1. **First Year Composition Requirement (all degrees)**
The first-year composition sequence is: WRIT 100 or WRIT 101 in the fall semester, and WRIT 102 or LIBA 102 in the spring semester. Students must pass either WRIT 100 or WRIT 101 before attempting 102. WRIT 100 and WRIT 101 fulfill the same requirement for first semester writing, previously filled by English 101. Students may take either 100 or 101, but not both. Both 100 and 101 teach the same new learning outcomes: learning a writing process, engaging in exploration and argumentation, writing for a variety of purposes and audiences, conducting research, and producing writing free of serious grammatical errors. These courses usually include three written essays, an in-class writing assignment, and a multimodal project, collected in an ePortfolio. The main difference between 100 and 101 is class size: WRIT 100 is limited to 15 students who have more one-on-one conferencing with their teacher. WRIT 102 teaches the same outcomes as 100/101, but with an emphasis on research and information literacy. The readings in these courses are now themed: students can choose from Writing about Literature, Writing about Business, Writing about Sustainability, Writing about Food, and Writing about Pop Culture. No other WRIT course will satisfy credit towards the composition requirement. They can be used for elective credit only.

2. **Modern or Ancient Language Requirement (B.A. or B.S. degrees)**
   a. The newest language offering is Swahili from the Department of Modern Languages.
   b. Language training from the Department of Modern Languages or the Department of Classics will fulfill the requirement to pass 6 hours at the 200-level or higher in one language. In some exceptional cases, entering students are able to start their language training at a more advanced level than the 100 or 200-level courses. Contact the departments for more information.
   c. With approval from the Department of Modern Languages, students may use languages other than those above to satisfy the language requirement by taking courses through study abroad or at another university, which includes American Sign Language from the UM Department of Communication Sciences and Disorders (ASL 101, 102, 201, 202). One section of each course will be reserved for CLA students with preferential enrollment given to students with language learning difficulties. College students must complete ASL 201 and 202 to satisfy the language requirement. There is a form on the CLA website that students must complete to get into ASL 101.
   d. Speakers of languages other than English may present documentation to the Department of Modern Languages showing that they studied in high school in that language and will thus fulfill the language requirement. Before, foreign students were required to follow the same language requirement as domestic students. While they are allowed to opt out of the language requirement through this type of documentation (i.e. they still may enroll in a third language study or enroll in classes in their native language at or beyond the 300-level), this is now an option.
   e. Online and independent study courses are allowed to complete the language requirement. There are a couple of cautions for advisors. The successful completion rate on independent study courses is rather low. And, there will be limited online availability for language courses from UM. Students must have prior permission from the dean’s office to take courses from another university while enrolled at UM.

3. **Suggested Student Placement in Mathematics Courses**
The Department of Mathematics suggests that students who have a mathematics ACT sub-score of 25 or higher (or the SAT equivalent) should not be placed in MATH 121, but rather take MATH 125, 261, or 267. In addition, students who do not plan to advance to calculus courses may be better served by taking the MATH 115: Elementary Statistics course instead of MATH 121: College Algebra. After completing MATH 261 with a C or higher, students may not receive credit for MATH 121, 125, or 267.

4. **Natural Science Lower Division Requirement**
   a. LIBA 150 and 151 (Integrated Science I and II) are new interdisciplinary science courses that are laboratory based and will satisfy the general education requirement for the College of Liberal Arts.
   b. There are several basic course sequences that must not overlap in several of the science departments.
      • Students will not receive credit for both ASTR 101 and ASTR 103; or ASTR 101 and ASTR 104.
      • Students will not receive credit for both GEOL 101 and GEOL 104.
      • Students will not receive credit for both BISC 102 and BISC 160; or BISC 104 and 162.
CHEM 101 is not a laboratory science course and does not satisfy the general requirement for natural science.

d. We have the following prerequisites for some of the basic science and mathematics courses.
   • CHEM 105 – ACT mathematics subscore of 25 (SAT 580), or B minimum in CHEM 101, or B minimum in MATH 121 and 123, or B minimum in MATH 125 or higher.
   • BISC 160 - ACT mathematics subscore of 25 (SAT 580), or B minimum in CHEM 101, or B minimum in MATH 121 and 123, or B minimum in MATH 125 or higher.
   • MATH 261 – ACT mathematics subscore of 24 (SAT 560), of B minimum in MATH 121 and 123; or B minimum in MATH 125.

5. Social Science and Humanities Requirement (B.S. degree only)
The requirement for 12 hours of social science and humanities will specify that at least 6 hours must be chosen from the social sciences, which consist of anthropology, economics, political science, psychology, and sociology courses.

