College of Arts and Letters

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Mission

The College of Arts and Letters is committed to the ideals of the liberal arts. Its curriculum is designed to introduce students to the full range of human experiences through the study of cultural heritage, forms of artistic and literary expression, patterns of social and political behavior, and methods of critical inquiry.

The mission of the College of Arts and Letters is to prepare students for rigorous, intellectual and creative inquiry leading to their full development as human beings and to their responsible engagement with society. We accomplish this mission by:

1. Developing the essential skills of critical reading and thinking, effective oral and written communication, and proficient use of technology
2. Providing foundational knowledge in the arts, humanities and social sciences for all undergraduates
3. Offering excellent disciplinary and interdisciplinary programs of study and training that expose students to accumulated knowledge, scholarly debate, and innovations in the field
4. Fostering global awareness and sensitivity to the breadth and diversity of the human condition, which includes acquiring an understanding of the roles of gender, race, ethnicity, and culture
5. Providing an environment for the free exchange of ideas among faculty and students and by vigorously defending academic and intellectual freedom
6. Promoting challenging internship opportunities, research projects, and collaborative learning experiences that connect our students to the community and prepare them for the world of work
7. Supporting a broad array of cultural experiences that enrich the lives of students, the University, and the community

Overview

Undergraduate programs in the College of Arts and Letters are structured to make possible close personal contact between students and faculty and thus to meet the needs of individual students. Arts and Letters faculty members are dedicated to good teaching, proud of their achievements in research, and committed to enhancing in every way possible the exciting and stimulating environment that is Old Dominion University.

The College of Arts and Letters comprises the Departments of Art, Communication and Theatre Arts, English, Foreign Languages and Literatures, History, Music, Philosophy and Religious Studies, Political Science and Geography, Sociology and Criminal Justice, and Women's Studies; Interdisciplinary Studies; the Institute of Humanities; the Institute for the Study of Race and Ethnicity; the Institute of Asian Studies; the Institute of Humanities; the Institute for Ethics and Public Affairs; the Institute for the Advancement of Social Science Research Center; the Social Science Research Center; and the Institute of International Studies; Interdisciplinary Studies; the Institute of Ethics and Public Affairs; the Institute for the Advancement of Race and Ethnicity; the Institute of Asian Studies; the Institute of Humanities; the Institute for Ethics and Public Affairs; the Institute for the Advancement of Research Center; and the Institute of International Studies.


In addition to the Bachelor of Arts, Bachelor of Fine Arts, Bachelor of Music, and Bachelor of Science degrees offered by the above departments, the College of Arts and Letters offers a variety of linked undergraduate/graduate programs and graduate degree programs. Linked programs allow students to count up to 12 hours of graduate courses toward both an undergraduate and graduate degree, which may allow students to earn both a B.A. or B.S. and an M.A. in five years. Linked programs are available in applied linguistics, English, history, international studies, humanities, and lifespans and digital communication; concentrations in humanities are available in communication, geography, individualized interdisciplinary studies, philosophy, visual arts, and women's studies. A linked B.A. or B.S. to M.B.A. program is available in cooperation with the Strome College of Business, and a linked B.S. in interdisciplinary studies teacher preparation to Master of Science in Education program is available in cooperation with the Darden College of Education.


Undergraduate Degree Requirements

Arts and Letters requirements for all undergraduate degrees include all of the General Education Requirements. In addition, all Arts and Letters majors must obtain a minimum grade of C in ENGL 110C English Composition before declaring a major and in order to graduate. Arts and Letters majors must also attain a minimum grade of C in the second composition course and the writing intensive (W) course in the major in order to graduate.

Students earning a Bachelor of Arts degree must also complete the following foreign language requirement: Proficiency established at the fourth-semester level through one of the following:

1. Successful completion of the 202 or 212 course at Old Dominion University (or equivalent at another institution). American Sign Language is accepted to meet this requirement in all Bachelor of Arts programs in the college except Asian Studies, foreign languages and international studies.
2. Exemption through fourth semester granted for acceptable scores on achievement tests.
3. Advanced placement with up to nine hours credit at the 300 level for acceptable scores on the advanced placement test taken at the conclusion of advanced placement courses in high school.
4. Students whose native language is not English are exempt from taking a foreign language for General Education. Students pursuing degrees that require proficiency beyond the 100 level must be certified by the Foreign Languages and Literatures Department to obtain a waiver of the 200-400 level courses.

