College of Arts, Humanities, and Social Sciences

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Degrees
Master of Arts
Doctor of Philosophy

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Mission
The arts, humanities and social sciences allow people to explore and deeply understand the human condition. Its disciplines have never been more critical to helping solve challenging and complex societal problems. The College of Arts, Humanities, and Social Sciences (CAHS) seeks to advance knowledge in research and creative activity and to help make the world better and more inclusive. The College prepares students to be inquisitive, reflective, life-long learners; to solve problems collaboratively; to meaningfully engage with a rich, diverse world; and to be leaders in their careers and as members of their communities.

CAHS is committed to excellence in teaching, research, and service in the following disciplines:

• Fine arts,
• Humanities,
• Social and behavioral sciences, and
• Teacher education.

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 the following:

• 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.

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 three buildings, namely Morton Hall, Wilson Hall, and Roberts Hall. Critical to study of the liberal arts is the Salmon Library. 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,
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.

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

- Applied Experimental Psychology.

Class A teacher certification is available with degree programs in English and History. 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

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<td>M.A.</td>
<td>Literature, Teacher Preparation, Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages, Technical Communication</td>
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<td>History</td>
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<td>American History, European History, Teacher Preparation</td>
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<td>Professional Communication</td>
<td>M.A.</td>
<td>Preparation to work in communication intensive fields; Basic understanding of communication processes</td>
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<td>Public Affairs</td>
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<td>Public Policy, Public Administration</td>
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<td>Experimental, with concentration in Industrial/Organizational Psychology</td>
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<td>Psychology</td>
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<td>Applied Experimental Psychology, with concentrations in Human Factors and Psychology and Law</td>
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### Teacher Preparation Graduate Programs

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<td>English Language Arts</td>
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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

- Professional Communication, MA ([http://catalog.uah.edu/grad/colleges-departments/arts-humanities-social-sciences/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/](http://catalog.uah.edu/grad/colleges-departments/arts-humanities-social-sciences/psychology-ma/))

Certificates in Arts, Humanities, and Social Sciences

English Graduate Certificates


History Graduate Certificates


Political Science Graduate Certificates