MERCER UNIVERSITY
Catalog 2013-2014

REGIONAL ACADEMIC CENTERS

Stetson School of Business and Economics
Tift College of Education
College of Continuing and Professional Studies

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# Regional Academic Centers
## 2013-2014 Academic Calendar

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July 15-17*
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*Payments received after designated dates will be assessed a $50 late processing fee.
The University

Founded in 1833, Mercer University is a dynamic and comprehensive center of undergraduate, graduate, and professional education. The University enrolls more than 8,300 students in 12 schools and colleges—liberal arts, law, pharmacy, medicine, health professions, business, engineering, education, theology, music, nursing, and continuing and professional studies—on major campuses in Macon, Atlanta, and Savannah and at four regional academic centers across the state. Mercer is affiliated with four teaching hospitals—The Medical Center in Columbus, St. Francis Hospital, Columbus, Memorial University Medical Center in Savannah and the Medical Center of Central Georgia in Macon, and has educational partnerships with Warner Robins Air Logistics Center in Warner Robins and Piedmont Healthcare in Atlanta. The University operates an academic press and a performing arts center in Macon and an engineering research center in Warner Robins. Mercer is the only private university in Georgia to field an NCAA Division I athletic program. Mercer has been ranked among the leading regional colleges and universities in the South by U.S. News & World Report for more than 20 consecutive years.

In an educational environment where practical wisdom and compassion prevail, Mercer is motivated by the best in the Baptist tradition—exploring the relationship between faith and learning, and embracing the principles of intellectual and religious freedom. For 175 years, young men and women have left Mercer to become influential leaders and doers of great deeds.

Students benefit from Mercer’s welcoming atmosphere and small-class learning environment. They learn from a prestigious, yet caring, faculty. Mercer’s faculty members, whose credentials come from some of the world’s finest academic institutions, are distinguished for both teaching and research. More than 90 percent of the faculty hold doctorates or the highest attainable degrees in their respective fields. Mercer’s reputation is built on its rigorous academic programs, outstanding faculty, and state-of-the-art facilities. Yet tradition plays a key role in the University’s unique identity as an institution committed to Judeo-Christian principles.

University Vision

One of the finest private universities in the Southeast, Mercer University will be nationally renowned for providing a dynamic, diverse, and rigorous education where every student matters and learns to make a difference.

University Mission Statement

Mercer University’s mission is to teach, to learn, to create, to discover, to inspire, to empower and to serve. In fulfilling this mission, the University supports undergraduate, graduate, and professional learning as well as basic research and its application in service to others. As a university committed to excellence and innovation, Mercer challenges members of its community to meet and exceed high standards in their teaching, learning, research, scholarship and service.

Founded by Baptists in 1833, Mercer is an independent university that remains grounded in a tradition that embraces freedom of the mind and spirit, cherishes the equal worth of every individual, and commits to serving the needs of humankind. As a reflection of this heritage:

- We encourage our students to discover and develop fully their unique combination of gifts and talents to become leaders who make a positive difference in the world.
We seek to inspire members of our community to live virtuous and meaningful lives by using their gifts and talents to serve the needs of humankind as an expression of their love for God and neighbor.

We seek to enrich the mind and spirit by promoting and facilitating an open and rigorous search for truth and understanding, including an examination of the moral, religious and ethical questions of this and every age.

We affirm and respect the dignity and sacred worth of every person and celebrate both our commonalities and our differences.

University-Wide Assessment

Mercer University conducts a university-wide assessment program to measure student progress toward educational goals, to evaluate academic programs, to improve learning and teaching, and to evaluate institutional effectiveness. Students are active participants in a variety of campus-based assessment activities that focus on attitudes, satisfaction, and academic achievement. It is through student participation in the assessment process that the University can better understand itself and better serve its constituents.

University History

Mercer University was founded in 1833 in Penfield by Georgia Baptists. The school, under the leadership of Baptist minister and spiritual father Adiel Sherwood, was named for Jesse Mercer, a prominent Baptist leader and the first chair of the Mercer Board of Trustees.

Josiah Penfield gave the $2,500 that prompted the Georgia Baptist Convention to begin plans to open a school. Many Georgia Baptists gave matching funds for Penfield's gift. The school opened under principal Billington Sanders.

Initially a boys' preparatory school named "Mercer Institute," the school at its founding consisted of a red clay farm and two hewed log cabins, valued at approximately $1,935. Enrollment for the first term was 39 students although, when the school opened, there were considerably fewer and others came over the first few weeks. Tuition was $35 for the year. Board was provided at $8 per month, and each student was required to supply his own bedding, candles and furniture.

From its humble beginnings in Penfield, Mercer today is a dynamic and comprehensive center of undergraduate, graduate and professional education. The University has 8,300 students; 12 schools and colleges – liberal arts, law, pharmacy, health professions, medicine, business, engineering, education, theology, music, nursing and continuing and professional studies; major campuses in Macon, Atlanta and Savannah; three regional academic centers around the state; a university press; two teaching hospitals; educational partnerships with Warner Robins Air Logistics Center in Warner Robins and Piedmont Healthcare in Atlanta; an engineering research center in Warner Robins; a performing arts center in Macon; and a NCAA Division I athletic program.

The institution's reputation for exceptional academics in an engaged learning environment continues to grow. For almost two decades, U.S. News & World Report has ranked Mercer among the leading universities in the South. The Princeton Review repeatedly ranks it in the top 10 percent of all colleges and universities in North America. The University has been named a "College with a Conscience" by The Princeton Review and College Compact and has been named to the President's Higher Education Community Service Honor Roll for distinguished community service. Mercer has also earned a
Community Engagement classification by the Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching.

Historical Highlights

Mercer in the 19th Century

1833 Mercer Institute, the forerunner of Mercer University, is founded by Georgia Baptists in Penfield as a manual labor school for boys.

1838 Mercer’s first Board of Trustees is elected and Mercer Institute becomes known as Mercer University.

1839 First college classes begin.

1841 First college class is graduated.

1843 Principal college building at Penfield is destroyed by fire.

Early 1860s Mercer is one of the few colleges in the South and the only one in Georgia to remain open during the War Between the States. When war was declared, students and graduates of Mercer responded “to defend their constitutional rights and sacred honor.” Most of the senior classes of 1861 and 1862 joined the Confederacy together.

1866 Mercer awards General Robert E. Lee, C.S.A., the honorary Doctor of Laws degree. Mercer is the only university to grant an honorary degree to General Lee.

1870 During the April 1870 Georgia Baptist Convention (GBC) meeting, the decision is made to move Mercer away from Penfield. In August, the commission, appointed by the GBC to find a new location, votes to approve Macon. In September, President David E. Butler tells Macon Mayor George S. Obear and the City Council that Macon has been chosen and “that the proposition on their part to pay you the sum of $125,000…in bonds of the city of Macon, and a site to cost not over $25,000…was accepted.” On Oct. 28, President H.H. Tucker reports that a six-acre site, adjoining Tatnall Square, has been selected. On Nov. 2, Mayor Obear presents $125,000 in bonds and the title deed to the land; a written contract has been entered into between the Trustees and the city. The end of the year marks the closing of the school at Penfield and the University moved.

1871 Mercer relocates to Macon.

1873 A law school is organized and classes begin in February 1874. The first classes are held in the courthouse and in law offices.

1874 Construction of the Administration Building is completed at a cost of $100,000.

1880 The cornerstone of the new chapel building (current-day Willingham) is in place. The chapel is dedicated in 1881, debt-free.

1892 Mercer plays the University of Georgia in Athens in the first college football game in the state of Georgia and one of the first in the Southeast. The game, scheduled for Thanksgiving Day 1891, is postponed until January 1892. Georgia triumphed, 50-0.

In the fall, Mercer would record its first win in football, beating Georgia Tech, 12-6, in Macon, in the Yellow Jackets’ first game ever.

Mercer in the 20th Century

1903 Mercer opens the School of Pharmacy.

1918 The School of Pharmacy closes.

During World War I, the Mercer Board of Trustees authorized President Rufus W. Weaver to tender to the secretary of the Navy and the secretary of war the buildings and equipment of the University that they might be used effectively in service of the nation. The Student Army Training Corps is established at Mercer on Oct. 1, 1918, and continues until the following spring. Following the war, Mercer discontinues systematic military training. Altogether, Mercer’s war dead numbers 14.
1919 Mrs. W. E. Jackson is the first woman to receive a degree from Mercer. Mrs. Jackson, who later becomes Mrs. Joseph Seth Weekly, is awarded the LL.B. degree.

1922 WMAZ Radio, with call letters standing for ‘Watch Mercer Attain Zenith,’ goes on the air, located in the tower of the chapel building.

1927 Mercer turns the fledgling radio station over to the Macon Junior Chamber of Commerce.

1933 Mercer celebrates its centennial.

1939 Macon Baptist Pastors Union requests an investigation of the character of teaching in some of Mercer's classrooms. After a 10-hour hearing held in Roberts Chapel on March 30, the Board of Trustees accepts the action of the special committee disposing of the charges.

1940 Willingham Chapel Building is rededicated and a new organ is installed.

1942 Mercer sets apart the Law Building and Roberts Hall for use by the War Training Service during World War II.

1943 The Navy V-12 School is established on July 1 and continues until October 1945. Mercer is one of nine institutions in the Southeast selected to give aviation instruction in the Navy War Training Service. During this period, 731 trainees receive basic aviation instruction in the Mercer V-12 program.

1947 In ceremonies held in Willingham Chapel and Ryals Law Building, the Walter F. George School of Law is named for Georgia's U.S. Senator Walter F. George.

1949 Mercer dedicates the restored Mercer Chapel at Penfield with Dr. Louie D. Newton as speaker.

1957 Construction is completed on the George B. Connell Student Center.

1959 The Southern School of Pharmacy in Atlanta merges with Mercer University.

1963 Sam Jerry Oni of Ghana, Africa, becomes the first black to enter Mercer. On April 18, Mercer Trustees vote to admit qualified students without regard to race, and Mercer becomes one of the few private colleges in the South to do this before being required by the 1964 Civil Rights Act.

1965 Mercer dedicates the Eugene W. Stetson Memorial Library.

1967 Mercer dedicates Knight Hall of Humanities.

1968 The Hugh M. Willet Science Center is dedicated.

1972 Mercer dedicates the new School of Pharmacy building in Atlanta. Atlanta Baptist College merges with Mercer University and becomes known as Mercer University in Atlanta. Today it is known as the Cecil B. Day Graduate and Professional Campus.