MAJORS AND MINORS IN THE COLLEGE

MAJORS
1. The newest major in the College is Arabic, offered by the Department of Modern Languages.

2. The Department of Chemistry and Biochemistry will offer an emphasis in biochemistry for the B.S. in Chemistry degree.

3. To declare any undergraduate degree program in the Department of Chemistry and Biochemistry, students must have successfully completed CHEM 105 or be eligible to register for CHEM 105. See above for prereqs.

MINORS
1. The minor in Professional Writing is available from the Department of Writing and Rhetoric. The minor in professional writing prepares students to become effective written, spoken, visual, and electronic communicators in a variety of digital, disciplinary, and workplace environments. Students choose their emphases in many classroom projects to complement and extend the knowledge acquired in any major and meet their intended career goals. Special emphasis is given to navigating the terrain of electronic writing environments and social media through portfolio projects and allowing students to develop reflective practices to direct their learning beyond the academy. The catalog language is the following: A minor in professional writing consists of 18 hours of WRIT courses, including WRIT 100/101 or ENGL 101 or HON 101; WRIT/LIBA 102 or ENGL 102 or HON 102. Students must complete 12 hours from the following list of courses: ENGL 250 or WRIT 250; WRIT 310; WRIT 350; WRIT 399; or WRIT 410.

2. The Department of Modern Languages offers a new minor in TESL. The minor in Teaching English as a Second Language (TESL) requires 15 hours of TESL courses. Students must complete TESL 380 and LING/ TESL 395, and 9 credit hours from the following courses: TESL 531, TESL 535, TESL 542, TESL 545, TESL 547, TESL 550, TESL 552, and TESL 592. Students wishing to add an ESL endorsement to a MS teaching license are advised to take the required courses: TESL 531, TESL 542, TESL 547, and TESL 592.

3. The Gender Studies faculty created the Sexuality/Queer Studies emphasis for the Gender Studies minor. The sexuality/queer studies emphasis requires 18 hours from the following list of courses: G St 201, 202, 324, 329, 337, 359, 365, 380, 425, 438, 444, 460. Students may use G St 395, 399, 497, 498, and 499 with permission of the director of Gender Studies.

4. Approved Minors Outside of the College for the B.A. degree
There are only a few minors offered from departments outside of the College that are approved for students completing the B.A. degree, including Accountancy, Business Administration, Computer Science, Education, Engineering, Intelligence and Security Studies, Journalism, and Recreation Administration.

5. Majors and Minors in the Same Department
 Except for the B.A. in African American Studies, International Studies, Liberal Studies, and Southern Studies, students who complete the B.A. degree in the College of Liberal Arts must complete a minor course of study (or a second major).
In a department that offers multiple areas of study, a student may complete the minor course of study (or complete a second major) in the same department as the one in which the student takes his or her major. The one exception is the Department of Chemistry and Biochemistry.

6. Approved Optional Minor for the B.S. Degree
Beginning with the Fall 2012 semester, students have the option of formally declaring a minor course of study with their Bachelor of Science degree, which will appear on the student’s transcript. The minors to select from are the same as those available to the students pursuing the Bachelor of Arts degree. Required hours completed in the “Related Subjects” category for the B.S. degree can be counted as hours towards this optional minor.

COLLEGE POLICIES

1. Minimum Grade of C Requirements for Majors/ Minors
Some majors and/or minors in the College require a minimum grade of C in those department courses used to satisfy graduation requirements for the major or minor. This rule is made effective beginning in a particular semester (indicated below in parenthesis) for all majors and/or minors regardless of when the student first enrolled at the University. Please be aware that grades of C- will not fulfill this requirement.

- African American Studies major (Spring 2005)
- Art major for the B.F.A. degree (Fall 1980)
- Biology major for the B.A. and B.S. degrees (Fall 2001)
- Classics major and minor for the B.A. degree (Fall 2013)
- Gender Studies minor (Fall 2006)
- History major and minor (Fall 2003)
- International Studies major and minor (Fall 2006)
- Liberal Studies for the B.A. degree (Fall 2001)
- Mathematics major for the B.A. and B.S. degrees (Fall 1995)
- Modern Languages majors in Arabic, Chinese, French, German, Linguistics and Spanish; and minors in Arabic, Chinese, French, German, Italian, Japanese, Korean, Portuguese, Russian, Spanish, TESL (most for Fall 2007)
- Music major for the B.A. and B.M. degrees (Fall 2000)
- Philosophy major and minor (Fall 2004)
- Political Science major and minor (Fall 2006)
- Religious Studies major and minor (Spring 2009)
- Theatre Arts major for the B.A. and B.F.A. degrees and the minor (Spring 2001)

2. Total Hours for College of Liberal Arts Degrees
The College of Liberal Arts has reduced the total hours required for the undergraduate degrees from 124 to 120. This change also affects the Advanced Work Requirement and the Total Grade Points sections of the College portion of the catalog. Some individual majors (BA in Music; BM in Music; BFA in Theatre Arts) may require more than the minimum of 120. In most cases, this change will eliminate a few elective hours for a student's degree. This rule was implemented beginning with the May 2014 graduates.

