

## College of Liberal Arts

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### MISSION OF THE COLLEGE

The College of Liberal Arts is committed to excellence in higher education. We have the responsibility to preserve, transmit, interpret, and create knowledge in an environment of free inquiry and expression.

We will provide instruction that forms the core of the undergraduate curriculum for all Marshall University students so they may think critically and imaginatively, communicate effectively, and understand various dimensions of human experience. Within the disciplines of the College we will provide specialized instruction for undergraduate and graduate students, enabling them to develop the intellectual and moral abilities to live autonomous, sensitive, productive lives. We will be active scholars who contribute to the wider academic community. We will continue to use our expertise in the service of others.

### DEGREE PROGRAMS

The College of Liberal Arts offers four-year degrees in these majors:

Classical Language Latin  
Communication Studies  
Criminal Justice  
Professional Career Studies  
Legal Studies  
Economics  
English  
Geography  
History  
Humanities  
Classics  
Philosophy  
Religious Studies

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International Affairs  
Modern Languages  
French  
German  
Spanish  
Multidisciplinary Studies\*  
Political Science  
Psychology  
Sociology  
Anthropology  
Applied Sociology

\*This major has entrance requirements listed in this catalog.

## ADMISSION TO THE COLLEGE

1. Regular admission to the university constitutes admission to the College of Liberal Arts for students entering as freshmen and as transfers from other institutions. There is no separate admissions process.
2. The College of Liberal Arts will accept inter-college and college transfers.

## ACADEMIC POLICIES

The college welcomes all students who intend to pursue a degree in a liberal arts discipline.

### Advising

The college requires all freshmen and sophomores to see their advisors (or the Academic Advising Center staff if they are Undecided) before they register each semester. If you are a freshman or sophomore, a hold is placed on your registration and your advisor is the only person who can remove it. Some departments, such as Classics, Communication Studies, Philosophy, Political Science, and Religious Studies, have extended the advising requirement to all of their majors. Check your department listing in this catalog to determine your exact advising requirements. Your advisor will help you with advice and support when you have academic or career questions. During pre-registration, if you are subject to mandatory advising and a hold is placed on your registration, you will need to bring your proposed schedule to your advisor for approval. Although you most often will see your advisor during registration periods, all faculty advisors are available during office hours throughout the semester. You should arrange an appointment with your advisor at any time during the semester when you need advice or help.

### Changing Your Major or College

If you want to declare a major, change your major, or transfer to a different college at Marshall, you must do this in the College of Liberal Arts office, 107 Old Main.

### Choosing a Major

All students in the College of Liberal Arts must be enrolled in classes that satisfy the college core requirements and the requirements for their major in the College of Liberal Arts. If you do not know what field of study in Liberal Arts you want to pursue, you can declare yourself Undecided in Liberal Arts. However, if you are Undecided in the college, you must intend to select a major in Liberal Arts and should enroll in classes that satisfy core requirements in the college. You can select a major during your freshman or sophomore year, but the college asks juniors or seniors who have not chosen a major to transfer to another college that better meets their needs. You must always keep the college office informed about your selection of a major or your decision to remain Undecided in Liberal Arts. In either case, you should fill out a "Declaration of Major" form during Freshman Orientation or in the College of Liberal Arts office, Old Main 107.

### Credit Evaluation (Junior Level)

During your junior year, and no later than the semester in which you complete 80 semester hours, you must make an appointment with the Academic Advisor in the College

Office for a credit evaluation. This evaluation will show you exactly what course requirements you have completed and exactly what requirements remain. The evaluation also will help ensure that you are making satisfactory progress towards graduation. You should apply for graduation in the college office during the first week of the semester in which you plan to graduate.

## Credit/Non Credit

No course in the major (except CJ 490 and PSY 370), the minor, or in college core requirements may be taken Credit/Non Credit. Courses you can take Credit/Non Credit include developmental courses, electives, Advanced Placement courses, certain practica, and internships.

## Determining Your Catalog

You must meet the catalog requirements in effect at the time you declare your major. You then have ten years in which to complete your program. If you do not meet graduation requirements in this ten-year period, then you must meet the curriculum requirements of the catalog in effect at the date of graduation. If you decide to change your major in Liberal Arts or to transfer to another college, you are governed by the catalog in effect at the time of change.

## Academic Standing

### · Good Standing

You are in good standing when both your Marshall GPA and overall GPA are 2.0 or above.