1973 The Law School's centennial is celebrated and Mercer graduate and U.S. Congressman Carl Vinson's 90th birthday is observed.

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1974 Construction of the Ida B. Patterson Infirmary is completed.

1976 Mercer acquires the Insurance Company of North America Building on Coleman Hill in Macon as the home of the Walter F. George School of Law under a gift-purchase agreement for $1 million. The property is valued at more than $4 million.

1978 The former Tatnall Square Baptist Church on the Macon campus is rededicated as Newton Hall in honor of Dr. Louie D. Newton.

Mercer acquires the Overlook Mansion on Coleman Hill, now known as the Woodruff House. Later in the year, Mercer gives the mansion to the City of Macon, and after restoring the exterior, the City of Macon returns the mansion to Mercer in November 1981.


1980 Mercer dedicates the restored Administration Building.
Inauguration ceremonies for Mercer’s 17th president, Raleigh Kirby Godsey, are held at the Macon City Auditorium.

Mercer dedicates the A.T. Davis Administration Building, College of Arts and Sciences, in Atlanta.

Mercer dedicates the Sheffield Building, College of Arts and Sciences in Atlanta.

1981 Mercer dedicates the School of Medicine’s Education Building in Macon.

1982 Mercer University School of Medicine admits its charter class of students in the fall.

1983 Mercer establishes the School of Business and Economics in Atlanta. The dedication of the Woodruff House, formerly known as Overlook Mansion, takes place.

Mercer dedicates the W.G. Lee Alumni House in Macon.

Mercer dedicates the Monroe F. Swilley Jr. Library in Atlanta.

The Plunkett-Sewell family commissions a Holtkamp pipe organ, specially designed for Newton Chapel. The 52-rank Tracker instrument is one of the largest organs of its kind on the eastern seaboard, establishing Mercer as a center for organ performance and teaching.

1984 The Eugene W. Stetson School of Business and Economics is established in Macon.

The School of Engineering is established in Macon.

The Walter F. George School of Law becomes the home of the National Criminal Defense College.

The College of Arts and Sciences in Atlanta becomes the Cecil B. Day College of Arts and Sciences.

1985 The charter class of the School of Engineering begins its studies and construction on a new building for Engineering is begun.

1986 Tift College, a Georgia Baptist women’s institution in Forsyth, merges with Mercer University.

The new School of Engineering building opens for classes in the fall and is dedicated in October.

1987 University College, formerly the College of Continuing Education, is established, with educational centers located in Macon, Thomaston, Griffin, Eastman and Douglasville.

Nine kaolin industries in middle Georgia join together to establish the world’s first Kaolin Industry Endowed Chair at the School of Engineering.

Groundbreaking is held for a new 93,750-square-foot library building located on the main campus in Macon.

The Mercer Engineering Research Center (MERC) is established as an extension of the School of Engineering. MERC provides a broad range of customer-oriented services to commercial and government clients.

1988 The Walter F. George School of Law receives the largest gift in the University’s history at that time — $14 million from George W. Woodruff.

1989 The University’s Board of Trustees votes to discontinue undergraduate liberal arts education on the Atlanta campus. The mission of the Cecil B. Day Campus in Atlanta is changed to focus on graduate and professional education.

1991 In April, the University breaks ground on a new education and research center for the Southern School of Pharmacy on the Cecil B. Day Campus in Atlanta.

1992 In July, the Southern School of Pharmacy moves from downtown Atlanta to the 300-acre Cecil B. Day Campus in northeast Atlanta.

1994 The University’s Board of Trustees, faculty, administration and staff launch the Mercer 2000: Advancing the Vision Campaign, seeking $126 million for endowment and facilities.
The Board of Trustees approves plans to establish a School of Education and a School of Theology.

1995 In April, the University’s Board of Trustees approves plans to locate the School of Theology on the Cecil B. Day Campus in Atlanta. During its April meeting, it also votes to transfer University College’s programs to the Eugene W. Stetson School of Business and Economics, the School of Medicine and the School of Education.

On Oct. 1, Mercer enters into a 20-year lease with Bibb County for the management and administration of The Grand Opera House in downtown Macon.

1996 Construction is completed on the new 32,000-square-foot School of Theology building on the Cecil B. Day Campus in Atlanta. The School’s charter class of students is admitted in the fall.

Renovations totaling $7.6 million are completed in Boone, Dowell, Porter and Shorter residence halls on the Macon campus.

Through a gift/purchase agreement, Mercer acquires the former Georgia Natural Gas building, located on the corner of Poplar Street and Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard in downtown Macon.

1997 In April, the Board of Trustees approves naming the School of Theology for James and Carolyn McAfee. The inaugural convocation and dedication of the James and Carolyn McAfee School of Theology is held in October.

The former Findlay House, located next to the W. G. Lee Alumni House on Coleman Avenue in Macon, is restored and dedicated in May as the Tift College Alumnae House.

Construction is completed on a 26,557-square-foot academic facility for the Douglas County Center.

Construction is completed on a new 52,155-square-foot facility for the Mercer Engineering Research Center in Warner Robins.

The School of Medicine completes construction on a 10,000-square-foot expansion of its research wing.

The former Stetson Library is rededicated in September as Stetson Hall and converted into office and classroom space for the Stetson School of Business and Economics and the School of Education.

1998 On Dec. 4, the University breaks ground on a 28,300-square-foot building for the Department of Music of the College of Liberal Arts.

1999 The James and Carolyn McAfee School of Theology graduates its charter class in May.

Mercer breaks ground for a Greek Village in Macon and student apartment buildings in Macon and Atlanta.

Mercer completes renovations on two School of Medicine buildings in downtown Macon: a 27,000-square-foot building for the Departments of Internal Medicine and Psychiatry and Behavioral Science on the corner of First and Pine Streets, and a 5,500-square-foot facility for graduate medical education on First Street.

Mercer in the 21st Century

2000 During a ceremony on April 20, Mercer dedicates the Jack Tarver Memorial Library.

Mercer breaks ground for an 8,500-square-foot Baptist Collegiate Ministries building, later named the Religious Life Center.

In August, Mercer opens its new police station and seven new apartment buildings on the Macon campus and two new apartment buildings on the Cecil B. Day Campus in Atlanta.
In September, Mercer dedicates the new 18-building Greek Village.

Mercer and LaGrange College are co-recipients of a gift of property from Remer and Emily Crum valued at the time at $123 million. The 83-acre Century Center Park property is located near I-85, north of Atlanta.

Mercer and the Georgia Baptist Convention announce that the 98-year-old Georgia Baptist College of Nursing, located in downtown Atlanta, will merge with Mercer on Jan. 1, 2001.

2001 The School of Education is renamed the Tift College of Education of Mercer University at the April Board of Trustees meeting.

Mercer announces the creation of the Center for Baptist Studies.

2002 The McAfee School of Theology receives full membership into the Association of Theological Schools (ATS) as an accredited school of theology.

The new Georgia Baptist College of Nursing building on the Atlanta campus is dedicated during the College's centennial celebration.

2003 Mercer and Robins Air Force Base mark the 20th anniversary of a partnership agreement that sparked a School of Engineering on the Macon campus and an engineering research center in Warner Robins.

Mercer dedicates its state-of-the-art recital hall in the McCorkle Music Building, naming it the Neva Langley Fickling Hall.

Mercer opens the doors to its newest regional academic center in McDonough, providing opportunities for adult learners in Henry County and surrounding areas. The University's programs in Griffin and Covington are merged into the Henry County location.

The University's 10th academic unit, the College of Continuing and Professional Studies, is established from the former Division of Extended Education. The non-education programs in the Tift College of Education are moved to the new college.

Mercer purchases the Georgia Baptist Center, which was previously owned by the Georgia Baptist Convention and is adjacent to the Atlanta campus. It becomes the Atlanta Administration and Conference Center.

2004 The University plays its first basketball games in the new University Center Arena during Homecoming week, Jan. 27-Feb. 1. The remainder of the signature facility on the Macon campus opens March 15.

The official dedication of the University Center and the Griffin B. Bell Board Room is held in April, following the Board of Trustees meeting.

2005 Mercer partners with Piedmont Healthcare, one of the state's prominent hospital systems, to establish the Center for Health and Learning in Atlanta.

The Townsend-McAfee Institute is established to offer graduate programs in church music that prepare musical artists for the ministry. The institute is a collaboration between the Department of Music in the College of Liberal Arts in Macon and the McAfee School of Theology in Atlanta.

2006 After 27 years as president, R. Kirby Godsey steps down from his leadership role to become chancellor, leaving office as the longest-serving president in University history. William D. Underwood, former interim president of Baylor University, former high-profile attorney and noted legal scholar and teacher, becomes the University's 18th president on July 1.

The Department of Music in the College of Liberal Arts becomes the Townsend School of Music on July 1. Trustee Carolyn McAfee, widow of James T. McAfee Jr., former chairman of Mercer's Board of Trustees, and her son and daughter-in-law, Tom and Julie McAfee, provided the founding endowment.

The Townsend-McAfee Institute and Mercer University Press announce they will develop a new hymnal for Baptists and other Christian fellowships, slated for release in 2009.
early 2007, the name of the new hymnal is unveiled: Celebrating Grace: Hymnal for Baptist Worship.

The Robert McDuffie Center for Strings is established on the Macon campus, offering conservatory-quality music training in a comprehensive university setting. Under the leadership of internationally renowned violinist Robert McDuffie, the center is designed to provide highly talented string students the opportunity to learn with some of the nation's renowned string musicians.

Tift College of Education's Educational Leadership Program offers a Doctor of Philosophy in P-12 School Leadership on the Macon and Atlanta campuses.

The 103-year-old Southern School of Pharmacy changes its name to the College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences on July 1. The name change reflects additional health science programs, including a new physician assistant program.

The American Baptist Historical Society, with the largest and most diverse collection of Baptist historical materials and archives in the world, announces it will relocate to Mercer's Atlanta campus. The ABHS consolidated holdings from facilities in Valley Forge, Pa., and Rochester, N.Y.

Radio station WMUM-FM (Mercer University Macon), formerly WDCO-FM, opens on the Macon campus. A partnership between Mercer and Georgia Public Broadcasting, the station provides local content to central Georgia public radio listeners from its broadcast studio on the Macon campus.