UNIVERSITY POLICIES

1. Multiple Majors and Bachelor Degrees….and (not) Double Counting Courses.
Beginning with the Fall 2013 semester, the University has a new policy on multiple majors and degrees. Students who wish to receive a second bachelor’s degree can only do so if the second degree is of a different degree type, such as a B.A. in History and a B.B.A. in Marketing or a B.A. in Classics and a B.S. in Biology. Students who wish to complete the majors in English and History, for example, may only receive one degree – the B.A. Both majors will show up on the transcript but the student will only receive one diploma. Note that students will no longer be allowed to earn both the B.A. and B.S. in the same discipline, such as the B.A. and B.S. in Biological Science or the B.A. and B.S. in Chemistry.
The College of Liberal Arts recently clarified its rule that the same course may not count towards two majors, or for the majors for two degrees, or for a major and a minor. No double counting a course under those circumstances. However, a course may double count between a general education requirement and either the major or the minor.

2. Repeating a Course
With the exception of courses that are specifically indicated to be repeatable for credit, students may repeat courses taken at the university according to the following requirements:

- the first or prior courses must have been completed with a grade of B-, C+, C, C-, D, F, Z or P;
- a course with an Incomplete grade cannot be repeated;
- a lower division course may be repeated twice (e.g., three attempts) and an upper division or graduate course may be repeated once; exceptions to these numbers of attempts must be approved by the chair controlling the course;
- letter grades for all attempts will appear on the student’s permanent academic record and will be calculated into the student’s cumulative GPA (unless the Forgiveness Policy is invoked for the course);
- credit toward a degree will be granted only once;
- if a student passes a course at the university and then fails the course on a repeated attempt, the passing attempt will apply to degree requirements;
- individual schools may establish more restrictive requirements for their majors.

3. Forgiveness Policy
An undergraduate student may improve his or her overall GPA by repeating a maximum of four courses (not to exceed 12 credit hours) in which the student received a grade of C-, D or F and requesting that the repeat grade be the only one counted in the GPA calculation. The repeat must be in the same course and must be taken at The University of Mississippi. The student must file a Petition to Invoke Grade Forgiveness Policy with the registrar, stating which courses are to be forgiven. For an upper division course, this Petition must be approved by the department/program chair controlling the course. Once the student has declared one or more course, different courses cannot be substituted at a later date. The forgiveness policy cannot be used to remove grades given for reasons of academic discipline. Forgiveness of a course grade will not change notations concerning academic standing or honors in the student’s official record for the semester containing the forgiven course.

4. Academic Discipline
“The forgiveness policy cannot be used to remove grades given for reasons of academic discipline.” Thus, if an academic discipline case is upheld and the resulting sanctions include either failure in the course or reduced grade in the course, with the resulting final grade in the course being a C-, D, or F, the student may repeat the course, but may not invoke the forgiveness policy to remove the first grade. For a lesser sanction, such as failure or reduced grade on assignment, repeating the assignment, or probation, the student may repeat the course and invoke the forgiveness policy. Consequently, if the infraction occurs on a test or assignment that is a major component of the course grade, the more appropriate sanction should be failure in the course or reduced grade in the course.

5. Declaring a Major
When entering the university, a student may declare an intended degree program (major) or may declare to be Undecided. Students who have completed at least 12 hours at the university and who wish to declare a major or switch majors must have at least a 2.0 overall GPA (resident GPA) on these hours and must have at least a 2.0 GPA on all work attempted at other institutions. Individual degree programs and schools may impose a higher entering resident GPA requirement or selection criteria and academic deans may approve exceptions to the above GPA requirement. Students must also declare a major upon completion of 45 credit hours.

6. The Z Grade Option
A current undergraduate student who is classified as a junior or senior may elect to take one course for credit toward the student’s undergraduate degree that would ordinarily be graded on an A, A-, B+, B, B-, C+, C, C-, D, or F basis but for which the student will receive either a Z or an F grade. For the full policy, including the courses excluded from this option, see the Undergraduate Catalog (Undergraduate Academic Regulation; Credits and Grades).