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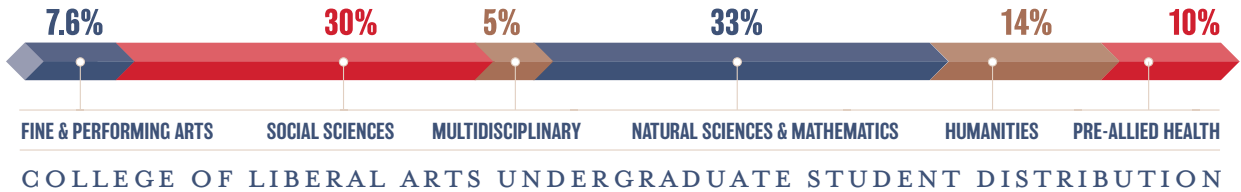
# *College of Liberal Arts*



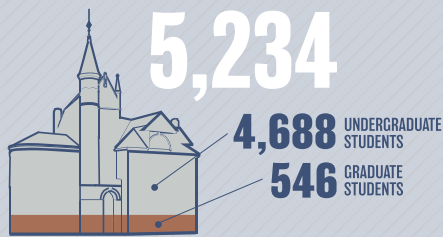


# facts & figures

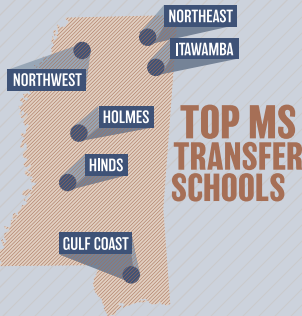
The **COLLEGE OF LIBERAL ARTS** consists of 18 departments, 13 multidisciplinary programs, and 11 institutes and centers within the discipline groupings of the fine & performing arts, humanities, natural sciences & mathematics, and social sciences. The College offers four degrees: Bachelor of Arts, Bachelor of Fine Arts, Bachelor of Music, and Bachelor of Science.



## COLLEGE OF LIBERAL ARTS STUDENT PROFILE



### GENDER RATIO



## Number of national & international AWARD RECIPIENTS from the College since 2000



ALSO :

1 GATES CAMBRIDGE, 1 MITCHELL, 1 MARSHALL, 1 SOROS, 5 PORTZ

average  
**CLASS SIZE = 24** students



*sixty percent*

OF HONORS COLLEGE STUDENTS ARE IN THE COLLEGE OF LIBERAL ARTS

# Study Abroad

610 College students (49% of UM total) participated in a Study Abroad experience in the last 2 years. They studied in 37 different countries and Semester at Sea programs.

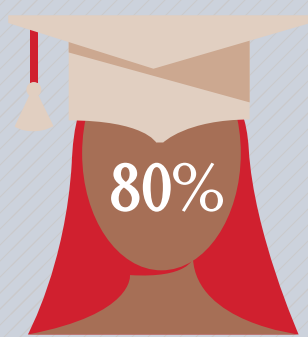


Study Abroad programs led by College faculty include:

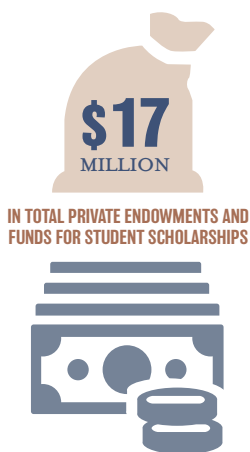
- Ecology, Culture, and Youth Psychology in Tanzania
- Fantasy Fiction in the UK
- Dance in Cuba
- Social Science Field School in the Andes
- Chemistry in France: Food, Health, and Culture
- Ancient Italy in Context

# Study USA

A sample of the courses College faculty lead across the country.



80% of College graduates reported employment or pursuit of graduate/professional education in UM's 2016–17 Graduate First Destination Survey.



**FOUNDED IN 1848**, the College of Liberal Arts is the oldest and largest division of the University of Mississippi. We began with the first four faculty members at UM and now have 550 full-time teaching faculty.

The concept of liberal arts comes from the Greek word *eleutheros* and the Latin word *liber*, both meaning “free.” Free (male) citizens of ancient Athens needed certain critical thinking and communication skills to fully participate in early democracy, which were achieved through a broad education in the “verbal and numerical arts”—grammar, logic, rhetoric, arithmetic, astronomy, music, and geometry. This became the basis of higher education in the West.