2007 The Baptist History and Heritage Society, founded in 1938 as the Southern Baptist Historical Society, relocates from Brentwood, Tenn., to the Atlanta campus. An independent organization with historic ties to the Southern Baptist Convention.

The Tift College of Education adds a higher education leadership track to its Ph.D. in Educational Leadership.

Three teams of students and faculty inaugurate the Mercer On Mission program over the summer in Kenya, Brazil and Guatemala. The program combines academic credit with service-learning opportunities.

The School of Medicine, as it celebrates its 25th year, announces it will open a second, four-year doctor of medicine program in Savannah in fall 2008. The program will be based at Memorial University Medical Center, where Mercer has had a clinical relationship since 1996 to provide instruction for part of the school's third- and fourth-year medical students.

The Mercer Athletic Foundation is established to raise funds for intercollegiate athletics.

The University completes a new gateway entrance to the Macon campus on Mercer University Drive, near Interstate 75, and a new Hilton Garden Inn opens on that side of the campus.

The building housing the Douglas County Regional Academic Center is dedicated to longtime benefactors Fred and Aileen Borrish.

The new Science and Engineering Building is dedicated, and the University celebrates the School of Engineering's 22-year partnership with Warner Robins Air Logistics Center.

2008 The New Baptist Covenant is held at the Georgia World Congress Center in Atlanta, drawing on some of the most prominent figures in Baptist life. The New Baptist Covenant traces its roots to April 10, 2006, when Jimmy Carter and Mercer President William D. Underwood convened at The Carter Center in Atlanta a group of 18 Baptist leaders representing more than 20 million Baptists across North America. Celebrating its 175th year, Mercer marked the anniversary with special Founders' Day activities, including the traditional convocation on the Macon campus, as well as a Feb. 26 event on the Atlanta
Mercer Trustees endorse a new vision statement and an ambitious 10-year strategic plan for the University that calls for more than $1.2 billion in new investments in the institution’s endowment, faculty and staff, facilities and technology, and academic and co-curricular programs over the next decade. Titled “Charting Mercer’s Future: Aspirations for the Decade Ahead,” the strategic plan was developed over the prior 18 months under the leadership of the University Planning Council and with the input of trustees, faculty, staff, alumni, students, community leaders, parents of current students, and other stakeholders.

Economics icon Arthur B. Laffer Sr. and long-time educator Horace W. Fleming are named to the positions of Distinguished University Professors. Laffer was named as Distinguished University Professor of Economics and Fleming as Distinguished University Professor of Educational Leadership.

Redevelopment efforts in downtown Macon and the neighborhoods surrounding Mercer’s Macon campus received a major boost from the John S. and James L. Knight Foundation. Mercer was awarded a $250,000 planning grant from Knight Foundation to facilitate a voluntary alliance of redevelopment partners to coordinate plans and leverage new investments.

Thirty first-year medical students receive their white coats and begin their education as members of the inaugural class in Mercer’s new four-year medical program in Savannah.

The School of Medicine is awarded the largest one-time grant in the history of the school. The National Institutes of Health provided the Department of Family Medicine at the School of Medicine with $3.1 million to conduct a five-year study of the Church-Based Diabetes Prevention and Translation program.

Promising a “sober speech,” former U.S. President Jimmy Carter called on the next administration of the United States to restore human rights as a national priority. Carter made his remarks during the second annual President’s Lecture Series on the Macon campus.

Moving its Homecoming to the fall under the theme, “Reconnect, Reunite, Rediscover,” scores of Mercerians and their families came back to campus Nov. 21-23. In recent years, the University’s Homecoming was held in the winter at the end of the basketball season.

Mercer Trustees approved new Ph.D. programs in nursing and curriculum and instruction. The new doctoral programs – Mercer’s third and fourth – fulfill objectives in the University’s recently-adopted 10-year strategic plan to expand Ph.D. offerings. Mercer earns national recognition from the Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching for its commitment to community engagement. Mercer is the only college in Georgia, and one of just 119 in the United States, to be selected by the foundation for its 2008 Community Engagement Classification.

2009 Griffin Boyette Bell, one of Mercer’s most distinguished graduates and the 72nd Attorney General of the United States, succumbs to cancer at the age of 90 on Jan. 5 in Atlanta.

Mercer earns the highest federal recognition for community engagement according to the Corporation for National and Community Service. For the University’s exemplary service efforts and service to the community, the corporation named Mercer to the President’s Higher Education Community Service Honor Roll for 2008.

The Clinton Global Initiative University recognizes Mercer’s efforts to help amputees in Vietnam and other developing nations as “as an exemplary approach to addressing a specific global challenge” during the organization’s annual conference in Austin, Texas.
The University's Mercer On Mission project was one of only four "commitments" by universities around the country to be recognized by President Bill Clinton during the conference's opening plenary session.

The Atlantic Sun Conference announces that Mercer will host the 2010 and 2011 General Shale Brick Men's and Women's Basketball Championships at the University Center. Mercer, one of the conference's charter members, will host the tournament for the first time in the university's history.

An announcement is made that a $10 million mixed-use development on the Macon campus will feature loft-style apartments and retail space for the Mercer Bookstore and other businesses that cater to the Mercer community and residents in the College Hill Corridor. Called "The Lofts at Mercer Village," the development will be located on Montpelier Avenue across from Ingleside Village Pizza and Jittery Joe's Coffee. It has been designed to create a vibrant streetscape, enhancing the recent retail development in Mercer Village, which in addition to Ingleside Village Pizza and Jittery Joe's Coffee, is home to Francar's Buffalo Wings, Georgia Public Broadcasting studios and College Hill Alliance offices.

2010 A Mercer On Mission project that provides low-cost prosthetics to amputees in developing countries received two substantial grants to help with those efforts. The National Collegiate Inventors and Innovators Alliance awarded Dr. Ha Van Vo, assistant professor of biomedical engineering, with a Sustainable Vision Grant of $37,275 to help him perfect his design and set up a prosthetic lab and clinic in Vietnam. The Cooperative Baptist Fellowship awarded the University a $50,000 grant to replicate the Vietnam program in Haiti, where the 2010 earthquake left thousands of Haitians without limbs.

Mercer celebrated its new Newnan Regional Academic Center on Sept. 21 with an opening ceremony and ribbon cutting. The center began classes in August with three degree programs, including the Bachelor of Science in Education in early care and education and early childhood/special education from the Tift College of Education and the Bachelor of Science in Social Science in Public Safety from the College of Continuing and Professional Studies.

The sights and sounds of intercollegiate football will return to the Mercer University campus after a 70-year absence. The University's Board of Trustees on Nov. 19 unanimously approved a plan to resume competition in football in the fall of 2013. Mercer currently fields 15 men's and women's sports and is the only private university in Georgia to compete in NCAA Division I athletics.

The Board also elected two new Life Trustees, Thomas B. Black of Columbus and James Coward of Norcross. Black is a retired administrator with the Bradley-Turner Foundation, a top-10 private foundation in Georgia that has helped to fund several projects at Mercer, including the University Center and the Science and Engineering Building. Cowart is president and owner of Jim Cowart Inc., a Dunwoody-based land development firm.

2011 Mercer Distinguished Alumnus and former Trustee Nathan Deal was inaugurated in January as Georgia's 82nd governor. He became the 11th Mercer alumnus to hold that office. Seven Mercerians have led the State of Georgia, and four others have served as governors of the states of Alabama, Texas, New Hampshire and the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico.

Mercer's first outdoor commencement was held May 14 on the Cecil B. Day Campus in Atlanta. More than 6,000 guests witnessed the largest 2012 ceremony, held on the upper fields of the campus.

A grand opening was held in August for the Lofts at Mercer Village, a multi-million dollar development located on Montpelier Avenue in the College Hill Corridor. The highly antic-
ipated opening of the Lofts, which also houses Barnes and Noble/Mercer University Bookstore and apartments for 117 students, culminates the collaboration between the University and Sierra Development. The ceremony also served as the official opening for three of the Lofts retailers – Designer Tan, Fountain of Juice and Margaritas at Mercer Village.

For the fifth straight year, Mercer enrolled a record number of students for fall 2011. The University-wide student population increased 1.2 percent with 8,336 students enrolled, topping 8,300 for the first time.

On Nov. 11, the University broke ground and unveiled plans for its new football and lacrosse complex during a Homecoming weekend ceremony. In recognition of the lead gifts for the complex, President Underwood announced four major components of the project:

- The Homer and Ruth Drake Field House
- The William H. Anderson II Family Field
- The Marshall and Jane Butler Family Plaza
- The Tony and Nancy Moye Family Football and Lacrosse Complex.

In December, the Center for Collaborative Journalism – a new model for journalism education designed to increase and strengthen local reporting by bringing journalists to work together with university students in a unique, joint newsroom in the College Hill Corridor – was announced. Professionals from Mercer students will work along journalists at The (Macon) Telegraph and Georgia Public Broadcasting to learn and employ digital-age storytelling skills to meet Central Georgia's information needs. The collaborative effort was made possible by $4.6 million in grants from Knight Foundation.

2012 Mercer joined 24 institutions across the country as a participant in the prestigious Stamps Scholars Program, funded by the Stamps Charitable Foundation Inc. Initially, five entering freshmen will be designated as Stamps Scholars and receive the full cost of attendance, plus a $16,000 stipend over four years for enrichment activities, such as study abroad or undergraduate research. When the program is fully implemented, 10 members of each Mercer freshman class will be designated as Stamps Scholars.

Longtime Cooperative Baptist Fellowship Executive Coordinator Dr. Daniel Vestal was named to lead the University's new Eula Mae and John Baugh Center for Baptist Leadership, which is being endowed with a $2.5 million grant from the Eula Mae and John Baugh Foundation. The Baugh Center will foster research and learning in Baptist history, theology, ethics and missiology, partnering with the James and Carolyn McAfee School of Theology, the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship, the American Baptist Historical Society, as well as Mercer's Center for Theology and Public Life and other organizations and programs.

The University announced in February plans to partner with The Medical Center and St. Francis Hospital to establish a Columbus campus for its School of Medicine. Columbus joins Macon – where the School was established in 1982 to prepare physicians for rural and medically underserved areas of Georgia – and Savannah in hosting campuses for the medical school. The Mercer School of Medicine will place up to 80 third- and fourth-year medical students at the Columbus Campus, beginning in the summer of 2012.