Students who have taken three or more years of a foreign language in high school but have not been granted advanced placement as explained in item c above must take the College Entrance Examination Board (CEEB) achievement test before continuing in the same language at Old Dominion University. An achievement test score of under 481 normally requires that such students begin with the 121F course in Spanish or the 102F course in other foreign languages.

Additional major requirements are listed under the various departments. The requirements for the Bachelor of Fine Arts and Bachelor of Music degrees are listed under art and music respectively. The requirements for the Bachelor of Science degree with a major in communication, criminal justice, geography, political science, sociology, interdisciplinary studies and women's studies will be found under political science and geography, sociology and criminal justice, communication and theatre arts, interdisciplinary studies, and women's studies.

Students wishing to take a major or minor in the College of Arts and Letters must register with the appropriate department. The College of Arts and Letters allows a maximum of six hours of activity credit. Activity credit beyond the established maximum may be given in unusual circumstances only and will require the approval of the dean of the College of Arts and Letters. Activity credit required by a student's major department will not be counted against the credit limitation.

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Center for Family Violence Education and Research

The Old Dominion University Center for Family Violence Education and Research (CFAVER) is an interdisciplinary group of professionals with a common interest in empowering communities with education and information concerning family violence. The center's aim is to educate and promote an understanding of the various forms of family violence, including child abuse, sibling abuse, partner abuse, and elder abuse. Strategies to increase awareness about these problems include conducting interdisciplinary research focusing on different types of family violence, developing public awareness campaigns to educate members of the public about family violence, evaluating programs and processes used with family violence victims and offenders, and building relationships with various agencies responsible for family violence case care.

Institute for the Advancement of Community Justice

The Institute for the Advancement of Community Justice brings together an interdisciplinary group of scholars from the University who are interested in community justice issues. The mission of the Institute is to create and sponsor activities and research that promote well-being and quality of life in the community. This is done through the examination of social problems and their contributors and consequences. Issues of interest include: public safety and criminal justice, mental illness, substance use and abuse, education, health care, and economic disadvantage. The Institute's goals are to facilitate discussion and interdisciplinary research among scholars, community leaders, and local agencies, to ensure that the research accurately addresses issues that are important and relevant to the community, and to share knowledge on community justice issues with local agencies, community leaders, and citizens.

Institute for Ethics and Public Affairs

The Institute for Ethics and Public Affairs seeks to raise awareness and stimulate discussion of the ethical dimension of matters of public concern within the campus community and the larger Hampton Roads community; to strengthen moral community and foster a commitment to ethical ideals in public life; to facilitate reflection on the ethical standards that govern the professions; and to highlight the unique and valuable contribution that philosophical reasoning can make to practical decision making.

Institute for the Study of Race and Ethnicity (ISRE)

The Institute for the Study of Race and Ethnicity (ISRE) seeks to develop, promote and implement academic, research and public service programs that focus on the study of race and ethnicity in Hampton Roads, Virginia, the nation, and throughout the African Diaspora. The political, social, economic, cultural and historical experiences of African Americans and other communities of color are important dimensions emphasized in the work of the institute. As such, the institute seeks to establish itself as a major archive and research center in the southeast United States focusing on the experiences of African Americans.

The institute promotes high quality teaching and rigorous policy-oriented research emphasizing interdisciplinary and multidisciplinary approaches, as well as the methods of the traditional social sciences and humanities disciplines. New and improved facilities such as a mini-archive, library, reading and meeting areas and a research/resource center for faculty and students are available.

Minor in American Studies

American studies offers a unique opportunity to explore the culture and society of the United States from a perspective that is inherently interdisciplinary. A minor in American studies provides a structured program to encourage students to cross traditional academic boundaries and to integrate the arts, humanities, and social sciences.

