College of Arts and Sciences

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Through its programs, courses, and faculty, the College of Arts and Sciences empowers students to succeed by embracing the challenges of a complex, changing world. A liberal education also prepares students for informed and reflective participation in society, for sustained cultural and aesthetic enjoyment, and for a lifetime of learning.

Mission Statement

The College of Arts and Sciences promotes discovery and learning by students and faculty in the sciences, the humanities, and the arts. Firmly grounded in a tradition of rigorous disciplinary inquiry, the College also recognizes the value of connections made across disciplinary boundaries and so supports and encourages interdisciplinary and collaborative scholarship and teaching. The College is dedicated to the liberal arts mission of higher education, which is to develop the knowledge and understanding needed by citizens of a free and just society. The College faculty are committed to offering courses and programs that prepare students to meet the challenges they will face throughout their lives by emphasizing skills of reasoning, writing, speaking, and independent thinking.

Undergraduate Advising

CASA, the College advising center, provides academic assistance for first-year students.

General Education and/or CAR Credit through Study Abroad

In addition to the previously listed General Education courses, students may receive General Education Core and Marker Credit and College Additional Credit (CAR) for courses taken through Study Abroad. For more information, see the General Education Program topic in the University Requirements section of this Bulletin.

Majors

Requirements for each of the degrees offered by the College of Arts and Sciences are included in the descriptions of majors, concentrations, and minors under the respective departments.

Major Requirements

Major requirements are described for each program listed. A course cross-listed in the major department must be taken within the major and counts toward the total hours in the major.

Minor Requirements

Most departments and interdepartmental programs of the College offer a minor program which may be taken in conjunction with a major. A minor usually requires 15 to 21 credit hours in a department. No more than 8 of the department credits may be taken at the 100 level and at least 9 credits must be taken in residence at UNCG.

Second Majors

A student may take a second major in conjunction with the first major. This program requires a minimum of 27 credits in each of two approved majors. All requirements of each major must be met; hours from the second major can be applied toward General Education requirements.

A student with a first major outside the College who chooses a second major in one of the College departments is required to complete all of the departmental requirements for the second major but need not satisfy the Additional College General Education requirements (CAR). Similarly, students who are seeking either a dual degree or a second degree are exempt from the Additional College General Education requirements (CAR). In the case of transfer students, at least 15 credits in each major must be taken at UNCG.

Graduate About

Welcome to The College of Arts & Sciences at The University of North Carolina at Greensboro. We are the largest of the university’s seven academic units, with 20 departments and seven interdepartmental programs that encompass the arts, humanities, social sciences, natural sciences, and mathematics. Through this diversity of offerings, the College provides an education that will give you the skills and knowledge needed for success in the complex and changing world you will face after graduation.

No matter where your career takes you, it will be important to remain flexible and confident of your ability to succeed throughout your working life. Employers are interested in people with flexible skills and a wide-ranging, multidisciplinary perspective. This is just what the College of Arts & Sciences has designed its curriculum to provide. The 21st century world may be full of unexpected challenges, but your experience here will prepare you to embrace those challenges as well as the opportunities they bring with them.

There are a number of ways in which faculty and staff guide your intellectual development so that you can succeed in your studies and prepare for the wide variety of career paths that will be open to you. We emphasize, for example, strong writing and speaking skills, critical thinking, international understanding, research and other “hands-on” experience. As you gain deeper knowledge in your major, you’ll be encouraged to also explore electives across a variety of subjects. Therefore, becoming conversant in more than one field is another important benefit of your time in the College.

Across all of the College’s academic programs, our renowned faculty members share a deep commitment to advancing discovery and learning; they bring that commitment both to classroom settings and to hands-on experiences such as research and internships. Your professors will be accomplished researchers, scholars, and artists, many with national and international reputations. At the same time, they are enthusiastic and dedicated teachers. Whatever the setting, their teaching and mentoring is informed and enlivened by their personal involvement in discovering new knowledge, exploring new artistic forms, or applying the results of research in new contexts.

I invite you to explore the College and what a learning experience here might mean for you. Each of our departments and programs (https://aas.uncg.edu/academics) has its own website. You’ll find that by
maintaining strong programs of research and scholarship, the College faculty work to advance our understanding of fundamental problems facing society today. You, too, will be able to use the knowledge and skills you learn here to succeed in the paths you take after graduation, enriching your own life while contributing to society.

John Z. Kiss, Ph.D.
Dean

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College of Arts And Sciences Additional Requirements (CAR)

Freedom and self-motivation in the context of a rational plan of disciplined study are fundamental to a liberal arts education. Students are encouraged to seek relationships among the various subjects studied and to develop a coherent intellectual perspective. To aid in this process, the College requirements build upon the university’s General Education requirements.