Today a liberal arts–based education empowers and prepares you to deal with complexity, diversity, and change through a broad knowledge of the world. Students develop a sense of social responsibility and key intellectual skills sought in the workforce such as communication, analytical and problem-solving skills, and the ability to work with a diverse group of people.

According to a recent National Association of Colleges & Employers survey, the top skills and qualities desired in job candidates can be attained and honed through a liberal arts education:

1. Ability to work in a team structure
2. Ability to make decisions and solve problems
3. Great communication skills
4. Ability to plan, organize, and prioritize work
5. Ability to obtain and process information

A 21st century liberal arts education is the best way to prepare for today's global economy. From the same survey, 80% of employers agree that, regardless of the major, college students should acquire broad knowledge in the liberal arts.



# *fine & performing arts*

Create, follow your passion, strengthen professional skills, cultivate critical thinking, and discover your place in our society through culturally relevant works. Choose between a more flexible Bachelor of Arts degree that allows greater compatibility with other areas of study or a more specialized, pre-professional Bachelor of Fine Arts or Bachelor of Music degree with competitive admission.



## DEPARTMENT OF ART AND ART HISTORY

- ▶ **Minors in Art and Art History**
- ▶ **B.A. in Art History and Studio Art**
- ▶ **B.F.A. in Art** with emphases in ceramics, graphic design, imaging arts, painting, printmaking, and sculpture

Admission to the Bachelor of Fine Arts program is by competitive portfolio review and completion of 18 hours of studio art courses. The professional degree path is completed with a senior thesis exhibition that demonstrates a cohesive body of creative work in the final semester. This body of work is the foundation for further study at the graduate level.

- ▶ **M.F.A. in Art** with emphases in ceramics, painting, printmaking, and sculpture

## DEPARTMENT OF MUSIC

- ▶ **Minor in Music**
- ▶ **B.A. in Music**
- ▶ **B.M. in Music** with emphases in music performance or music education

An entrance audition demonstrating technical skills, musicianship, and musical literacy in preparation to study music at the collegiate level is required for both degrees, and admission decisions are made on a rolling basis. Students usually require several years of formal training in a school band, choir, or orchestra, along with private lessons. Transfer students must provide a list of repertoire studied in studio lessons at their previous institutions.

- ▶ **M.M. in Music** with emphases in choral conducting, ethnomusicology, music education, music performance, music theory, and musicology
- ▶ **Ph.D. in Music** with emphasis in music education

## DEPARTMENT OF THEATRE AND FILM

- ▶ **Minor in Theatre Arts**
- ▶ **B.A. in Theatre Arts**
- ▶ **B.F.A. in Theatre Arts** with emphases in acting for stage and screen, design and theatre production, and film production

Admission to the Bachelor of Fine Arts degree is by competitive entry. Students have a portfolio review for admission to the design emphasis prior to enrollment at UM. Students audition for admission to the acting for stage and screen emphasis prior to their first year. Students submit writing and film samples prior to March 1 before their freshman year for entry into the film production program.

First class music facilities include the 1,100-seat Ford Center for the Performing Arts, the 400-seat Nutt Auditorium, and a newly renovated Music Building.



Professor Virginia Rougon Chavis instructs students on how to use the Vandercook printing press in Beginning Letterpress.



Ole Miss Theatre produces four to five shows a year representing a variety of forms and eras with at least one major musical each season.



Music students take master classes and interact with guest artists such as Grammy Award® winner Branford Marsalis.

Film production students gain experience in directing, cinematography, editing, screenwriting, and other skills for the screen.



Art history courses use the David M. Robinson Collection of Greek and Roman Antiquities, one of the finest collections in the United States.



Fine and performing arts departments provide outlets for student involvement beyond the classroom with 17 student organizations and numerous musical performance groups.





# *humanities*

How do we process and document the human experience? Humanities disciplines teach students to communicate, to read critically, to ask questions about ourselves and our world, and to appreciate difference. Humanities develop informed and critical citizens.