Designated course listings for the minor in American studies are as follows:

- AMST 300 Perspectives in American Studies 3
- Select at least one course in the arts or the humanities from the following: *
  - ARTH 325 American Art Before 1865
  - ARTH 326 American Art Since 1865
  - ENGL 340 American Drama
  - ENGL 342 Southern Literature
  - ENGL 345 American Literature to 1860
  - ENGL 346 American Literature Since 1860
  - ENGL 446 Studies in American Drama
  - ENGL 447 The American Novel to 1920
  - ENGL 448 The American Novel 1920 to Present
  - ENGL 465W African American Literature
  - ENGL 466W Asian American Literature
  - MUSC 460 History of Jazz
  - THEA 441 American Theatre
- Select at least one course in the social sciences from the following: *
  - COMM 340 Media and Popular Culture
  - COMM 434 African-American Rhetoric Voices of Liberation
  - COMM 473 Television and Society
  - COMM 479W American Film History
  - COMM 481 The Documentary Tradition
  - GEOG 350 Geography of the United States and Canada
  - HIST 345 Native American History
  - HIST 346 Colonial and Revolutionary America
  - HIST 348 The Early Republic, 1787-1850
  - HIST 351 The Civil War and Reconstruction
  - HIST 353 Robber Barons, Reformers, and Radicals: The US Gilded Age and Progressive Era
  - HIST 355 The United States, 1945-1991
  - HIST 357 The United States in the 1960s
  - HIST 361 African-American History to 1865
  - HIST 362 African-American History Since 1865
  - HIST 365 Women in U.S. History
  - POLS 312 American Political Thought
  - POLS 407 American Presidency
  - POLS 408 American Constitutional Law and Politics I
  - POLS 409 American Constitutional Law and Politics II
  - POLS 410 African American Politics
  - POLS 412 Politics of the Civil Rights Movement
  - POLS 415 Women and Politics in America
  - SOC 320 Social Inequality
  - SOC 340 Sociology of Women

The minor in American studies is an effective program complement for those majoring in the related fields of art, music, dance and theatre; communication, English, and foreign languages; history, geography, and political science; philosophy; sociology, and criminal justice; as well as interdisciplinary majors in women's studies, African American and African studies, and international studies. The minor is also effective for international students, who may wish either to better understand American culture or to acquire an expertise useful in their home countries.

All students minoring in American studies must take AMST 300, crosslisted as ENGL 396 Topics in English and HIST 396 Topics in History (Topics: The American Dream), and 12 hours of designated courses divided into two fields (the arts and the humanities, and the social sciences), for a total of 15 hours. Please note that some courses listed below require prerequisites. Students may not use more than one course from the minor to satisfy program requirements in another major or minor.
The remaining nine hours for Track I or 12 hours for Track II can be taken in Middle East or POLS 466 Politics of the Middle East.

All students must take one core course from the following: GEOG 455 The Geographies of the Holy Land, which is a non-language option.

For further information, contact the director of the American studies minor program, Dr. Joseph Cosco, at 683-5473.

**Minor in Middle Eastern Studies**

The minor in Middle Eastern studies focuses upon the study of several aspects of Middle Eastern culture, language, politics, geography, and history. The minor consists of 15 hours of course work. Students can elect Track I which would include as a prerequisite three hours of 202-level Arabic, French, Hebrew, Farsi or any other language used in research in the region; this course is not included in the grade point average for the minor. Languages such as Armenian and Turkish could meet this requirement upon the taking of a proficiency examination. Students can also choose Track II, which is a non-language option.

All students must take one core course from the following: GEOG 455 The Middle East or POLS 466 Politics of the Middle East.

The remaining nine hours for Track I or 12 hours for Track II can be taken from the following list of courses:

- **COMM 337** Model League of Arab States 3
- **COMM/MIDE 405** Communication and Culture in the Middle East 3
- **HIST 379** The Ottoman Empire 3
- **HIST 380** Women and Gender in the Middle East 3
- **HIST 411** Muslims, Christians, and Jews in the Middle East 3
- **HIST 412** From Empire to Nation: Nation-Building in the Balkans and the Middle East 3
- **MIDE 395** Topics in Middle Eastern Studies 3
- **MIDE 495** Topics in Middle Eastern Studies 3
- **SOC 353** Sociology of the Middle East 3
- **ARAB 311** Advanced Arabic Language and Culture I 3
- **ARAB 312** Advanced Arabic Language and Culture II 3
- **ARAB 395** Topics in Arabic 1-6
- **REL 311** Hebrew Bible/Old Testament 3
- **REL 312** New Testament 3
- **REL 350** Judaism 3
- **REL 351** Christianity 3
- **REL 352** Islam 3
- **REL 400** Sacred Texts of Islam 3
- **HIST 396** Topics in History 1-3

For completion of the minor, a student must have a minimum overall cumulative grade point average of 2.00 in all courses required for the minor exclusive of lower-level courses and prerequisite courses and complete a minimum of six hours in upper-level courses in the minor requirement through courses offered by Old Dominion University.