A landmark season for the men’s basketball team resulted in the Collegeinsider.com Championship in a hard-fought 70-67 win at Utah State. Mercer's victory secured the team’s spot in history as the Atlantic Sun Conference’s first team to capture a post-season crown. The 2011-2012 team rewrote several school records including wins (27), points scored and blocks. Mercer's first basketball team to win a post-season non-conference win earned home victories over Tennessee State and Georgia State before hitting the road to
finish the historic run with wins at Old Dominion and Fairfield before the electrifying championship battle at Utah State.

In April, the University lost a prominent alumna with the passing of Dr. Leila H. Denmark at the age of 114. She was the world’s oldest practicing pediatrician until her retirement in 2001 at the age of 103. At her death, she was the world’s fourth-oldest verified living person in the world.

A $1 million gift from Macon cardiologist Dr. Chuck Hawkins and his wife, Kathy, to benefit the Mercer basketball program was recognized later that month with the arena housed within the University Center renamed “Hawkins Arena.”

The Board of Trustees authorized establishment of the Mercer University Health Sciences Center, a multi-campus academic health center encompassing the School of Medicine, College of Pharmacy and Georgia Baptist College of Nursing, as well as the creation in July 2013 of a new College of Health Professions. The Health Sciences Center will enroll more than 1,700 students, employ more than 400 full-time faculty and staff, and graduate more than 500 physicians, nurses and nurse educators, physician assistants, pharmacists, physical therapists, family therapists, public health professionals and biomedical scientists each year. Dr. Hewitt W. (Ted) Matthews, longtime dean of the College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences, was named senior vice president for health sciences and will oversee the new Center.

The first School of Medicine commencement on the Savannah Campus was held May 5 with 38 graduates earning their M.D. degrees.

In July, the first five Stamps Leadership Scholars, funded by the Stamps Family Charitable Foundation, were announced. Mercer is one of only 25 universities in the country to participate in the program.

A $1 million grant from Macon’s Peyton Anderson Foundation was announced to fund an innovative newsroom in Mercer’s Center for Collaborative Journalism, a partnership involving the University’s Journalism and Media Studies Department, The Telegraph and Georgia Public Broadcasting. The Telegraph’s editorial staff moved into the newly-named Peyton Anderson Newsroom.

In September, Mercer dedicated the Center for Collaborative Journalism, located on the first floor of the recently completed Phase II of the Lofts at Mercer Village, in conjunction with the fall meeting of the University’s National Journalism Advisory Board. Supported by $5.6 million in grants from the John S. and James L. Knight Foundation and Peyton Anderson Foundation, the Collaborative seeks to bring a new model to journalism education.

In November, the University dedicated the Emily Parker Myers Admissions and Welcome Center at the corner of Winship Street and Montpelier Drive. The building is named in honor of Myers, who was one of the longest serving administrators in University history, serving as senior vice president for university advancement and external affairs when she retired in 2008.

The Board of Trustees, at its November meeting, gave the green light for construction to begin on Cruz Plaza, to transform the appearance of the central part of the Macon Campus from the University Center to the Historic Quad and from the Greek Village past Tarver Library. Milton L. Cruz, his wife Aileen, father Juan L. Cruz Rosario and sister Zoraida Cruz Torres provided the lead gift for the project. An official groundbreaking was held Dec. 11, 2012.

2013 One of Mercer’s most accomplished graduates, the man known by many as “Sambo,” died at the age of 90. Dr. Ferrol A. Sams, Jr. penned eight books, including a trilogy of works featuring Porter Osborne Jr., a character largely based on Dr. Sams’ own boy-
hood in Fayette County. Generations of Mercerians have been inspired by the accounts of his exploits while at Mercer in The Whisper of the River.

Mercer earned the highest recognition for community engagement when it was named to the President's Higher Education Community Service Honor Roll with Distinction. Mercer was one of only 113 higher education institutions – and one of only two in Georgia – named to the President's Honor Roll with Distinction.

A "groundbreaking" ceremony was held at the historic Beall House, on College Street in Macon, now the home of the Robert McDuffie Center for Strings thanks to a $1.5 million grant from the Woodruff Foundation. For many years, the house has had significant historic value as the location where the Allman Brothers once shot a famous album cover. The McDuffie Center's growth and development created the need for a separate facility to house the program.

Mercer University Presidents

In the course of its history, Mercer University has had 24 persons serving in the President's Office. Their names and the dates of their administrations are as follows:

Billington McCarty Sanders ........................................ 1833-1840
Otis Smith ................................................................. 1840-1844
John Leadly Dagg ....................................................... 1844-1854
Nathaniel Macon Crawford ........................................... 1854-1856
Skelton Palmer Sanford, Acting President ......................... 1856-1858
Nathaniel Macon Crawford ........................................... 1858-1866
Henry Holcomb Tucker ................................................ 1866-1871
Archibald John Battle ................................................ 1872-1889
Gustavus Alonzo Nunnally ............................................ 1889-1893
John Edgerton Willet, Acting President ............................ 1893-1893
James Burton Gambrell ................................................ 1893-1896
Pinckney Daniel Pollock .............................................. 1896-1903
William Heard Kilpatrick, Acting President ....................... 1903-1905
Charles Lee Smith ....................................................... 1905-1906
Samuel Young Jameson ............................................... 1906-1913
James Freeman Sellers, Acting President .......................... 1913-1914
William Lowndes Pickard .............................................. 1914-1918
Rufus Washington Weaver ............................................ 1918-1927
Andrew Phillip Montague, Acting President ....................... 1927-1928
Sprignt Dowell ......................................................... 1928-1953
George Boyce Connell ................................................. 1953-1959
Sprignt Dowell, Interim President .................................. 1959-1960
Rufus Carrollton Harris ............................................... 1960-1979
Raleigh Kirby Godsey .................................................. 1979-2006
William D. Underwood ................................................. 2006-present

Mercer University Profile

As one of America's oldest and most distinctive institutions of higher learning, Mercer University's mission is to teach, to learn, to create, to discover, to inspire, to empower and to serve. In fulfilling this mission, the University supports undergraduate, graduate, and professional learning, as well as basic research and its application in service to others. Founded by Baptists in 1833, Mercer is an independent university that remains ground-
ed in a tradition that embraces freedom of the mind and spirit, cherishes the equal worth of every individual, and commits to serving the needs of humankind.

With more than 8,300 students enrolled in 12 schools and colleges on campuses in Macon, Atlanta and Savannah, Mercer has a strong presence in Georgia. However, its more than 68,000 alumni are making important contributions to their professions and communities around the world.

Mercer is consistently ranked among the nation’s leading institutions by such publications as U.S. News & World Report, which named the University the No. 1 value in the South in 2012 and No. 6 on its list of “up-and-coming” schools.

**Academic Divisions**

*College of Liberal Arts (Macon):* The oldest of the University's academic units, the College remains the cornerstone of Mercer’s educational programs. The College offers an array of baccalaureate programs in the humanities, fine arts, sciences and social sciences.

*Walter F. George School of Law (Macon):* Founded in 1873, Mercer's Law School is one of the oldest law schools in the United States and the first in the state of Georgia accredited by the American Bar Association. Its innovative Woodruff Curriculum – which focuses on ethics and practical skills – earned the Gambrell Professionalism Award from the A.B.A. for its “depth of excellence.”

*Eugene W. Stetson School of Business and Economics (Macon, Atlanta, Douglas County, Savannah):* The School offers undergraduate and graduate (B.B.A., M.B.A.) degrees in Macon and Atlanta, the M.B.A. in Savannah and the B.B.A. degree in Douglas County. The School holds the highest level of accreditation for business education by AACSB International – the Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business.

*School of Engineering (Macon):* Mercer's innovative and academically challenging engineering-related programs provide students with a comprehensive education, featuring a solid foundation in mathematics and sciences, a core engineering curriculum, a range of courses in engineering specialties and a strong emphasis on communication technologies. The School of Engineering marked its 25th anniversary in 2010 and continues to be ranked by U.S. News & World Report as one of the top three master's degree-level engineering schools in the Southeast.

*Tift College of Education (Macon, Atlanta, Savannah, Regional Academic Centers):* The College prepares more professional educators than any other private college or university in Georgia. It offers baccalaureate and graduate degrees. Guided by the conceptual framework of the “Transforming Educator,” Tift College is dedicated to preparing effective teachers and educational leaders who aspire to grow professionally throughout their careers, while also seeking to transform the lives of students.

*James and Carolyn McAfee School of Theology (Atlanta):* Established in 1996, the School brings Jesse Mercer's founding vision of providing students with a classical and theological education full circle as it prepares students for the ministry.

*College of Continuing and Professional Studies (Macon, Atlanta, Regional Academic Centers):* The College offers undergraduate and graduate programs to working adults seeking professional advancement or transition and leadership roles in and beyond their communities. The College provides students with distinctive, multidisciplinary programs
that integrate theory and practice, liberal learning and professional education, and knowledge and experience.

Townsend School of Music (Macon): The School is nationally recognized for its artist faculty, award-winning students, wide range of performance ensembles and state-of-the-art facilities. Specialized music programs include the Townsend-McAfee Institute for Graduate Church Music Studies and the Robert McDuffie Center for Strings.

Division of Library Services (Macon, Atlanta, Savannah, Regional Academic Centers): The mission of Mercer's libraries is to serve as learning-centered gateways of information resources through robust collections and innovative, technology-rich patron services to support the educational endeavors of the University community.

Mercer University Press (Macon): Since its establishment in 1979, Mercer Press has published more than 1,200 titles, generally in the areas of Southern history, philosophy, religion and regional studies. The Press holds membership in the Association of American University Presses.

Mercer Engineering Research Center (MERC) (Warner Robins): Founded in 1987, MERC provides engineering research services to private industries and government agencies, including the Department of Defense. Since its inception, MERC has exceed-ed $300 million in contract revenue.

Mercer Health Sciences Center

School of Medicine (Macon, Atlanta, Savannah, Columbus): The School was established in 1982 to educate physicians and health professionals to meet the primary care and health care needs of rural and medically underserved areas of Georgia. The School of Medicine currently operates two four-year campuses. Following their second year, students participate in core clinical clerkships at the School's primary teaching hospitals: Medical Center of Central Georgia in Macon, Memorial University Medical Center in Savannah, and The Medical Center and St. Francis Hospital in Columbus.

College of Pharmacy (Atlanta): For more than a century, the College has maintained a tradition of excellence and a national reputation for producing leaders in the health care profession and has made notable contributions to the fields of pharmacy and health sciences. Mercer is ranked as the No. 4 private pharmacy school in the United States and among the top private and public pharmacy schools.