## DEPARTMENT OF CLASSICS

- ▶ Minor in Classics
- ▶ B.A. in Classics with emphases in ancient Greek, classical civilization, and Latin

## DEPARTMENT OF ENGLISH

- ▶ Minor in English
- ▶ B.A., M.A., Ph.D. in English
- ▶ B.A. in English with an emphasis in creative writing
- ▶ M.F.A. in Creative Writing

## ARCH DALRYMPLE III DEPARTMENT OF HISTORY

- ▶ Minor in History
- ▶ B.A., M.A., Ph.D. in History

## DEPARTMENT OF MODERN LANGUAGES

- ▶ Minors in Arabic, Chinese, French, German, Italian, Japanese, Korean, Linguistics, Portuguese, Russian, Spanish, Swahili, and Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages (TESOL)
- ▶ B.A. in Arabic
- ▶ B.A. in Chinese
- ▶ B.A. in French
- ▶ B.A. in German
- ▶ B.A. in Linguistics
- ▶ B.A. in Spanish
- ▶ Graduate certificate in TESOL
- ▶ M.A. in Modern Languages with emphases in applied linguistics and TESOL, French, German, Spanish, and linguistics
- ▶ Ph.D. in Second Language Studies with emphases in applied linguistics and Spanish

## DEPARTMENT OF PHILOSOPHY AND RELIGION

- ▶ Minors in Philosophy and Religious Studies
- ▶ B.A., M.A. in Philosophy
- ▶ B.A. in Religious Studies

## DEPARTMENT OF WRITING AND RHETORIC

- ▶ Minor in Professional Writing



The Chinese Flagship Language Program, one of 12 federally funded critical language programs in the nation, trains students to be global professionals, with financial support for intensive summer courses in Oxford and China.



The Department of Writing and Rhetoric's professional writing minor prepares students to communicate effectively in a variety of digital, disciplinary, and workplace environments.



Nature writing and environmental studies classes taught by Dr. Ann Fisher-Wirth, professor of English and director of environmental studies, often meet outside.



Study ancient Mediterranean culture with financial support from the McDonnell Endowment in Classics for archaeological digs, study tours, and semesters abroad.



Our highly accomplished history faculty includes Dr. Jared Roll, a historian of modern America who received a coveted National Endowment for the Humanities Fellowship for his research on social movements and popular economic thought.

◀ With a rich tradition of impactful writing, Oxford is one of the most idyllic and energizing places to study great works of literature and the power of the written word. Dr. Derrick Harriell, assistant professor of English and African American Studies, directs the MFA in Creative Writing Program, rated as among the best in the nation.

Specialize in ethics with philosophy and religion professors. A medical ethics course with Dr. Sarah Moses, assistant professor of religion, combines seminar and weekly shadowing experiences at the hospital.







# *social sciences*

Study how people, groups, and institutions behave and influence the world around us.



## DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMICS

- ▶ Minor in Economics
- ▶ B.A., B.S., M.A., Ph.D. in Economics

## DEPARTMENT OF POLITICAL SCIENCE

- ▶ Minor in Political Science
- ▶ B.A., M.A., Ph.D. in Political Science

The Take 5 program allows students to earn the B.A. and M.A. in political science in five years.

## DEPARTMENT OF PSYCHOLOGY

- ▶ Minor in Psychology
- ▶ B.A. in Psychology
- ▶ M.A., Ph.D. in Psychology with emphases in clinical or experimental psychology

## DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC POLICY LEADERSHIP

- ▶ Minor in Public Policy Leadership
- ▶ \*B.A. in Public Policy Leadership

\*Admission deadline to the Lott Leadership Institute is early January.

## DEPARTMENT OF SOCIOLOGY AND ANTHROPOLOGY

- ▶ Minors in Anthropology and Sociology
- ▶ B.A., M.A. in Anthropology
- ▶ B.A., M.A. in Sociology



Kathryn James (BA economics, public policy leadership, and Southern Studies '17) was a STAMPS Scholar whose multiple internship and volunteer experiences in Washington, DC, New Orleans, Jackson, the Mississippi Delta, and Oxford focused her studies on educational challenges and policy in Mississippi and the South.



Unique in our region, Public Policy Leadership's challenging interdisciplinary curriculum prepares students for leadership positions in an increasingly complex world. Through the Trent Lott Leadership Institute, talented young people interact with leaders in all walks of life.

Psychology students study basic human characteristics such as how we learn and adapt, how our physiology operates, how we develop, and how we relate to each other. The A-Game: Nine Steps to Better Grades book written by Dr. Ken Sufka, professor of psychology and pharmacology, is required reading for all new students.



Dr. Marvin King, associate professor of political science and African American Studies, participates in a panel discussion hosted by the Overby Center for Southern Journalism and Politics.



Psychology and pre-nursing student Tiara Mabry (left) took advantage of the Grove Scholars program for Mississippi resident STEM majors. Sociology major Ebonee Carpenter, a previous international president of Phi Theta Kappa honor society for community colleges, researched food security, health, and nutrition at a summer field school in Zambia with Dr. Anne Cafer, assistant professor of sociology, using support from UM's Office of Global Engagement.