For further information, contact the director of the Middle Eastern Studies minor at 683-3835 or at fhassenc@odu.edu.

**Minors in Chinese Studies, European Studies, Japanese Studies, Latin American Studies, and World Cultures: Values and Visions**

See the Minors section of the Department of Foreign Languages and Literatures (http://catalog.odu.edu/previous/2015-2016/undergraduate/collegeofartsletters/foreignlanguagesliteratures).

**Minor in Film and Video Studies**

A minor in film and video studies consists of 15 hours of course work taken from a minimum of two academic fields. Courses taken for the minor cannot be used to fulfill other degree requirements. The requirements are as follows.

1. **COMM 270A / THEA 270A** is a prerequisite for the minor and is not included in the calculation of the grade point average for the minor.

2. One internationally-oriented course from the following:
   - **COMM 471W** International Film History 3
   - **ENGL 425** World Film Directors in Context 3
   - **WMST 495** Topics in Women's Studies 3
   - **FR 469** A History of French Cinema 3
   - **SPAN 469** Hispanic Film 3
   - **GER 445** German Cinema 3
   - Or approved topics courses 3

3. Twelve hours chosen from the courses listed above or from:
   - **THEA 346** Screenwriting I 3
   - or **COMM 346** Screenwriting I 3
   - **THEA 370** The Video Project 3
   - or **COMM 370** The Video Project 3
   - **THEA 380** Documentary Production I 3
   - or **COMM 380** Documentary Production I 3
   - **COMM 479W** American Film History 3
   - or **THEA 479W** American Film History 3
   - **ENGL 312** The Film 3
   - **ENGL 424** Short Works in Narrative Media 3
   - **THEA 480** Documentary Production II 3
   - or **COMM 480** Documentary Production II 3
   - **COMM 481** The Documentary Tradition 3
   - Or approved additional courses 3

For completion of the minor, a student must have a minimum overall cumulative grade point average of 2.00 in all courses required for the minor exclusive of 100- and 200-level courses and prerequisite courses and complete a minimum of six hours in upper-level courses in the minor requirement through courses offered by Old Dominion University. For more information, contact the Department of Communication and Theatre Arts at 683-3828.

**Jewish Studies Minor**

The minor in Jewish Studies requires that students take REL 350 Judaism and three approved Jewish Studies electives (nine hours) at the 300-level or above, for a total of 12 credits. Students interested in the Jewish Studies minor are encouraged to take HEBR 111F Beginning Hebrew I to fulfill the University foreign language requirement.

For completion of a minor, a student must have a minimum overall cumulative grade point average of 2.00 in all courses required for the minor (exclusive of 100- and 200-level courses and prerequisite courses) and complete a minimum of six hours in upper-level courses in the minor requirement through courses offered by Old Dominion University.
The Institute for Jewish Studies and Interfaith Understanding

The Institute for Jewish Studies and Interfaith Understanding (IJIU) is dedicated to the idea that interfaith understanding involves both an appreciation of Judaism’s historic role in the development of western civilization and an understanding of the cross-cultural development of the world’s religions. IJIU sponsors programs and activities about religious and ethnic diversity worldwide in support of the University’s commitment to open dialogue and to inspire a greater understanding of the issues and challenges that confront us at the dawn of the new century. Truly a collaboration of the University and the community, the institute seeks partners and sponsors to offer a wide array of courses to complement the Jewish studies minor and the religious studies minor and to sponsor cultural programs offered at Old Dominion University.

The IJIU is housed in the College of Arts and Letters. The office is located in the Cooper Room, BAL 2024, in the Batten Arts and Letters Building.

Institute of Asian Studies

Old Dominion University seeks to promote an expanded awareness and understanding of the nations and cultures of Asia, to support and encourage research on Asia, and to make resources available to foster better understanding and more effective interaction between organizations and individuals in the Hampton Roads area and those in Asia. To achieve these goals, the Institute of Asian Studies coordinates special programs and administers a major and minor in Asian studies. It also facilitates cooperative relationships with higher education institutions and other organizations within the United States and throughout Asia. The institute director works closely with the Office of International Programs regarding scholarships and study abroad programs and opportunities.

