

# Marvin D. and June Samuel Brailsford College of Arts and Sciences

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## Mission Statement

The Marvin D. and June Samuel Brailsford College of Arts and Sciences is committed to serving all students through academic programs that develop creative thinking, critical analysis, problem-solving, and communication skills that are fundamental to intellectual development and professional success. Equally important is the College's commitment to developing students' ethical and civic standards. The College strives to integrate teaching and research within an interdisciplinary learning context through individual attention to students, innovative teaching strategies, effective use of technology, and the promotion of economic development, partnerships, and cultural pursuits. An innovative and responsive spirit guides the College, balancing access and quality with efficiency, diversity, and a commitment to partnerships with local and global communities.

The College's departments and programs are aligned with the University's threefold missions: teaching, research, and service.

## Admission to the Marvin D. and June Samuel Brailsford College of Arts and Sciences

Admission is based on the University's general academic requirements. Applicants must also meet specific department requirements for each major. Transfer students must first meet all University admission requirements. Transfer credits toward the major or minor must be approved by the department head and dean of the college in which the program is located.

The student seeking admission to graduate program(s) is required to:

1. Submit a formal application for admission to the Office of Graduate Studies. See Graduate Studies Admission (<https://catalog.pvamu.edu/admissionsinformationandrequirements/applytograduateschool/>) for deadline dates and requirements. Students should also consult specific departments for degree requirements.
2. Meet all requirements outlined by Graduate Studies for a degree status.
3. Even though the applicant may meet the general requirements for admission to Graduate Studies, he/she must also meet the admission requirements of specific programs in this catalog. Admission to a department/program is not guaranteed until the applicant receives official notification from the Office of Graduate Studies. Students should consult the catalog section covering the specific discipline for departmental requirements for admission.

## Instructional Organization

The Brailsford College of Arts and Sciences offers courses leading to degrees in nine departments within three Schools: the School of Communication, Arts and Media, the School of Culture, Community and Human Development, and the School of Natural and Computational Sciences. The first two years' work is designed to provide students with a general educational background and to provide the knowledge and intellectual skills required for more advanced studies. During the last two years of college work, students concentrate on courses in their major field. Opportunities are available to cultivate related interests and to pursue electives that do not fall within the field of the student's major.

All freshman and sophomore students in the Brailsford College of Arts and Sciences, unless specifically authorized by the department head and the dean before registration, are required to follow the prescribed courses as set forth in the catalog. Students should plan their course of study with the department head or advisor and should consult the advisor before each registration period.

The following degrees are offered in the Brailsford College of Arts and Sciences:

Program	Degree Offered
African American Studies	BA
Biology	BS
Chemistry	BS, MS
Clinical Adolescent Psychology	MS, PhD
Communication	BA
Community Development Planning	MCDP
Digital Media Arts	BS
English	BA
History	BA
Juvenile Forensic Psychology	MSJFP**
Mathematics	BS
Music	BA
Physics	BS

Psychology	BS
Sociology	BA, MA
Army ROTC	
Naval ROTC	

\*\*This program is currently on moratorium and not accepting new applicants at this time.

## College Academic Requirements

Students pursuing an undergraduate degree in the Brailsford College of Arts and Science may satisfy the language requirement through course work or examination. Credit by examination may be by Advanced Placement (AP) or College Level Examination Program (CLEP).

## Major and Minor Requirements

After completion of the sophomore year, all students enrolled in the College of Arts and Sciences should have selected a major. Some majors do not require a minor and students may graduate without a minor. A minor (if required) must also be chosen from a department or college of the student's choice. The selections should be made in consultation with the department head or a designated advisor. Students must earn a minimum grade of a "C" in all classes taken in their major disciplines and a minimum grade of a "C" in all classes taken in their minor disciplines (if applicable). A specific grade point average may also be required by the department in which the student is a major or a minor before the student is approved for graduation. Transfer credits toward the major or minor must be approved by the department head and dean of the college in which the program is located.

## Minimum Total Credit Hours for Graduation

Students must complete a minimum of 120 semester credit hours (or as specified by each degree program) with a minimum cumulative grade point average of 2.00 in the major field of study in order to earn a bachelor's degree. Students must review the requirements for each degree program outlined in the catalog.

## Certificates in the Marvin D. and June Samuel Brailsford College of Arts and Sciences

### Undergraduate Certificate in Integrated Humanities

The Certificate in Integrated Humanities is part of a Texas A&M University System-wide initiative funded by a grant from the Teagle Foundation.

The certificate is designed to enhance engagement with the humanities across the system campuses, particularly among students in STEM and pre-professional disciplines. Employers in STEM and professional fields are increasingly interested in job candidates who demonstrate the highly adaptable skills associated with the humanities: critical thinking and creative problem-solving, ethical reasoning and cultural awareness, written and oral communication, and empathy and interpersonal relationship-building. The Certificate in Integrated Humanities is designed to cultivate these skills in ways that connect directly to students' career pathways. Students can complete an application for the certificate in the Brailsford College of Arts and Sciences Dean's Office. Course requirements for the certificate are listed below.

Students must consult with their major and/or minor academic advisor to ensure the courses for the certificate also meet the requirements of the declared degree or minor program. If the courses do not apply to the declared degree plan, the courses for the certificate will not qualify for federal aid under the Course Program of Study (CPoS) requirements.

<b>Required Course</b>		<b>3</b>
HUMA 1301	Introduction to Humanities	
<b>Integrated Humanities Courses (Choose two) <sup>1</sup></b>		<b>6</b>
HIST 2321	World Civilizations I	
HIST 2322	World Civilizations II	
PHIL 2306	Ethics	
<b>Humanities Elective (Choose one 3000 - 4000 level) <sup>2</sup></b>		<b>3</b>
<b>ePortfolio <sup>3</sup></b>		<b>0</b>
<b>Total Hours</b>		<b>12</b>

<sup>1</sup> Substitutions allowed with approval by Academic Dean

<sup>2</sup> Electives must be at the 3000 or 4000-level from any Humanities discipline: AFAM, ARAB, ARTS, CHIN, COMM, DRAM, ENGL, HIST, HUMA, MUSC, PHIL, SPAN

<sup>3</sup> The ePortfolio consists of Integrated Humanities Projects from two courses plus a Capstone Project

## Honor Societies

<b>Society</b>	<b>Department</b>
Alpha Mu Gamma	Foreign Languages
Alpha Psi Omega	Drama
Beta Beta Beta	Biology
Beta Kappa Chi	Sciences and Mathematics
Lambda Pi Eta	Communications
Mu Alpha Sigma	Music
Phi Alpha Theta	History
Pi Mu Epsilon	Mathematics
Pi Sigma Alpha	Political Science
Psi Chi	Psychology
Sigma Delta Pi	Spanish
Sigma Pi Sigma	Physics
Sigma Tau Delta	English