College of Letters and Science

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The College of Letters and Science, offering more than 50 majors and
25 minors for undergraduates, is the largest and most diverse college at
MSU. Its fifteen departments, representing the four areas of the humanities,
natural sciences, mathematics and social sciences, share a commitment to
helping students think critically and solve problems, communicate clearly,
understand various disciplines and cultures, and develop the engagement
that will make them life-long learners and leaders.

College of Letters and Science faculty members are well-known for their
contributions to their fields, and have an impressive record for winning
competitive national grants to support research and scholarship. Letters and
Science undergraduates benefit from numerous opportunities to work side-
by-side with faculty on original research and scholarship, an experience that
is elsewhere often available only to graduate students.

The following baccalaureate degrees are offered in the College of Letters and
Science:

- B.A. in American Studies (http://catalog.montana.edu/undergraduate/
  letters-science/american-studies/)
- B.A. in Asian Studies (http://catalog.montana.edu/undergraduate/
  letters-science/asian_studies/)
- B.S. in Anthropology (http://catalog.montana.edu/undergraduate/
  letters-science/anthropology/)
- B.S. in Biological Sciences (http://catalog.montana.edu/undergraduate/
  agriculture/biological-sciences/)
- B.S. in Cell Biology and Neuroscience (http://catalog.montana.edu/
  undergraduate/letters-science/cell-biology-neuroscience/)
- B.S. in Chemistry and Biochemistry (http://catalog.montana.edu/
  undergraduate/letters-science/chemistry-biochemistry/)
- B.S. in Earth Sciences (http://catalog.montana.edu/undergraduate/
  letters-science/earth-sciences/)
- B.S. in Economics (http://catalog.montana.edu/undergraduate/letters-
  science/economics/)
- B.A. in English (http://catalog.montana.edu/undergraduate/letters-
  science/english/)
- B.A. in History (http://catalog.montana.edu/undergraduate/letters-
  science/history/)
- B.A. in Liberal Studies (http://catalog.montana.edu/undergraduate/
  letters-science/liberal-studies/)
- B.S. in Mathematics (http://catalog.montana.edu/undergraduate/
  letters-science/mathematical-sciences/)
- B.S. in Microbiology (http://catalog.montana.edu/undergraduate/
  letters-science/microbiology/)
- B.A. in Modern Languages and Literatures (http://
catalog.montana.edu/undergraduate/letters-science/modern-languages-
literatures/)
- B.A. in Philosophy (http://catalog.montana.edu/undergraduate/letters-
  science/philosophy/)
- B.S. in Physics (http://catalog.montana.edu/undergraduate/letters-
  science/physics/)

- B.A. in Political Science (http://catalog.montana.edu/undergraduate/
  letters-science/political-science/)
- B.S. in Psychology (http://catalog.montana.edu/undergraduate/letters-
  science/psychology/)
- B.S. in Sociology (http://catalog.montana.edu/undergraduate/letters-
  science/sociology/)

Non-degree program

- Pre-Medical/Pre-Health Professions (http://catalog.montana.edu/
  undergraduate/letters-science/pre-med-pre-health-professional-
  programs/)
- Pre-Veterinary Program (http://catalog.montana.edu/undergraduate/
  agriculture/pre-veterinary-program/)

In addition to various options within each degree, and minors in most of
the areas listed above, the college administers the following minors:

- Minor in Astrobiology (http://catalog.montana.edu/undergraduate/
  letters-science/microbiology/microbiology-minor-astrobiology/)
- Minor in China Studies (http://catalog.montana.edu/undergraduate/
  letters-science/modern-languages-literatures/china-studies-minor-
  nonteaching/)
- Minor in Genetics (http://catalog.montana.edu/undergraduate/
  agriculture/genetics-minor/)
- Minor in Global Health (http://catalog.montana.edu/undergraduate/
  letters-science/liberal-studies/global-health/)
- Minor in Global Studies (http://catalog.montana.edu/undergraduate/
  letters-science/liberal-studies/global-minor/)
- Minor in Japan Studies (http://catalog.montana.edu/undergraduate/
  letters-science/modern-languages-literatures/japan-studies-minor-
  nonteaching/)
- Minor in Museum Studies (http://catalog.montana.edu/undergraduate/
  letters-science/history/museum-studies-minor-nonteaching/)
- Minor in Native American Studies (http://catalog.montana.edu/
  undergraduate/letters-science/native-american-studies/native-american-
  studies-minor-nonteaching/)
- Minor in Optics (http://catalog.montana.edu/undergraduate/
  engineering/electrical-computer-engineering/electrical-engineering/
  optics-minor-nonteaching/)
- Minor in Sustainability (http://catalog.montana.edu/undergraduate/
  letters-science/liberal-studies/sustainability-minor/)
- Minor in Water Resources (http://catalog.montana.edu/undergraduate/
  letters-science/earth-sciences/water-resources-minor-nonteaching/)
- Minor in Women’s, Gender, and Sexuality Studies (http://
catalog.montana.edu/undergraduate/letters-science/womens-gender-
  studies/)

The selection of a minor provides students the opportunity to have a
recognized second area of concentration.