Linked B.A. or B.S./M.B.A. Program

The linked B.A./M.B.A. or B.S./M.B.A. program is designed for well qualified non-business undergraduate ODU students to start their M.B.A. program prior to completing their undergraduate degree. Qualified non-business undergraduate students will be able to start taking M.B.A.-level courses as early as the second semester of their junior year and count up to 12 graduate credits toward both the undergraduate and graduate degree. This may enable them to complete their undergraduate and M.B.A. degrees in approximately five-and-a-half years. Students in the linked program must earn a minimum of 150 credit hours (120 for the undergraduate degree and 30 for the graduate degree). Students interested in pursuing the linked program should carefully plan their undergraduate course of study considering the requirements of the program, as explained below.

Admission Requirements

A potential candidate will have:

1. Achieved a minimum Graduate Management Admission Test (GMAT) score of 550
2. Completed all lower level general education requirements
3. Completed at least 24 credit hours at ODU with a GPA of at least 3.0
4. A minimum index of 1200 (index is computed as 200 times the ODU GPA plus GMAT score)

Admissions Procedure

Students interested in the linked program should plan to take the GMAT at least two semesters prior to the semester in which they plan to enroll. Applications should be submitted to the M.B.A. Program Office at the beginning of one full semester (fall, spring) prior to planned enrollment.

Students interested in the program should discuss their plans with the M.B.A. program manager as early as possible. The M.B.A. program manager will act as their advisor. The M.B.A. Program Office is located in 1026 Constant Hall. The phone number is 683-3585.

M.B.A Core Courses

Admitted students may begin to complete courses from the M.B.A. pre-core and core starting in the second semester of their junior year. The credit hours will count toward the undergraduate degree and will meet upper-level General Education requirements. Students must maintain a 3.0 grade point average in these courses to continue in the program.

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Requirements for the M.B.A.

The entire program for a general M.B.A. is 45 credit hours for non-business majors. All courses will be available online and on main campus except for the pre-core, which is only offered online.

Students have to satisfactorily complete:

1. The five hour pre-core
2. Undergraduate requirements and the 16 M.B.A. core courses (32 credit hours). The 16 M.B.A. core courses includes the seven M.B.A. core courses that meet upper-division General Education requirements in the undergraduate degree and the following nine M.B.A. core courses:

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Total Hours: 18

3. MGMT 621
4. Minimum of four hours of electives. Students may complete this requirement with any combination of 1, 2 or 3 credit hour classes to meet the minimum four -credit requirement. Students may choose to add an additional credential with a choice of a Graduate Certificate or related business degrees. Much of the coursework from the additional credentials can meet the elective requirements of the M.B.A. program as well as the program requirements of the selected certificate or degree program.

Career Advantage Program

The Career Advantage Program (CAP), administered by Career Development Services (CDS) in partnership with the academic colleges,
is the Arts and Letters students’ link to career assistance, resources, and experience.

CAP also encompasses a series of career-related events and services designed to include a practical work experience (Guaranteed Practicum) that is the foundation of CAP, an opportunity for students to gain major-related work experience through internships, cooperative education or class related practical experience in or out of the classroom involving real-world, hands-on projects. Classes meeting the specifications for the guaranteed practical experience are noted in the Courses of Instruction section of this catalog as "(Qualifies as a CAP Experience)."

For more information, students should visit CDS Arts and Letters website (http://www.odu.edu/ao/cme/al/) or contact the CDS Liaison or Co-op and Internship Coordinator in BAL 2021.

**Career Development Services**

Residing within the College of Arts and Letters, is a full-time, full-service Career Development Services (CDS) with staff dedicated to working with Arts and Letters students and alumni. The Arts and Letters CDS staff is available to offer a full array of career assistance, resources, and experience through the Career Advantage Program (CAP) to connect students with resources that will aid in identifying, researching and exploring possible careers and opportunities to link academic and career interests.

CDS staff serves as a primary outreach to employers and provides coordination of employer recruitment activities for the college. The staff also provides coordination and assistance in conducting college specific seminars and events such as the Communications Alumni Panel, the Sociology and Criminal Justice Career Fair, Graduate School preparation programs, and employer panels focused on issues relevant to students in the College of Arts and Letters.