The College of Liberal Arts is committed to educating students for a lifetime of continued learning, productive careers, civic engagement, and enriched personal lives. Our faculty is equally committed to producing research, scholarship, and creative work that has impact in their fields of inquiry.

A liberal arts education is grounded in the study of human beings — individually or in groups, in the past as well as in the present — in order to understand how people make sense of the world in which they live. In addition to the broad and specific knowledge that enriches lives, the liberal arts also emphasize practical abilities such as effective communication, critical and analytical thinking, creativity, personal and social responsibility, an appreciation of different people and perspectives, and an integrative understanding of global issues.

The College began as the School of Arts and Sciences in 1924 and in 1965 became the College of Liberal Arts. Today, Liberal Arts offers programs in the social and behavioral sciences and the humanities, primarily in the twelve departments but also in several interdisciplinary areas that cross departmental boundaries.

DEPARTMENTS
- Anthropology
- Communication
- Economics
- English
- Hispanic Studies
- History
- International Studies
- Performance Studies
- Philosophy
- Political Science
- Psychology
- Sociology

STUDENTS BY THE NUMBERS
- 7,035 undergraduates
- 846 graduate students
- 2,143 degrees awarded (2013-2014)

INTERDISCIPLINARY PROGRAMS
- Africana Studies
- Film Studies
- Journalism Studies
- Religious Studies
- Women’s & Gender Studies

FACULTY BY THE NUMBERS
- 473 total
- 354 tenured/tenure track
- 119 non-tenure track
- Student-teacher ratio 17:1

QUICK FACTS
- Liberal Arts is a leader in awarding degrees to Hispanic, Black and first-generational students.
- Texas A&M University has one of the top 15 Liberal Arts colleges for highest graduate salaries.
- Approximately 63% of applicants are admitted to the College each fall.
- 91% of freshmen return to the college after their first year.
- 1 in 3 students are first-generation college students.
- The top three departments in research funding are Economics, Psychology and Anthropology.
- The College’s Public Policy Research Institute has $136 million in external research contracts.
- There are 58,000+ living alumni of the College.

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RESEARCH

$9 million in external funding (FY 2014)
26% increase in overall funding (FY 2010-2014)

25 Fulbright Faculty Scholars (since 1999)

INSTITUTES AND RESEARCH CENTERS

Census Research Data Center
Center for Maritime Archaeology and Conservation
Center for the Study of the First Americans
Glasscock Center for Humanities Research
Initiative for Digital Humanities, Media, and Culture
Public Policy Research Institute
Race and Ethnic Studies Institute

GRADUATE EDUCATION

52% (Grad student population)
48% (Grad student population)

GRADUATE CERTIFICATES

Africana Studies
China Studies
Conservation Training
Digital Humanities
Film and Media Studies
Women’s & Gender Studies

STUDY ABROAD

934 students who studied abroad in 2013-2014

• More than 100 scholarships awarded annually for semester-long studies
• Faculty-led study abroad programs all over the world, most recently in Asia, Europe, and North Africa
• Topics range from language immersion and cultural studies to European integration
• Exchange programs with universities in China, the Netherlands, Spain, Germany, Japan, and the United Kingdom

DIVERSITY

Overall student population (Based on preliminary numbers for Fall 2015)
- Female (60%)
- Male (40%)
- White (59%)
- Hispanic (24%)
- Asian (4%)
- Black (5%)
- Other (3%)

Graduate Students (Based on numbers for Fall 2014)
- White (59%)
- Hispanic (24%)
- Asian (4%)
- Black (5%)
- Other (3%)

Degree

BA
BS
MA
MS
Ph.D.

Anthropology

Classics

Communication

Economics

English

Hispanic Studies

History

International Studies

Modern Languages

Performance Studies

Philosophy

Political Science

Psychology

Sociology

Spanish

Telecommunication Media Studies

University Studies — Journalism

University Studies — Race, Ethnicity & Gender

Women's and Gender Studies

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