CLA
College of Liberal Arts
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MIDDLE TENNESSEE STATE UNIVERSITY
Students need to be comfortable operating in a globalized, multicultural society.

SHAPE THE FUTURE

Liberal Arts students are encouraged to take advantage of MTSU’s numerous study abroad opportunities, experiencing different parts of the world and learning firsthand about other cultures. Many of our students also take advantage of internship opportunities in Las Vegas, Nashville, New York City, and Washington, D.C., gaining valuable experience working with a variety of people, fostering a deep appreciation for their place in a globalized society, and developing a passion for solving complex problems. Our students who learn a second language are provided with a competitive edge in job interviews and often have a wider range of employment options. Consequently, we encourage all of our students to add world languages to their degree programs and develop second-language fluency.

11 faculty-led signature study abroad programs on 5 continents

72% of MTSU’s Fulbright winners are CLA students

Courses in 11 different world languages
Students need to be critical thinkers capable of solving complex problems in an unstructured environment.

**SOLVE REAL-WORLD PROBLEMS**

Communication, critical thinking, ethical and independent decision-making, and creativity are critical learning outcomes for Liberal Arts disciplines and crucial for the success of our economy now and in the future. Eighty-two percent of executives whose current job responsibilities include recruiting, interviewing, and hiring new employees, believe a college degree is an essential and worthwhile investment and overwhelmingly endorse broad learning and integrative learning skills as the best preparation for long-term career success (Source: AAC&U). Liberal Arts students tend to be well-prepared for their first career and subsequent career changes because they have the knowledge and skills to adapt and grow, from their first job after graduation to the job they hold 30 years later.

**44%** of national undergraduate fellowships at MTSU are awarded to CLA majors

**1 million+** volumes in Walker Library
Creativity is the hallmark of successful entrepreneurs. Enhance your creativity through the fine and performing arts.

SHOWCASE YOUR SKILLS

From staging theatrical productions in Tucker Theatre to performing at halftime in Floyd Stadium with the Band of Blue to showcasing the latest creations in Todd Art Gallery, opportunities abound for all students to be involved in our fine and performing arts programs. Taking advantage of these opportunities can be a tremendous help in preparing our students for the world after graduation. Being a successful performer requires learning how to “fail up” after a less than stellar performance, and it can take several attempts to translate an artistic idea from your mind to your medium. These experiences are beneficial in helping students gain more self-confidence and be better prepared to meet future challenges.

200+ theatre and dance productions, music concerts, and art shows per year

300+ Band of Blue members
SUCCEED WITH LIBERAL ARTS

Liberal Arts graduates gain the knowledge, skills, and attitude to flourish in a changing economy and, as a result, out-earn their peers from professional programs over time (aacu.org/leap/economiccase).

TOP 10 SKILLS FOR EMPLOYEES

1. Complex problem-solving
2. Critical thinking
3. Creativity
4. People management
5. Coordinating with others
6. Emotional intelligence
7. Judgment and decision-making
8. Service orientation
9. Negotiation
10. Cognitive flexibility

Source: Future of Jobs Report, World Economic Forum
Competent and caring advisors are essential to a college student’s academic success. You should meet with your advisors regularly. You will be assigned an advisor in the College of Liberal Arts advising office who is there to help you navigate your degree program from CUSTOMS to graduation.

You will also have a faculty advisor who will provide academic guidance each semester and offer valuable insight on careers and other educational opportunities.

For a list of CLA advisors with contact information, and to make an appointment visit mtsu.edu/cla-advising/advisors.php.
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**Global Studies and Human Geography**
- **Major:** Global Studies and Human Geography (concentrations in Human Geography, Global Studies)
- **Minors:** Global Studies, Cultural Geography
- **Teacher Licensure concentration (Geography), grades 7–12**

**Political Science and International Relations**
- **Majors:** Political Science (concentrations in Pre-Law, Public Policy and Management), International Relations
- **Minors:** Political Science Pre-Law, Political and Civic Engagement, Public Policy and Management, International Relations, African Studies, Pre-Law, Political and Social Thought, Russian Studies, Urban Studies, Paralegal Studies
- **Teacher Licensure concentration (Political Science), grades 7–12**

**Sociology and Anthropology**
- **Majors:** Anthropology, Sociology (concentrations in Social Justice, Criminology, Work and Family Studies)
- **Minors:** Forensic Anthropology, Criminology, Sociology, Family Studies, Gerontology, Anthropology, Archaeology, Asian Studies, Native American Studies, International Media Studies

**World Languages, Literatures, and Cultures**
- **Major:** Foreign Languages (concentrations in French and Francophone Studies, German, Japanese, Spanish)
- **Minors:** Arabic, French and Francophone Studies, German, Italian, Japanese, Spanish, Humanities, Early Modern European Studies, Latin American Studies, Linguistic Studies, Portuguese Studies, Professional French
- **Teacher Licensure concentration, grades 7–12**

For a full list of College of Liberal Arts academic programs—undergraduate, graduate, and interdisciplinary minors, see mtsu.edu/liberalarts/programs.php.
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**English**
- **Major:** English (concentrations in Literature and Culture, Literary Studies, Writing)
- **Minors:** English, Film Studies, Great Books, Writing
- **Teacher Licensure concentration (English), grades 7–12**

**Communication Studies**
- **Major:** Communication (concentrations in Culture and Social Influence, Organizational Communication, Health Communication)
- **Minor:** Communication

**History**
- **Majors:** History, Africana Studies
- **Minors:** History; American Culture; Classical Studies; Environment and Human Society; Media, History, and Culture; Medieval Studies; Southern Studies; Twentieth-Century European Studies; War, Policy, and Society
- **Teacher Licensure concentration (History), grades 7–12**

**Philosophy and Religious Studies**
- **Majors:** Philosophy, Religious Studies
- **Minors:** Philosophy, Religious Studies

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**Art and Design**
- **Majors:** Art (concentrations in Graphic Design, Studio Art, Art History, Visual Arts), Art Education
- **Minors:** Art, Art History, Graphic Design Print, Interactive/Illustration

**Music**
- **Major:** Music (concentrations in Instrumental Music Education, Music Industry, Theory-Composition, Vocal/General Music Education, Instrumental Performance including jazz studies, Voice Performance)
- **Minors:** American Music Studies, Music, Music Industry

**Theatre and Dance**
- **Majors:** Theatre, Dance
- **Minors:** Dance, Entertainment Arts Design, Theatre, Musical Theatre Performance
- **Teacher Licensure concentration (Theatre), grades 7–12**