

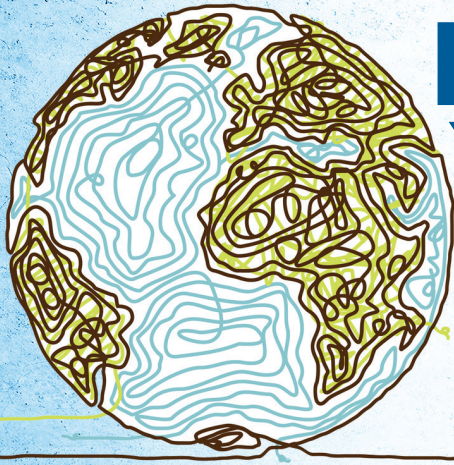


CLA

College of Liberal Arts

EXPLORE/ENGAGE/ENRICH/EARN

**MIDDLE
TENNESSEE**
STATE UNIVERSITY



EXPLORE YOUR WORLD

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





ENGAGE YOUR MIND

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**





ENRICH YOUR LIFE

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



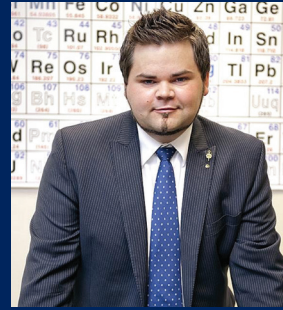
300+

Band of Blue members





EARN A LIVING



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 (acu.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

STUDENT SUCCESS

16 average
class size



86.4%

retention
of full-time
students



50+

Minors



20+

Majors



11

Departments



350+

Full-time
Faculty



2400+

Students



7

Graduate
Programs



ADVISING

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.

Learn more at
mtsu.edu/liberalarts

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Majors and Minors

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EXPLORE
YOUR WORLD
shape the future

Students need to be comfortable operating in a globalized, multicultural society and can gain the skills to do so in a variety of majors, including:

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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ENGAGE YOUR MIND

solve real-world problems

Students need to be critical thinkers capable of solving complex problems in an unstructured environment. Learn the skills to do so in majors such as:

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

ENRICH YOUR LIFE

showcase your skills

Creativity is the hallmark of successful entrepreneurs. Enhance your creativity through participation in a variety of programs in the fine and performing arts:

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