◀ Anthropology integrates traditional classroom courses with experiential methods courses and a range of field schools. Students in a public archaeology course search for evidence of slave life through an excavation at Rowan Oak, a National Historic Landmark and home of the Nobel Prize-winning writer William Faulkner.

A person is silhouetted against a dark night sky filled with stars. They are looking through a large telescope mounted on a tripod. In the background, there are blurred lights, possibly from a city or a festival, creating a bokeh effect. The overall scene is dark and atmospheric, emphasizing the theme of astronomy and natural sciences.

# *natural sciences & mathematics*

Use empirical evidence from observation and experimentation to describe, understand, and predict natural phenomena in the world around us. Choose between a more flexible B.A. degree that allows greater compatibility with other areas of study or a more specialized B.S. degree.



## DEPARTMENT OF BIOLOGY

- ▶ Minor in Biological Science
- ▶ B.A., B.S., M.S., Ph.D. in Biological Science

To enroll in BISC 160: Biological Sciences I, the required first course for the undergraduate biology degrees, students must have a minimum ACT mathematics score of 25 (SAT 580 or SATR 600), or B minimum in Chem 101, or B minimum in Math 121 and 123, or B minimum in Math 125 or higher.

## DEPARTMENT OF CHEMISTRY AND BIOCHEMISTRY

- ▶ Minor in Chemistry
- ▶ B.A. in Biochemistry
- ▶ B.A., B.S., M.S., D.A., Ph.D. in Chemistry
- ▶ B.S. in Chemistry with emphasis in biochemistry
- ▶ B.S. in Forensic Chemistry

To enroll in any degree offered from the Department of Chemistry and Biochemistry students must have successfully completed Chem 105 or be eligible to register for Chem 105, which requires a minimum ACT mathematics score of 25 (SAT 580 or SATR 600), or B minimum in Chem 101, or B minimum in Math 121 and 123, or B minimum in Math 125 or higher.

## DEPARTMENT OF MATHEMATICS

- ▶ Minor in Mathematics
- ▶ B.A., B.S., M.A., M.S., Ph.D. in Mathematics

## DEPARTMENT OF PHYSICS AND ASTRONOMY

- ▶ Minor in Physics
- ▶ B.A., B.S., M.A., M.S., Ph.D. in Physics
- ▶ B.A. in Physics with pre-med track

Students collected samples for further analysis of biological soil crusts at the Granite Mountains Desert Research Center in the Mojave Desert during the Study USA course, Californian STEAM: Microbial Science, Conservation, and Society, led by Dr. Erik Horn, assistant professor of biology.



Students with training in mathematics are in high demand. Study numbers, solve problems in creative ways, think critically, and become proficient in the underlying language flowing through all of the sciences.

Ranked nationally, forensic chemistry is one of only a few chemistry programs accredited by the Forensic Education Programs Accreditation Committee. They host camps for young scientists.



The Department of Chemistry and Biochemistry is ranked in the nation's top 50 (out of 555) departments for production of undergraduate degrees. One of 8 College faculty to receive a National Science Foundation CAREER award, Dr. Davita Watkins, assistant professor of chemistry, explores materials ranging from solar-harvesting polymers to nano-sized therapeutic drug delivery systems.



Physics students can be involved in research projects in acoustics (Jamie Whitten National Center for Physical Acoustics), atmospheric physics, condensed-matter physics, high-energy physics, gravitational physics, and astrophysics. Dr. Marco Cavaglia and Dr. Kate Dooley (center) are part of an international scientific effort, the laser interferometer gravitational wave observatory (LIGO), that won the 2017 Nobel Prize in Physics.

Biology Bootcamp students experience lectures, laboratories, supplemental instruction study sessions, and practice exams while learning about support resources and strategies for success during the week before the fall semester begins.

◀ Popular astronomy courses utilize the "dark site" 10 miles outside of Oxford for an occasional laboratory experience.

# multidisciplinary programs



## DEPARTMENT OF AFRICAN AMERICAN STUDIES

- ▶ Minor in African American Studies
- ▶ B.A. in African American Studies

The state's only undergraduate degree in African American Studies offers 60 courses from the perspectives of anthropology, art history, English, gender studies, history, music, political science, religion, sociology, and Southern Studies. Areas of specialization are culture, history, or political & social institutions.