Georgia Baptist College of Nursing (Macon, Atlanta): Nationally recognized Georgia Baptist College of Nursing, the oldest nursing program in Georgia, is grounded in its heritage of educating students to provide superior nursing care. All undergraduate nursing students are members of the National Student Nurses Association, thus providing them with superior leadership and professional development opportunities.

College of Health Professions (Macon, Atlanta): The College of Health Professions became operational in 2013. The new College is comprised of three departments: Physical Therapy, Physician Assistant Studies, and Public Health. The College offers the doctoral-level physical therapy program, the master's-level physician assistant program, and the master's-level public health program. The Department of Physical Therapy offers an Orthopaedic Manual Physical Therapy residency program and a Neurologic Physical Therapy residency program. The Department of Physician Assistant Studies offers an Advanced Cardiology residency program.
Athletics

Mercer is the only private university in Georgia to compete in Division I of the National Collegiate Athletic Association. A founding member of the Atlantic Sun Conference, Mercer fields teams in baseball, basketball, cross country, golf, lacrosse, soccer and tennis for men, and basketball, tennis, softball, soccer, volleyball, sand volleyball, cross-country and golf for women. For the 2011-2012 academic year, the cumulative grade point average for student athletes was 3.264. In fall 2013, Mercer will resume competition in football as a member of the non-scholarship NCAA Division I Pioneer Football League. Women's track and field will become a varsity sport beginning in the 2013-2014 school year and women's lacrosse will begin in spring 2015.

Accreditation

In 1837, by Act of the General Assembly of the State of Georgia, the Executive committee of the Georgia Baptist Convention was given the power “to establish and endow a collegiate institution, to be known by the name of Mercer University.”

Mercer University is accredited by the Commission on Colleges of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools to award the baccalaureate, master’s, and doctoral degrees. Contact the Commission on Colleges at 1866 Southern Lane, Decatur, Georgia 30033-4097 or at www.sacscoc.org or call (404) 679-4500 for questions about the accreditation of Mercer.

The National Collegiate Athletic Association has certified Mercer University. The website is www.ncaa.org.

The Stetson School of Business and Economics is accredited by AACSB International -- the Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business, 777 South Harbour Island Boulevard, Suite 750, Tampa, FL 33602; (813) 769-6500; www.aacsb.edu.

In the College of Continuing and Professional Studies, the Master of Science degree in Clinical Mental Health Counseling is accredited by the Council for Accreditation of Counseling and Related Educational Programs, 1001 North Fairfax Street, Suite 510, Alexandria, VA 22314; (703) 535-5990; www.cacrep.org. The Master of Science degree in School Counseling is approved by the Georgia Professional Standards Commission, 200 Piedmont Avenue, Suite 1702, Atlanta, GA 30334-9032; www.gapsc.com.

Two accrediting bodies accredit programs in the College of Liberal Arts. The American Chemical Society accredits the baccalaureate chemistry program, 1155 Sixteenth Street NW, Washington, DC 20036; (800) 227-5558; www.acs.org. The Bachelor of Science degree in Computer Science is accredited by the Computing Accreditation Commission of ABET, www.abet.org.

Mercer University’s professional education programs are accredited by the National Council for Accreditation of Teacher Education (NCATE; www.ncate.org) and approved by Georgia’s Professional Standards Commission. This accreditation includes all initial teacher preparation programs and all advanced educator preparation programs offered on all Mercer campuses and centers. Contact NCATE at 2010 Massachusetts Avenue NW, Suite 500, Washington, DC 20036 or call (202) 466-7496.

In the School of Engineering, the Bachelor of Science in Engineering degree program is accredited by the Engineering Accreditation Commission of ABET, www.abet.org.

The College of Health Professions houses three accredited programs. The Physician Assistant program is accredited by the Accreditation Review Commission on Education for Physician Assistant (ARC-PA), 12000 Findley Road, Suite 150, Johns Creek, GA 30097; (770) 476-1224; www.arc-pa.org. The Master of Public Health program is accredited by the
The Doctor of Physical Therapy program is accredited by the Commission on Accreditation in Physical Therapy Education of the American Physical Therapy Association, 1111 North Fairfax Street, Alexandria, VA 22314; (703) 684-2782; www.capteonline.org.

The Juris Doctor and Master of Laws programs in the Walter F. George School of Law are accredited by the American Bar Association, 312 North Clark Street, Chicago, IL 60654; (312) 988-5000; www.americanbar.org.

The School of Medicine houses two accredited programs. The Doctor of Medicine is accredited by the Liaison Committee on Medical Education (LCME). LCME (www.lcme.org) is jointly sponsored by the Association of American Medical Colleges (2450 N. Street, NW, Washington, DC 20037; (202) 828-0596) and the Council on Medical Education of the American Medical Association (515 North State Street, Chicago, IL 60654; (312) 464-4933. The Marriage and Family Therapy program is accredited by the Commission on Accreditation of Marriage and Family Therapy Education, American Association for Marriage and Family Therapy, 112 South Alfred Street, Alexandria, VA 22314; (703) 838-9808; www.aamft.org.

The baccalaureate and master's music programs of the Townsend School of Music are accredited by the National Association of Schools of Music, 11250 Roger Bacon Drive, Suite 21, Reston, VA 20190; (703) 437-0700; www.nasm.arts-accredit.org.

The Bachelor of Science in Nursing, the Master of Science in Nursing, and the Doctor of Nursing Practice programs in the Georgia Baptist College of Nursing are accredited by the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education, One Dupont Circle, NW, Suite 530, Washington, DC 20036; (202) 887-6791; www.aacn.nche.edu/ccne-accreditation.

The Doctor of Pharmacy program in the College of Pharmacy is accredited by the Accreditation Council for Pharmacy Education, 135 S. LaSalle Street, Suite 4100, Chicago, IL 60603; (312) 664-3575; www.acpe-accredit.org.

The Master of Arts in Christianity, the Master of Divinity, and the Doctor of Ministry programs in the James and Carolyn McAfee School of Theology are accredited by the Association of Theological Schools, 10 Summit Park Drive, Pittsburgh, PA 15275; (412) 788-6505; www.ats.edu.

Grants and Contracts Office

The Grants and Contracts Office (GCO) at Mercer University is the centralized administrative office that oversees the entire award process from the proposal submission to the award close out. This includes proposals and awards in support of any sponsored program to include Research, Instruction, Training, and Community Service Projects. GCO has an enhanced database that houses the University's grant and contract information.

GCO assists faculty in all aspects of the pre-award process. It assists faculty in finding funding opportunities and provides general support to faculty for the preparation and submission of proposals including assistance with budget preparation and review. GCO is responsible for coordinating the routing of proposals for administrative review and approval prior to submission of applications to sponsoring agencies.

GCO manages all aspects of post-award administration. It is responsible for establishing accounts, managing budgets, authorizing expenditures, ensuring compliance with University policy and agency guidelines, collecting time and effort certifications, invoicing and reporting. Additional information can be found at: http://www2.mercer.edu/Grants/default.htm
International Programs

The Office of International Programs (OIP) is the central administrative unit of international education at the University. The OIP is responsible for the study abroad program, student and faculty exchange programs, international student and scholar services (F-1 and J-1 visa advising) and the English Language Institute (ELI). The OIP manages the University's relationships with foreign universities and academic programs. The OIP's mission is to support students and faculty in each of these areas of international education. In addition, the OIP works closely with the Office of Admissions on the recruitment and matriculation of international students to degree programs.

International Student and Scholar Services

The International Student and Scholars’ Program mission is to advise Mercer students with F-1 visas and exchange students/scholars on J-1 visas. The coordinator of international student and scholar services is the person responsible for advising Mercer's international community on these federal immigration regulations. All degree-seeking students on F-1 visas on the Atlanta campus and the Regional Academic Centers will need to visit the coordinator of international student and scholar services on the Atlanta campus.

For more international student and scholar information, please consult the department’s web site at www.mercer.edu/international. Telephone inquiries can be made (678) 547-6151.

English Language Institute (ELI)

Offered on the Atlanta campus, the Mercer University English Language Institute (ELI) is designed to assist international students with developing English language skills at levels sufficient to succeed in an American academic setting. Grammar, reading, writing, and speaking skills are taught, using an integrated approach. These skills are reinforced in the computer language laboratory. Students who successfully complete the ELI program (level six) will fulfill the English language requirement for acceptance into most undergraduate and some graduate programs.

The curriculum is divided into six levels of skill development. There are six eight-week academic sessions that begin in August, October, January, March, May, and July.

International students interested in a degree program in Macon may take ELI courses in Atlanta prior to matriculation in a Mercer college or school. Upon successful completion of the Atlanta ELI, international students may enroll in the Bridge Program in the College of Continuing and Professional Studies or another degree or degree-completion program at the University. Please refer to the International Admissions criteria in the catalog for more information.

For more information about enrolling at the English Language Institute, visit the department's website at www.mercer.edu/eli, send an e-mail inquiry to eli@mercer.edu, or telephone (678) 547-6151.

Student and Faculty Exchange Programs

The OIP manages all student and exchange programs at the University. Student exchange programs are usually for one semester and are done in partnership with another foreign university. Mercer students can participate in exchange programs for undergraduate academic credit at the following universities: Al Akhawayn University (Morocco), Hong Kong Baptist University (China), Kalmar University (Sweden), Lulea University (Sweden), Aizu University (Japan), Seinan Gakuin University (Japan), Bamberg
University (Germany), Karlsruhe University (Germany), the University of the West of Scotland (formerly known as Paisley University) (Scotland), Yonok University (Thailand) and Yonsei University (South Korea). Students interested in participating on any of these exchange programs should contact the Office of International Programs at (478) 301-2573 or at oip@mercer.edu.

Mercer faculty can participate in an existing professorial exchange program, such as at Seinan Jo Gakuin University (Japan), or propose a new academic linkage with a foreign university. There are other student and faculty exchange relationships for the Medical School in Japan, South Korea, and Thailand. The medical exchange programs are exclusively reserved for people in that professional school. In addition, instructors at the English Language Institute (ELI) can participate in an academic exchange with Point Language School (Brazil). Faculty members interested in arranging an exchange program should contact the director of international education at (478) 301-2573.

