Humanities, and Social Sciences

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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, and 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, abilities in writing and oral communication, aesthetic awareness and creativity, familiarity with human history and behavior, 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.

## Undergraduate Degrees and Programs

The College of Arts, Humanities, and Social Sciences awards the Bachelor of Arts degree as well as a Bachelor of Fine Arts degree in various studio art disciplines. A student's Program of Study must total at least 120 semester hours of coursework and is comprised of four components: 1) general education requirements, 2) a major, 3) either a second major, minor, or supporting cognate studies and 4) electives. The minimum requirement for a major is 30 semester hours of coursework with at least 21 semester hours at the 300 level or above. The minimum requirement for a minor is 18 semester hours of coursework with at least 12 semester hours at the 300-level or above. The cognate studies option must be formed from two or more closely aligned disciplines and must be comprised of at least 21 semester hours with at least 12 semester hours at the 300-level or above. Specific requirements of each major and minor are provided in the appropriate departmental section of the catalog. At least 36 semester hours of a student's Program of Study must be at the 300-level or above. Please note that at least 25% of a student's major and minor must be earned at UAH.

The college of Arts, Humanities, and Social Sciences offers programs in the following disciplines:

- Ancient and Medieval Studies (<http://catalog.uah.edu/undergrad/colleges-departments/arts-humanities-social-sciences/ams>)
- Art, Art History, and Design (<http://catalog.uah.edu/undergrad/colleges-departments/arts-humanities-social-sciences/art-art-history/#majorstext>)
- Communication Arts (<http://catalog.uah.edu/undergrad/colleges-departments/arts-humanities-social-sciences/communication-arts/#majorstext>)
- English (<http://catalog.uah.edu/undergrad/colleges-departments/arts-humanities-social-sciences/english/#majorstext>)
- Global Studies (<http://catalog.uah.edu/undergrad/colleges-departments/arts-humanities-social-sciences/global-studies>)
- History (<http://catalog.uah.edu/undergrad/colleges-departments/arts-humanities-social-sciences/history/#majorstext>)
- Music (<http://catalog.uah.edu/undergrad/colleges-departments/arts-humanities-social-sciences/music/#majorstext>)
- Philosophy (<http://catalog.uah.edu/undergrad/colleges-departments/arts-humanities-social-sciences/philosophy/#majorstext>)
- Political Science (<http://catalog.uah.edu/undergrad/colleges-departments/arts-humanities-social-sciences/political-science/#majorstext>)
- Psychology (<http://catalog.uah.edu/undergrad/colleges-departments/arts-humanities-social-sciences/psychology/#majorstext>)
- Science, Technology, and Society (<http://catalog.uah.edu/undergrad/colleges-departments/arts-humanities-social-sciences/philosophy/science-technology-society-minor>)
- Sociology (<http://catalog.uah.edu/undergrad/colleges-departments/arts-humanities-social-sciences/sociology/#majorstext>)
- Theatre (<http://catalog.uah.edu/undergrad/colleges-departments/arts-humanities-social-sciences/communication-arts/theatre>)
- Women's and Gender Studies (<http://catalog.uah.edu/undergrad/colleges-departments/arts-humanities-social-sciences/sociology/womens-gender-studies-minor/#requirementsstext>)
- World Languages and Culture (<http://catalog.uah.edu/undergrad/colleges-departments/arts-humanities-social-sciences/foreign-languages-literatures/#majorstext>)

## Academic Advising in the College of Arts, Humanities, and Social Sciences

Frank Bell (M.A., M.A.E.D.), Senior Academic Advisor

Jana Savanapridi, Academic Advisor

The College provides academic advising for its students through the various academic departments and through the office of the Academic Advisor. All students are strongly encouraged to seek advising assistance at the beginning of their academic careers and to continue working with their advisors throughout their academic experience. All freshmen and most sophomores with an expressed interest in liberal arts are advised by the

Academic Advisors for the College of Arts, Humanities, and Social Sciences, who are located in Room 336 of Morton Hall; phone 256.824.2867; email: bellf@uah.edu or jms0014@uah.edu (amy.smeal@uah.edu). In addition, a Prelaw Certificate Advisor is available to assist those who plan to apply for admission to law school. Contact John Nale at jen0005@uah.edu.

The goals of academic advising include:

1. assisting students in planning academic and life goals
2. assisting students in their personal adjustment to the UAH campus
3. aiding students in the assessment of academic needs and in developing appropriate educational plans
4. explaining and clarifying graduation requirements as well as academic policies and
5. facilitating student success

The College of Arts, Humanities, and Social Sciences Academic Advisors assist students in fulfilling the General Education Requirements and, in concert with faculty advisors, provides information about possible major fields. An official declaration of major should be filed at the end of the sophomore year or at the completion of 42 semester hours. When a student decides on a specific major and minor, the student will then initiate a Program of Study with a College of Arts, Humanities, and Social Sciences Academic Advisor. Subsequent to completion of a Program of Study, the student is advised by faculty within the declared major(s). These faculty members are specialists in their fields of interest.