*Dr. Shennette Garrett-Scott, assistant professor of history and African American Studies, visits with high school students at a Mississippi Outreach to Scholastic Talent (MOST) conference.*



## CROFT INSTITUTE FOR INTERNATIONAL STUDIES

- ▶ Minors in East Asian Studies and International Studies
- ▶ B.A. in International Studies

Select a regional concentration from East Asia, Europe, Latin America, or the Middle East; study a language from that region; and choose a thematic concentration from global economics and business, global health, international governance and politics, or social and cultural identity. Study abroad and feature your education and skills in a senior thesis.

*Apply for admission to the Croft Institute for International Studies, with an early action deadline in early November (with a decision by early January) and a priority deadline in early January.*

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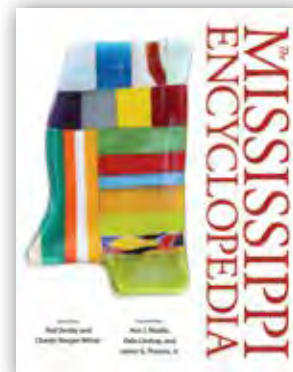
- ▶ B.A. in Liberal Studies

Create a customized degree program to fit academic or career interests more precisely than traditional B.A. degree offerings. Select three minors with at least two in the College of Liberal Arts.

## CENTER FOR THE STUDY OF SOUTHERN CULTURE

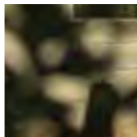
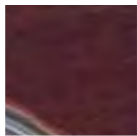
- ▶ Minor in Southern Studies
- ▶ B.A., M.A. in Southern Studies
- ▶ M.F.A. in Documentary Expression

The first university to offer an undergraduate Southern Studies major, our students seek to understand the American South in all of its complexity. Take classes in African American Studies, anthropology, art history, economics, English, gender studies, history, journalism, music, political science, and sociology.



*The first encyclopedia since 1907 of Mississippi people, places, and events was produced by Southern Studies faculty and staff.*





## MULTIDISCIPLINARY UNDERGRADUATE MINORS (NO MAJOR)

- ▶ Cinema
- ▶ Digital Media Studies
- ▶ Disaster Sciences
- ▶ Environmental Studies
- ▶ Gender Studies
- ▶ Medieval Studies
- ▶ Neuroscience
- ▶ Society & Health

## MULTIDISCIPLINARY GRADUATE MINORS

- ▶ Graduate Minor in Gender Studies
- ▶ Graduate Minor in Medieval Studies

## DEPARTMENT OF AEROSPACE STUDIES

- ▶ Minor in Aerospace Studies

The Air Force ROTC program prepares leaders in the Air Force. Acquire useful life and leadership skills as you are challenged to achieve your best in physical fitness and academics. You'll have great opportunities to pay for school through scholarships, develop lifelong friendships, and experience unique adventures.

## DEPARTMENT OF MILITARY SCIENCE AND LEADERSHIP

- ▶ Minor in Military Science

Ranked among the top eight programs in the nation, the Army ROTC program instills professional leadership competencies that translate to success in both the military and the civilian world. Participation allows for Army schooling (airborne, air assault, etc.) and/or cultural immersion opportunities around the globe while a student. Funding opportunities including the National Army ROTC Scholarship, monthly stipends, and performance and needs-based monetary incentives.



## DEPARTMENT OF NAVAL SCIENCE

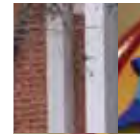
- ▶ Minor in Naval Science

The Naval ROTC program prepares you for careers in the Navy and Marine Corps. Mental and physical challenges mold leaders of integrity and strong moral character, capable of leading in a wide range of fields. While earning scholarships, you can participate in summer cruises with naval ships, aviation squadrons, and submarines. Upon graduation, all midshipmen are commissioned as either Ensigns in the Navy or 2nd Lieutenants in the Marine Corps.

## LANGUAGE AND CULTURAL TRAINING

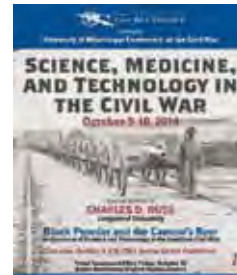
Project GO provides 8 weeks of Chinese training to ROTC cadets at Shanghai University. Closer to Oxford, the Intensive Arabic program creates a simulated language village and various "real-life" scenarios with interpreters and journalists embedded with Army ROTC cadet units as they experience military maneuvers near campus.

# centers & institutes



Centers and institutes enrich the campus academic culture through public programming and providing student research and service opportunities.