In addition to the course requirements stated in the university’s General Education Core (GEC), students pursuing a B.A. or B.S. degree in the College of Arts and Sciences must also complete the requirements listed below.

**Humanities (GLT—Literature; GFA—Fine Arts; GPR—Philosophical/Religious/Ethical Perspectives)**

In addition to the 9 credit hours required in the university’s General Education Core (GEC), students should complete an additional 3 credits in a GLT course.

**Historical Perspectives (GHP)**

**CAR Subcategories**

- GPM—Pre-Modern Historical Perspectives
- GMO—Modern Historical Perspectives

Students must complete a total of 6 credits in GHP courses, with one course chosen from the premodern (GPM) list and one from the modern (GMO) list.
Natural Sciences (GNS)
CAR Subcategories
GLS—Life Science
GPS—Physical Science

Students must complete a total of 9–10 credits in GNS courses, with at least one course chosen from the Life Science (GLS) list, and at least one course chosen from the Physical Science (GPS) list. One of the three must include a laboratory.

Social and Behavioral Sciences (GSB)

Students must complete a total of 9 credits in GSB courses, with courses taken from at least two different academic departments.

Foreign Language (GFL)

Students are required to demonstrate intermediate-level proficiency in a foreign language. The typical sequence of UNC Greensboro courses for foreign language is 101, 102, 203, and 204. The college considers successful completion of the 204 course a demonstration of proficiency. Students may place out of one or more courses through a placement test.

Students whose high school courses were taught in a foreign language may document their proficiency with a high school transcript. Students who are proficient in a language other than those taught at UNCG may submit a letter of certification from a professor at any accredited US college or university documenting proficiency.

Six hours of foreign language course work, with the exception of American Sign Language, may be used toward the General Education marker requirement of 12 credits of Global (GL) or Global Non-Western (GN) courses.

Petitions for exemption from the foreign language requirement will be considered only in the most exceptional circumstances when an otherwise qualified student has submitted evidence that the Modified Foreign Language Program in Spanish cannot provide appropriate accommodations for his or her disability or language-learning difficulty. Students with documented learning disabilities or demonstrable long-standing difficulties learning a foreign language can apply for the Modified Foreign Language Program through which they may demonstrate proficiency. In very rare cases, a substitution for the 203 and/or 204 level of a foreign language may be considered.

The following reasons do not merit an appeal:

- Change of major from a professional school to the College of Arts and Sciences, or change within the College of Arts and Sciences from a B.F.A. to a B.A. degree.
- Concerns about grade point average (GPA)
- Dislike of the requirement
- Failure to plan adequately for the graduation timeline, including interruptions of the foreign language sequence that make future foreign language success more difficult
- Failure to succeed in a single course
- Misunderstanding of the degree requirements
- Differences in General Education requirements between the College of Arts and Sciences and previously attended institutions
- Waivers or substitutions offered by previously attended institutions

Please contact College of Arts and Sciences Advising at 336-334-4361 for further information.

For information concerning the Modified Foreign Language Program, see: www.uncg.edu/lac/languages/spanish/modifiedFL.html.

Students are reminded that they will be eligible for election to the UNC Greensboro chapter of Phi Beta Kappa only if they have completed the equivalent of 6 credits of foreign language study, excluding American Sign Language, at the intermediate (203–204) college level.

Writing Intensive Courses (WI)

Students in the College of Arts and Sciences must complete a total of four Writing Intensive (WI) courses:

At least one of the four Writing Intensive courses must be in the student’s primary major and at least one must be in the upper division (300 and above). A single course may satisfy both the requirement for a course in the major and the requirement for a course in the upper division, as long as a total of four Writing Intensives are taken.

Transfer Students

- Students with 30–59 transfer credits are required to take three Writing Intensive courses. One of the three must be in the student’s primary major and at least one must be in the upper division (300 and above). A single course may satisfy both the requirement for a course in the major and the requirement for a course in the upper division, as long as a total of three Writing Intensives are taken.
- Students with 60–89 transfer credits are required to take two Writing Intensive courses. The two courses may be at any level, but at least one must be in the department or program of the primary major.
- Students with 90 or more transfer credits must take one Writing Intensive course. The course may be at any level from the department or program of the primary major.

NOTE: Writing Intensive courses may also meet General Education Core category, marker, or major requirements.

Students who obtain a score of 4 or higher on the English Advanced Placement Literature and Composition examination are exempted from one of the Writing Intensive courses. Contact the Department of English for further information.