

# College of Arts and Letters

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## Overview

Programs of study in the College of Arts and Letters aid students in the development of important skills, intellectual abilities, and personal values which serve them in career planning and lifelong learning. This is accomplished by introducing students to ways of thinking and expression grounded in the arts, humanities, and social and behavioral sciences.

Offerings in the College lead to Associate of Arts, Bachelor of Arts, Bachelor of Fine Arts, Bachelor of Music, Bachelor of Science, Master of Arts, Master of Fine Arts, Master of Public Administration, Master of Science, Doctor of Arts, and Doctor of Philosophy degrees. Courses leading to these degrees provide an introduction to a variety of academic disciplines and in-depth specialization in numerous areas. Degrees from programs in the College of Arts and Letters can lead directly to employment in particular occupations, provide the kind of broad educational background that opens doors to many professional pathways, or prepare an individual for more advanced study.

## Mission

The College of Arts and Letters is a community of learning, passionately committed to improving the lives of students and the world, and investigating the human condition through creating, sharing, and applying knowledge.

## General Education Requirements

All Associate and Bachelor of Arts and Bachelor of Science degree programs include a general education component intended to provide a depth of knowledge in liberal studies as a necessary background for the specialized knowledge acquired in the discipline in which the student majors. Additionally, the General Education Requirements are intended to assist the student in developing the intellectual flexibility necessary for a fulfilling career. General Education Requirements (<https://coursecat.isu.edu/undergraduate/academicinformation/generaleducation/>) are described in the Academic Information section of this catalog.

## Major Requirements

In addition to the general education component, all Bachelor of Arts and Bachelor of Science degree programs require a concentration in a departmental major. The particular course requirements of the available majors in the College of Arts and Letters are outlined under the department headings in the catalog.

## The Teacher Education Program

The College of Arts and Letters shares responsibility with the College of Education for the Teacher Education Program. The Teacher Education Program admission and completion requirements are detailed in the College of Education (<https://coursecat.isu.edu/undergraduate/education/>) section of this catalog.

## Pre-Law Advising

Those looking toward law school and the legal profession must understand how changes within society affect the relationships between and among people. This requires a keen understanding of human behavior; social, political, and economic change; our ecological systems; and the general influence of our philosophical,

literary, and historical heritage. A broad undergraduate preparation and a developed insight into many facets of life is the best educational preparation for the practice of law.

The student who aspires to attend law school should seek the counsel of one of the Pre-Law advisors:

Dr. Zac Gershberg, Communication, Media, and Persuasion  
 Dr. Edward Kammerer, Political Science  
 Dr. Sarah Robey, History  
 Dr. James Skidmore, Philosophy

These advisors can help students create a pre-law curriculum and prepare for the Law School Admission Test and a successful legal career.

## College Leadership