- ▶ Center for Archaeological Research
- ▶ Center for Civil War Research
- ▶ Center for Population Studies
- ▶ Center for the Study of Southern Culture
- ▶ Clinical Disaster Research Center
- ▶ Health Professions Advising Office
- ▶ Mississippi Geographic Alliance
- ▶ Sarah Isom Center for Women and Gender Studies
- ▶ Social Science Research Laboratory
- ▶ Southern Documentary Project
- ▶ Southern Foodways Alliance

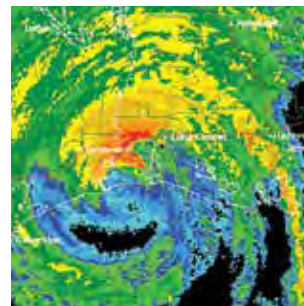


To meet its goal of promoting a more thorough understanding of the American Civil War, the Center for Civil War Research hosts annual conferences based on important themes.

Dr. Tony Boudreaux, associate professor of anthropology and director of the Center for Archaeological Research, works with students on artifacts from the Butler Mound site in Lowndes County.



Sarah Isom Center for Women and Gender Studies promotes the values embodied in the University Creed. The Isom Center integrates scholarly research on gender issues with advocacy on campus and the larger community through a range of activities.

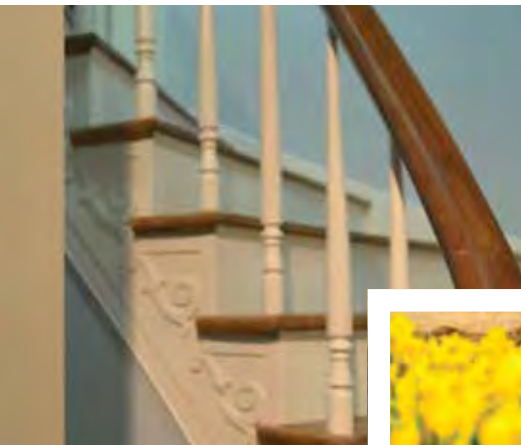


Natural and man-made disasters often occur unexpectedly and can cause significant difficulties for those living in the affected area. The Clinical Disaster Research Center investigates how individuals are affected by disasters to better understand their experience and how they cope with these difficulties.



As the lead agency for the State Data Center of Mississippi, the Center for Population Studies educates, conducts research, and engages in public outreach concerning population issues. One project—the Mississippi Health and Hunger Atlas—is the first publication of its kind in Mississippi and in the South.





## THE ACCELERATED LAW PROGRAM

Interested in law? Save time and money. Enroll in the 3+3 program and complete your final undergraduate year as a first year UM School of Law student. College students pursuing a B.A. or B.S degree can use first year law courses to fulfill general elective hours for the undergraduate degree.



*Beyond advising, Health Profession Advising Office activities include 40+ events a year with health care professionals and admissions officers of healthcare schools.*

## HEALTH PROFESSIONS ADVISING OFFICE

Our staff guides every step as you prepare for the competitive admissions process to healthcare professional schools. Some health professions require a baccalaureate degree before admission to the professional school, such as physicians, dentists, physical or occupational therapists, and optometrists. Other health professions require certain prerequisite courses before admission to the professional school where you finish the degree: dental hygiene, health informatics and information management, medical laboratory science, medical technology, nursing, and radiologic sciences. Only Medical Technology (3+1—three years at UM in Oxford and one year at North Mississippi Medical Center in Tupelo) is awarded by the University of Mississippi in Oxford.



### Acceptance rates for 2016

- ▶ **Dental School** — 57% (national 40%)
- ▶ **Physical Therapy** — 57% (national 39%)
- ▶ **Medical School** — 54% (national 41%)





## for further information

The Carnegie Classification of Institutions of Higher Education recently rated the University of Mississippi as an R1 doctoral university with the highest research activity status, putting us into the top 2.5% of doctoral universities in the nation. High caliber faculty and students make the College a vibrant community where students are challenged and engaged.

We are located 70 miles from Memphis in Oxford, Mississippi, home of William Faulkner's Rowan Oak, the best bookstore in the South, an active music scene, and great restaurants. Oxford is consistently listed as one of the best small towns in America. *USA Today* names Oxford as one of the "Top Six College Towns in the Nation." Come see why.

Discover what you can really do when you put your talents, passion, and hard work together, join us in the College of Liberal Arts. If we can assist you in any way, please contact us.

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