Study Abroad Programs

All study abroad programs conducted on the Atlanta campus and at the University's Regional Academic Centers are administered through the International Programs' study Abroad Office, which is located on the Macon campus. The Office of Study Abroad facilitates foreign educational experiences in order to support students' liberal education and enhance the individual's pursuit of vocation. Students who study abroad at Mercer University demonstrate stronger skills in critical thinking, problem-solving, and cross-cultural communication, all of which aid students' understanding of globalization and prepare them for life in the complex and interdependent world of the twenty-first century.

In addition to the semester- and year-long study abroad programs offered throughout the world, Mercer also offers a variety of short-term faculty-led programs during summer sessions. Faculty-led study abroad programs allow students to learn more about another culture and earn academic credit while being mentored by a Mercer faculty member in a foreign cultural setting. Mercer on Mission is also a faculty-led program comprised of an international service-learning component. Faculty-led study abroad programs are usually 2-5 weeks in duration and range in the number of credit hours given (usually 3-6). In the past Mercer professors have taught students in Australia, Belize, Brazil, Costa Rica, Denmark, England, France, Greece, Italy, Japan, Mexico, Scotland, Senegal, Sweden, and Tanzania. Mercer on Mission programs have been led in Brazil, Costa Rica, China, Guatemala, Kenya, Liberia, Senegal, South Africa, Thailand, and Vietnam. For more information on the types of programs being offered this year, cost, and financial aid, please contact the Office of International Programs at (478)301-2573, visit the website at www.mercer.edu/international, or send an e-mail inquiry to oip@mercer.edu.
Mission of the Regional Academic Centers

A strong commitment to offering undergraduate degree programs in select communities throughout Georgia is an integral part of Mercer University’s mission. The University recognizes that continual learning is essential to Georgia residents, who will increasingly rely on their stock of knowledge to lead productive and meaningful lives. The University also believes that education will determine the welfare of society in the present and in the future. Through its Regional Academic Centers, Mercer is committed to eliminating the barriers that prevent working adults from achieving their educational goals. Currently, the College of Continuing and Professional Studies, the Eugene W. Stetson School of Business and Economics, and the Tift College of Education offer undergraduate programs that prepare adults for leadership roles as teachers, managers of profit and not-for-profit organizations, communication and public relations experts, and human service, criminal justice, and religious professionals. These academic programs, leading to bachelor’s degrees, are offered in community settings that make a high quality educational experience convenient and accessible to adults.

Mercer’s Commitment to Adult Students

For more than a decade, Mercer University’s evening and weekend programs have set the standard in providing degree programs that are both responsive and sensitive to the needs of adult students. The College of Continuing and Professional Studies, the Eugene W. Stetson School of Business and Economics, and the Tift College of Education have combined their evening and weekend programs into a strong partnership that works for adult students by providing:

- an excellent academic reputation
- a variety of programs
- an outstanding faculty
- academic advising
- convenient locations
- classes that meet one evening per week, on weekends, or at alternatively scheduled times
- full-time study in two evenings per week or on weekends throughout the semester
- some online and hybrid course and program options
- simplified admission and registration
- student support classes
- affordable tuition and financial aid
- a variety of payment options
Admission Information

Admission Inquiries:
Mercer University's Regional Academic Centers offer academic programs through the Tift College of Education, the College of Continuing and Professional Studies, and the Stetson School of Business and Economics. The Admissions Office for the Regional Academic Centers is located in Atlanta, Georgia. To receive admission materials, prospective students may contact the Admissions Office at the offices’ phone numbers listed below, or by calling any of the regional academic centers.

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Admissions personnel are available at each Regional Academic Center for assistance with the admission process. Applications and supporting documents must be received by the Regional Academic Center Admissions Office before a student is eligible to enroll. Documents may be given to a center's coordinator, or mailed directly to the following address:

Mercer University
Atlanta Administration and Conference Center
Suite 335
3001 University Drive
Atlanta, Georgia 30341

Admission Priority Deadlines
Applications for admission and all supporting documents, such as official transcripts and test scores, must be submitted to the Regional Academic Center Admissions Office two weeks prior to the start of session.

Undergraduate Admission Policies and Procedures
Mercer University's Regional Academic Centers offer academic programs through the Tift College of Education, the College of Continuing and Professional Studies, and the Stetson School of Business and Economics. It is the mission of the Regional Academic Center Admissions Office to determine an applicant's admissibility for baccalaureate or non-degree study at Mercer University's Regional Academic Centers.

Applicants are strongly encouraged to familiarize themselves with the academic criteria and admission policies of the individual schools of their programs of study. Additional admission criteria may apply, depending on the program of study chosen. Refer to the appropriate school's section of this catalog for details.

Admission Eligibility for the Regional Academic Centers
To be considered for the programs offered by the Stetson School of Business and Economics, the Tift College of Education, and the College of Continuing and Professional Studies through the Mercer University Regional Academic Centers, applicants who have
graduated from high school within three years preceding their application will be asked to provide a statement regarding their intentions to enroll in a nontraditional setting.

I. Degree-Seeking Students

Entering Freshmen

Included in this category are applicants who have never previously attended a technical school, college, or university. Applicants must have received a high school diploma from a regionally accredited high school or passed the Test of General Educational Development (GED). Applicants who have passed the GED examination with a minimum score of 250 (exams taken prior to Jan. 1, 2002) or 2500 (exams taken after Jan. 1, 2002) may be considered for admission. The following materials are required from applicants for admission:

1. A completed Undergraduate Application for Admission.
2. A non-refundable application fee of $25.
3. An official high school or GED transcript.

Please note that only official transcripts and test scores are acceptable. Official documents must be received by the Admissions Office in a sealed envelope directly from a high school or testing agency. Test scores received on an official high school transcript are acceptable. An academic transcript from high school is required of each freshman applicant, regardless of the year of high school graduation. Generally, high school transcripts may be requested by contacting the board of education in the county where the high school is/was located. Official GED transcripts can be obtained by contacting the department of adult education in the state in which the exam was taken.

All entering first-time undergraduate freshmen must complete proficiency assessments conducted by the Office of Admissions. Accepted GED recipients with little or no previous college credit will be required to take FDLS 110 (The Culture of the University), FDLS 115 (Mathematics, Problem-posing, and Culture), and FDLS 130 (Language and Communication). If, as a result of the proficiency assessment scores, first-time freshmen are judged by their mentor to be ready for a higher level writing or mathematics course, these courses may substitute for FDLS 115 or FDLS 130. All first-time freshmen must enroll in FDLS 110. First semester freshmen are limited to nine (9) hours for the first semester of enrollment.

All first-time freshmen will be assigned a faculty mentor, selected for his/her ability to work effectively with students new to the college experience. Financial counseling of entering first-time freshmen by the Financial Planning Office will continue as it relates to early draw down of loan support. Please note that first-time freshmen in the Regional Academic Centers may only enter the University during the fall and spring semesters.

Transfer Students

Included in this category are applicants who attempted or received credit for college-level work at any college, university, or technical school. Applicants cannot have been dismissed, excluded, or suspended from any regionally accredited institution within the past twelve months. Transfer applicants must be in good academic standing at the college/university previously attended. The following materials are required from transfer applicants for admission:
1. A completed Regional Academic Center Undergraduate Application for Admission.

2. A non-refundable application fee of $25.

3. Official transcripts of all college-level work attempted at a regionally accredited college, university, or technical school.

4. An official high school or GED transcript (only required for transfer applicants with less than 30 semester hours of college credit).

ALL college, university, and technical school transcripts must be submitted, regardless of how long ago the student’s attendance was, whether or not the courses were actually completed, or what the academic standing of the student is/was. Please note that only official transcripts and test scores are acceptable. Official documents must be received by the Regional Academic Center Admissions Office in a sealed envelope directly from the college/university, high school, or testing agency.

Course work with a grade of C- or better, earned at regionally accredited institutions, will be evaluated on a course-by-course basis and considered for transfer as equivalent Mercer courses or as elective credits. A minimum of 32 credits must be earned in residence at Mercer University for graduation, regardless of the number of credits accepted in transfer. At least 12 semester hours of upper-division work in a major, concentration, or specialization, and 6 semester hours of upper-division work in a minor, if elected, must be done in residence.

The University Registrar determines which courses taken at other institutions are directly comparable to Mercer’s courses and will be credited toward completion of degree requirements at Mercer University.

The maximum credit allowed from all two-year colleges attended is 64 semester hours (96 quarter hours). Developmental and institutional courses will not be accepted for transfer credit. Courses in programs not available at Mercer (e.g. secretarial science, lab technician courses, and so forth) also will not be accepted.

Internal Transfer Students

Students enrolled in certain programs at Mercer University’s Cecil B. Day Atlanta Campus or Mercer University’s Main Campus in Macon who want to transfer to a Mercer University Regional Academic Center should complete the following requirements:

1. A completed Regional Academic Center Undergraduate Application for Admission. (An application fee is not required.)

2. A written statement from the student explaining the specific reasons for requesting the transfer.

Each applicant file will be considered on an individual basis for admissibility. Files requiring additional approval outside of the Admissions Office will be forwarded to the appropriate dean’s office for review. Applicants must submit the required documents by the priority deadline of the desired term of enrollment.

Note: Academic majors offered at the Cecil B. Day Atlanta Campus and the Main Campus in Macon may not be offered at the Regional Academic Centers. Please check the availability of your desired major in the appropriate school’s section of this catalog or with the Regional Academic Center Admissions Office.
Readmitted Students

Included in this category are students who previously attended a regional academic center (formerly called an extended education center) at Mercer University and wish to re-enter a regional academic center after an absence of more than one semester (not including summer). The following materials are required from applicants desiring readmission:

1. A completed Regional Academic Center Undergraduate Application for Admission. (An application fee is not required.)

2. Official transcripts from regionally accredited colleges, universities, and technical schools the student has attended since last enrolled at Mercer University. (Readmitted students who have not been enrolled at Mercer University for ten years or more must re-submit transcripts from all schools they attended.)

Students applying for readmission who have less than a 2.0 cumulative grade point average and/or who are not in good standing with the University must submit a written statement requesting readmission and explaining circumstances that affected their academic standings. The Coordinator of Admissions will present the request for readmission to the appropriate dean’s office for approval. Note: The letter and an application should be submitted by the priority deadline of the desired term of enrollment.

Generally, readmitted students are permitted to graduate from Mercer University according to the degree requirements set forth in the catalog under which they originally enrolled. However, students who leave the University, and are not enrolled for three consecutive years, must fulfill the catalog requirements in force at the time of re-enrollment.