### · Academic Probation

If you have a deficit of quality points in your Marshall or overall GPA you are classified on “academic probation.” Quality point deficits accumulate as a result of excessive grades of *D* or *F*, causing your GPA to fall below a 2.0. If you are on academic probation, an academic hold is placed on your registration status. This means that you must register in person at the Registrar’s Office; you cannot use Web registration. You must also secure approval from the Associate Dean of the College of Liberal Arts before you can register or change your schedule in any way. You will not be able to register for more than 14 semester hours. If you are on probation and are subject to mandatory advising, first bring your proposed schedule to your advisor. Once your advisor approves your schedule, bring it to the College Office for approval by the Associate Dean. The Associate Dean will help you set goals for academic progress through an Academic Improvement Plan. One strategy is to repeat courses taken before the 60th attempted hour in which you received a *D* or *F*. (See “*D/F* Repeat Rule” in this catalog.) When your quality point deficit is removed, you are no longer on academic probation.

## DEGREE REQUIREMENTS

Students completing requirements in the College of Liberal Arts receive the Bachelor of Arts (B.A.) degree or a Bachelor of Science (B.S.) degree in Geography. Each degree requires 128 hours of credit. Within the 128 credit hours, you must meet these general and specific requirements.

### General Requirements for Graduation

Candidates for graduation must have:

- a minimum of 128 credit hours (100-level or above);
- at least 26 hours in a major subject (see specific departmental requirements)

- at least 12 hours in a minor subject, no more than 3 of which may be from the 100 level; the minor subject can be chosen from any department in the university that offers a minor; all courses for a minor are offered in one department with the exception of the minors in Women’s Studies and International Affairs (check the department listing in this catalog for specific requirements of the discipline in which you want to minor);
- 48 hours earned in courses numbered 300-499; courses transferred from two-year or community colleges or Advanced Placement credit cannot be used to satisfy the upper division requirement regardless of the MU course equivalent; courses taken at four-year accredited colleges transfer at the level at which they were taken; if you plan to transfer credit to Marshall you should consult with the Associate Dean to determine if the credit will apply to your degree program;
- a Grade Point Average of 2.0 or higher on all work attempted at Marshall University, overall collegiate work, and in the major (some departments have more stringent requirements);
- a grade of C or better in English 102 or 201H or 302 (see listing under “English Composition Requirement”);
- all the requirements of the Marshall Plan (see listing under “Marshall Plan”);
- residence requirements of Marshall University, including 15 hours in the major field and 12 hours of 300/400 level coursework in Liberal Arts (see listing under “Residence Requirements”) and enrollment at Marshall at least one semester (12 hours) of the senior year;
- transfer of no more than 72 credit hours from an accredited West Virginia two-year institution of higher education.

## Specific College Requirements for Graduation

### *Requirement Credit Hours*

ENGLISH COMPOSITION .....	6
English 101 and 102 or Honors English 201H must be taken to fulfill the English requirement. Juniors and seniors who have not had ENG 102 must take ENG 302. (Students must earn at least a C in ENG 102, ENG 201H, or ENG 302.)	
FOREIGN LANGUAGE.....	12
Successful completion of 12-hour sequence ending with Arabic 204; German 204; Greek 302; Latin 204; French 204; Spanish 204; or Japanese 204. Up to 3 semesters of the requirement may be waived by the Modern Languages Department for language taken in high school. Students must complete the sequence beginning with the first course they take. International students may satisfy this requirement by consultation with the Department of Modern Languages.	
COMMUNICATION STUDIES .....	3
Students should take CMM 103 or 104H. This requirement may be waived by the Communication Studies Department if high school speech was taken and student passes a proficiency exam administered by the department.	
FINE ARTS .....	3
Choose one course from: ART 112, MUS 142, THE 112.	
CLASSICS, PHILOSOPHY OR RELIGIOUS STUDIES .....	3
Any 3-hour course must be taken from among the following: any Classics course except CL 230, 231, 232, 233, 234; any Philosophy course; or any Religious Studies course except RST 304, 310, 320, 325, 351.	
LITERATURE REQUIREMENT .....	6
Hours may be taken from any of the following: Classics 230, 231, 232, 233, 234; any English 300 or 400 level course in literature (writing courses do <i>not</i> count); any Latin 300 or 400 level course; Religious Studies 304, 310, 320, 325, 351; any 300 or 400 level course in French, German, or Spanish literature.	
SOCIAL SCIENCES .....	15

Courses are to be taken in at least three fields.

(Check prerequisites before registering).

Criminal Justice

Economics

History

Political Science

Psychology

Sociology/Anthropology (any course except SOC 108)

Geography: Any course except 101, 425, 429, 430

Women's Studies 101

NATURAL SCIENCES.....12

Integrated Science—4 hours (prerequisite MTH 121 or above)

Choose 8 additional hours from the following fields:

(Check prerequisites before registering)

Biology

Chemistry

Physics

Physical Science

Geology

Geography 101

MATHEMATICS ..... 3

MTH 121 or above

COMPUTER LITERACY AND COMPETENCY

Computer literacy to be acquired in English composition classes. Computer competency to be determined by the student's major department.

MINOR REQUIREMENT ..... 12-18

Courses for a minor are specified by each department. Check the department listings for course requirements.