

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

Mission Statement

The Marvin D. and June Samuel Brailsford College of Arts and Sciences is committed to serving all students through academic programs aimed at developing 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 in the context of interdisciplinary learning through individual attention to students, innovative strategies of teaching, 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 seven departments and one division. The first two years' work is designed to give students 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 the major field. Opportunities are available for cultivating related interests and for pursuing 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 |
|--------------------------------|----------------|
| Biology | BS |
| Chemistry | BS, MS |
| Clinical Adolescent Psychology | MS, PhD |
| Communications | BA |
| English | BA |
| History | BA |
| Mathematics | BS |
| Music | BA |
| Physics | BS |
| Political Science | BA |
| Psychology | BS |
| Social Work | BSW, MSW |
| Sociology | BA, MA |

Army ROTC

Naval ROTC

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.

Honor Societies

| Society | Department |
|-----------------|--------------------------|
| Alpha Delta Mu | Social Work |
| 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 |