International Students

Included in this category are applicants who are not U.S. citizens and who have been issued a visa permitting them to study in the United States. International applicants are required to complete a Regional Academic Center Undergraduate Application for Admission and submit a non-refundable application fee of $50. The following admission standards apply to international undergraduate students:

Full Admission

- Official high school transcript with official translations in English
- Proof of English proficiency as demonstrated by acceptable SAT or ACT test scores (official TOEFL scores of 80 IBT (internet based TOEFL), 213 CBT (computer based TOEFL), or 550 PBT (paper based TOEFL)) or successful completion, through level 6, of Mercer University English Language Institute course with a passing score on the Michigan test, which is administered as part of the ELI program. An IELTs score of 6.5 or higher will be considered as proof of English proficiency.

Personal interviews may be required.

Conditional Admission

Students who are accepted conditionally must complete the English Language Institute and successfully complete the Bridge Program with a grade point average of 2.5 or higher. To be accepted conditionally, students must submit the following.
Official high school transcript with official translation in English
Letter in English describing career plans and goals
Letters of recommendation in English (maximum of three) from former teachers, colleagues, or professionals who can comment on the student’s academic potential

Transfer Students

Students who have completed at least one year of university-level work are not required to submit high school transcripts but are required to submit for evaluation official copies of all university transcripts with official copies in English. Depending upon the evaluation of these transcripts, students may be required to complete certain courses in the Bridge Program.

BRIDGE PROGRAM FOR INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

The Bridge Program at Mercer University assists international students in further developing the mathematics, communication, and written skills needed for university-level course work. Classes are offered on the Cecil B. Day Campus in Atlanta through the College of Continuing and Professional Studies. Undergraduate students who are accepted conditionally into a Mercer program or a prospective graduate student who needs additional language instruction can take courses through the Bridge Program. Students enrolled in the program must complete all of the following requirements:

1) Assessment of mathematics proficiency is accomplished through use of an online assessment tool to determine the level of functional knowledge in algebra and pre-calculus, including analytic trigonometry. Based on the results of the proficiency assessment exam, students may be exempt from taking one or more of the following courses:
   • MATH120. Basic Algebra
   • MATH130. Topics in Pre-calculus
   • MATH150. Analytic Trigonometry*

   *Exception may apply for certain majors

   For additional information, please contact the Bridge Program advisor at (678) 547-6029.

2) Students enrolled in the Bridge Program must also complete the following courses:
   • FDLS110. The Culture of the University
   • FDLS130. Language and Communication*
   • ENGL100. Critical Thinking, Reading, and Writing
   • COMM 171. Introduction to Public Speaking

   *Students enrolled in FDLS 130 must receive a grade of C or higher in order to register for LBST 175 and LBST 180.

   The Bridge Program provides quality instruction by faculty members with expertise in teaching English as a second language. Emphasis is placed on critical thinking, oral presentations, writing skills, problem solving, and contextual scientific reasoning.

   Additionally, students gain an appreciation for flexible and creative scheduling of courses allowing them to develop a stronger presence at Mercer University. Therefore,
students will benefit from engaging native speakers of the English language in both the academic and popular cultures.

Additional requirements may apply as determined by individual colleges/schools at Mercer University.

II. Non-Degree Seeking Students

Undergraduate Certificate Students

Included in this category are applicants who wish to take college courses that lead to the completion of a certificate, rather than a degree. The initial admission requirements for applicants seeking a certificate are the same as those outlined for entering freshmen or transfer students.

Note: Admission to the Post-Baccalaureate Teacher Certification Program is processed through the Tift College of Education's administrative offices. Refer to the Tift College of Education section of this catalog for Post-Baccalaureate Teacher Certification Program admission requirements.

Unclassified Students

Included in this category are applicants who desire to enroll in college courses for purposes other than to earn a degree (e.g., to qualify for admission to graduate or professional schools, to further their professional career, to engage in learning for personal development, etc.).

The following materials are required from non-degree, unclassified applicants to be considered for admission:

1. A completed Regional Academic Center Undergraduate Application for Admission.
2. A non-refundable application fee of $25.
3. An official transcript from the last college/university attended.

Transient Students

Included in this category are applicants who desire to take courses at one of Mercer University's Regional Academic Centers while officially enrolled at another college or university. The following materials are required from transient applicants to be considered for admission:

1. A completed Regional Academic Center Undergraduate Application for Admission.
2. A non-refundable application fee of $50.
3. A “letter of good standing” from the college or university at which the student is currently enrolled, indicating permission for the specific courses to be taken.

Students Auditing Courses

Included in this category are applicants who desire to take courses at a Mercer University Regional Academic Center, but do not wish to receive college credit for the courses. The permission of each course's instructor is required. Additional information about auditing courses can be found in the “Academic Regulations” section of this catalog.
The audit fee is listed in the “Financial Information” section of this catalog. The following materials are required from applicants who wish to audit a course:

1. A completed Regional Academic Center Undergraduate Application for Admission.
2. A non-refundable application fee of $25.

Immunization Policy

The “Mercer University Student Health Form” is required and must be signed by a physician or other health care provider, and stamped with the provider’s name and address. No other immunization forms or physician records will be accepted. Students are encouraged to keep a photocopy of this completed form for their personal records. The Student Health Form is a Mercer document and will not be forwarded to other institutions.

All students born after 1956 must provide a statement of immunization against Measles, Mumps and Rubella (MMR), giving the month and year of immunization. A statement of “up to date” is not sufficient. Two doses of Measles (Rubeola) vaccine are required. You must have been at least 12 months old when the first Measles dose was received. Previous diagnosis of disease is proof of immunity against Measles and Mumps (a physician’s statement is required) but not proof of Rubella.

If a student is unable to provide dates of immunization to Measles, Mumps and Rubella, he or she may document immunity by blood test at the student’s expense. If this testing shows no immunity to Measles, Mumps, or Rubella, the student may register following documentation of the first dose of MMR, with the second to follow in 30 days, if required.

Tuberculosis screening (within the past year) is required of all new students. Students at risk for TB will be required to have a PPD skin test (Mantoux). The tine tuberculosis test is not acceptable. Students should be tested regardless of prior BCG vaccination. Any student with a positive skin test will be required to provide a report of a normal chest x-ray (done after the positive PPD) to be eligible to register. A physician should evaluate individuals with a positive tuberculosis skin test.

Do not assume that childhood immunizations are adequate; requirements have changed during the past several years. Medical facilities in the U.S. and in other countries are required to keep records of vaccinations. Additional sources of immunization information include doctors’ offices, health departments, and schools. Students should make copies of the completed health form for their own files, and then mail the original forms. Do not rely on health care providers, family members, or other colleges to mail the forms.

Exemptions from compliance with the immunization policy include:

1. Religious exemption, written on letterhead stationery, signed by a religious official and notarized.
2. Medical exemption, written on office stationery, and signed by a health care provider. The letter should state the reason for the exemption, and whether the exemption is permanent or temporary.

Immunizations for the following diseases are recommended, but not mandatory: chickenpox (varicella), hepatitis A, hepatitis B, polio, and tetanus. The most recent tetanus booster should have been within the past 10 years. Immunization against meningococcal meningitis is recommended for college students.

Some academic programs have additional immunization requirements. Students are advised to check with their College/School program for any additional requirements.
Student Health Insurance

Mercer students must maintain primary insurance coverage. Students, except those enrolled in the Regional Academic Centers or distance learning programs, are automatically enrolled in the University sponsored student health plan. There is a charge for this coverage. To have the charge removed from the Mercer account, a student must show evidence of enrollment in a personal insurance plan.

Information for Veterans and Others Eligible for Veterans Benefits

Individuals who contemplate enrollment and who are eligible for financial assistance through the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs should contact the University’s Office of the Registrar.

General Information

Books: Books and other supplies are available at the Regional Academic Center Bookstore. The cost of books varies with the course of study and course load, and may range from $300 to $750 per year.

Parking Fee: No fees are charged for University parking. However, parking decals are required on Mercer’s campuses and may be obtained from the University Police. Students who commit parking violations are subject to fines and vehicle impoundment.

Miscellaneous Fees: Fees or fines may be imposed for property damage, library fines, honor code violations, and campus safety violations. The University assumes no responsibility for damages or loss of personal property due to fire, theft, or other causes.

Student Identification: All Mercer students are required to have a valid student identification card. I.D.’s are validated during fee payment each semester, and may be validated once all tuition and fees are settled. A validated I.D. is required for library privileges and use of Mercer University facilities.

Mercer E-Mail: All students are assigned a Mercer e-mail address. This is the address that will be used for official University e-mail correspondence with students.
Student Life

The Mercer community is mindful that the University was founded by Georgia Baptists to serve a Christian purpose. The University, therefore, strives to be a community that exemplifies the compatibility of sound scholarship and Christian faith. It encourages commitment to this faith as a way of life. Student life at the University offers a wide range of resources which promote intellectual, cultural, social, vocational, physical, psychological, and spiritual growth. This occurs through the services of the Division of Student Affairs, represented by the Vice President for Student Affairs and the offices of Counseling Services and Career Services. The University is a community nurtured by co-curricular opportunities for personal development.

Student Conduct

The University expects students to conduct themselves in a manner that reflects their maturity and their awareness that matriculation at the University is a privilege accorded only to those who share the ideals of an academic community. Any conduct determined to have an adverse effect on the University community may result in disciplinary action, including dismissal. The Code of Conduct is enforced both on University premises and at University-sponsored events held off campus. Generally, institutional discipline is limited to conduct that adversely affects the University's pursuit of its educational objectives.

The following are examples of such conduct:

1. Obstruction, coercion, intimidation, or abuse of any member of the Mercer community.
2. Intentional disruption or physical obstruction of teaching, research, and other institutional activities.
3. Theft from or damage to University facilities or property, or damage to or theft of the property of a member of the University community.
4. Possession or consumption of alcoholic beverages.
5. Possession or use of drugs prohibited under federal and/or state statutes.
6. Possession of firearms or weapons, except where authorized by established University policy.

Any student found guilty of such offenses as the above may be subjected to expulsion, suspension, or such other disciplinary measures as may be deemed appropriate by the proper authorities of the University. The President of the University has the responsibility and power to act as final authority and arbitrator in matters of student discipline and conduct, as set forth in the Charter and Bylaws of the University.

Student Advisory Board

The Student Advisory Board serves as an official liaison between students, administration, faculty, and staff. The purposes of this organization are to address student-perceived problems, to listen to suggestions and criticisms, and to make recommendations for improvement or change. The Student Advisory Board serves as a vehicle to protect the intrinsic rights of the student body and to ensure the freedoms of thought and speech, which are necessary and consistent with the existence of the Regional Academic Centers as an academic community.
Honor Societies and Student Organizations

Alpha Phi Sigma Honor Society (for Undergraduate Students in Public Safety Leadership)

Alpha Phi Sigma is a national honor society whose primary purpose is to recognize and promote high scholarship among students actively engaged in collegiate preparation for professional services; to keep abreast of the advances in scientific research; to elevate the ethical standards of the Criminal Justice professions; and to establish in the public mind the benefit and necessity of education. The society recognizes academic excellence by undergraduates as well as graduate students of Criminal Justice Sciences. To become a member as an undergraduate, the student must:

1. Have completed one-third of his/her total hours required for graduation at Mercer
2. Maintain a minimum of 3.2 overall GPA
3. Maintain a minimum of a 3.2 GPA in public safety and criminal justice courses
4. Rank in the top 35% of classes
5. Completed a minimum of four courses within the public safety curriculum
6. Have declared Public Safety Leadership as a major or minor

Alpha Sigma Lambda Honor Society

Alpha Sigma Lambda is a national honor society for adult students in higher education. The Zeta Upsilon Chapter of this society was established at Mercer University in 1990. The purpose of the Zeta Upsilon Chapter of Alpha Sigma Lambda is to provide an association for students who have demonstrated academic excellence while completing an undergraduate degree. The criteria for membership in the Zeta Upsilon Chapter are:

1. Attendance at Mercer University for a minimum of three semesters.
2. Completion of a minimum of 48 semester hours with Mercer, including twelve semester hours of liberal arts/sciences courses at Mercer.
3. Rank in the highest ten percent of all graduating seniors within the College of Continuing and Professional Studies.

These requirements are in accordance with the standards prescribed in the National Constitution of Alpha Sigma Lambda.

Kappa Delta Pi Honor Society

Kappa Delta Pi is the oldest and largest national honor society for students of education in the United States. Mercer opened a chapter of this society in 1994. The criteria for membership in the society are:

1. Students must be admitted to the Teacher Education Program.
2. Students must have a minimum 3.50 cumulative grade point average.
3. Students must have a 3.80 GPA in their education courses (for Middle Level students, that would include concentration courses).
4. Students must have senior status.

5. Students must be recommended by the faculty of the Teacher Education Department. Recommendations will be based on potential or achieved educational leadership and exemplification of worthy educational ideals.

Omicron Lambda Honor Society (For undergraduate students in Organizational Leadership)

Omicron Lambda is a local honor society whose primary purpose is to recognize college seniors in the organizational leadership undergraduate program at Mercer University for high scholarship and all-around excellence in leadership and service.

The criteria for membership in the society are:

1. Members must be seniors enrolled in the Organizational Leadership program at Mercer University and must not have been awarded any baccalaureate degree.

2. Students must have been in attendance at Mercer University for a minimum of three semesters.

3. Students must rank in the highest five percent of all those students who satisfy the requirements enumerated in (1) and (2) above provided the minimum grade point index shall not fall below 3.9 on a 4.0 scale. The cumulative scholastic record of the student as interpreted by Mercer University shall be the basis for computing scholastic eligibility.

Phi Kappa Phi

Phi Kappa Phi is a national honor society with the primary objective of recognizing and encouraging superior scholarship in all fields of study. The University’s chapter was installed in 1982. Membership is open only to juniors and seniors who have demonstrated unusual achievement in scholarship.

Tau Upsilon Alpha Honor Society

Tau Upsilon Alpha is a national honor society for students in undergraduate and graduate degree programs in the Human Services. Established in 2006 under the auspices of the National Organization for Human Services, Mercer University’s Eta Chapter became, in 2007, a charter member of the honor society.

Criteria for membership in the Eta Chapter include being a major/minor in the Human Services degree program, having a 3.5 cumulative GPA, being in the highest 35% of one’s class, enrollment at Mercer University for three semesters as a full-time student, and exemplifying the leadership and ethical characteristics of the Ethical Standards of Human Services Professionals.

Counseling Services in Macon and Atlanta

Mercer University provides counseling services on the Atlanta campus (the Counseling Center in the Sheffield Center) for students enrolled on that campus as well as those attending the Academic Centers in Henry and Douglas Counties, and in Newnan. The Macon campus provides counseling services (Counseling and Psychological Services behind the MEP residence hall) for the students enrolled on the Macon campus as well as those attending the Eastman Academic Center. The counseling centers are staffed by licensed counselors who provide services at no charge. Some conditions and situations may neces-
sitate referral to other resources. Educational programs are offered on related topics. The staff of the counseling centers also provides consultation for Mercer's faculty, staff, parents, and students.

**Career Services**

The Office of Career Services, on the third level of the Connell Student Center in Macon and the Office of Career Management in the Administration and Conference Center (AAC) in Atlanta and in the Henry Regional Academic Center annex located in McDonough, GA, offer a range of services to assist all students and alumni in making informed choices about academic majors and career directions. Assistance with the following is available for students and alumni: career exploration, career transitioning, résumé preparation, interviewing skills, conducting a strategic job search, networking, and dressing for success, as well as other career related services. Computer based services and information are available to all Mercer students at www.mercer.edu/career.

**Library Services**

The primary mission of the Mercer University Libraries is to serve as a gateway of information resources by providing strong collections and innovative, technology-rich patron services to support the present and future educational needs of the University community. The four Mercer libraries and three Regional Academic Centers' library collections offer a wide variety of print, non-print, and electronic resources, including Web-based library catalogs and remotely accessible full-text resources. Mercer is a full participant in GALILEO, the award-winning statewide library network, of full-text resources, e-books, and indexes, that brings a full array of information resources to desktop computers. Combined, the University's libraries are a powerful part of the curricula of the schools and colleges.

The Regional Academic Centers' Library Services (http://libraries.mercer.edu) are an integral part of the Centers’ academic programs. Library faculty and staff provide personal assistance to Mercer's students and employees in locating information resources; this assistance can be provided in person, by e-mail, or by phone. Research guides and tutorials on the library's web-site supplement these classes.

Small core collections are maintained at each Regional Academic Center, and these are augmented by the wealth of electronic materials delivered through the library's web-sites or by document delivery from another location. Center students and faculty may also take advantage of the Tarver and Swilley library collections and services on the Macon and Atlanta campuses, respectively.

The Jack Tarver Library in Macon serves primarily undergraduates from the College of Liberal Arts and the Macon programs of the Stetson School of Business, the Tift College of Education, the School of Engineering, the College of Continuing and Professional Studies, and the Townsend School of Music.

The Monroe F. Swilley Jr. Library in Atlanta serves the College of Pharmacy; the College of Health Professions; the McAfee School of Theology; the Georgia Baptist College of Nursing; and the Atlanta programs of the Stetson School of Business, the College of Continuing and Professional Studies, the Tift College of Education, and the English Language Institute.

The Medical Library and Peyton T. Anderson Resources Center, located in the School of Medicine in Macon, offer a variety of materials that support the Medical School's problem-based curriculum, graduate programs, faculty research and development, and community health interests.
The Furman Smith Law Library, which is accessible to law students 24 hours a day, is the center for legal research information at Mercer's law school. The law library's staff of sixteen includes professional librarians who have both law degrees and master's degrees in library and information science. The library's staff provides instruction in the required "Introduction to Legal Research" course, as well as the elective "Advanced Legal Research" course, which further develops a lawyer's ability to critically select and use a wide range of legal information sources. Mercer law librarians also teach specialized legal research, as part of doctrinal courses, on topics such as labor, securities, tax, and environmental law. The library's collection includes judicial, legislative, administrative, and practice materials, in electronic and print formats, for all jurisdictions, with an emphasis on Georgia and the Southeast. The library and computer lab form a fully integrated, functional unit, and Mercer law students utilize desktop computers and network drops to access the law school's network.
Financial Information

2013-2014 Academic Year Only

Tuition and Fees

Undergraduate Tuition Rate .............................................. $410/credit hour

Graduate Rates

Master of Science in Clinical Mental Health Counseling ........................ $533/hr
Master of Science in Clinical Mental Health Counseling / Master of Divinity in Pastoral Care and Counseling ........................ $533/hr
Master of Science in Human Services ....................................... $533/hr
Master of Science in Public Safety Leadership ............................ $533/hr
Master of Science in Rehabilitation Counseling ........................... $533/hr
Master of Education in Early Childhood .................................... $533/hr
Master of Education in Higher Education Leadership .................... $533/hr
Master of Education in Independent and Charter School Leadership ........................ $533/hr
Master of Science in Organizational Leadership ......................... $533/hr
Master of Science in Organizational Leadership / Master of Divinity in Leadership for the Nonprofit Organization ........................ $533/hr
Master of Science in School Counseling ................................... $533/hr
Educational Specialist in School Counseling ............................... $565/hr
Doctor of Philosophy in Counselor Education and Supervision ........ $661/hr
Educational Specialist in Early Childhood Education ..................... $565/hr
Educational Specialist in Educational Leadership ....................... $565/hr
Educational Specialist in Teacher Leadership ............................ $565/hr
Doctor of Philosophy in Curriculum and Instruction ..................... $661/hr
Doctor of Philosophy in Educational Leadership ........................ $661/hr
Professional MBA .....................................................contact Stetson School of Business and Economics for current rate

Tift College of Education and College of Continuing and Professional Studies Special Fees:

Internship, fieldwork, practicum (COMM 475, CRJS 470, HRAD 495, HSRV 275, 475, and PSFT 470) ................................. $100
EDUC 398 and 399; EDEC 483, 484, 486 ................................. $150
EDUC 485 and 488 Professional Practicum/Mentored Practicum ....... $240
EDUC 492 and 498; EDEC 492 Student Teaching/Internship ........ $360
EDUC 662, 676, 679, 725, 726, 727 ....................................... $75
Internship, fieldwork, practicum (COUN 609, 610, 640 ) for Counseling majors ......................................................... $100
Educational Leadership Academy Fee for EDEL courses: 601, 645A, 703, 704, 810, 898, 811 ................................................ $65
Internship for Public Safety (PSLD 632) ................................ $100
Test and Assessment for Counseling majors (COUN 617) ............. $50
Miscellaneous Fees:

Facilities and Technology Fee:
- Undergraduate students enrolled 12 hours or more: $150/semester
- Undergraduate students enrolled 11 hours or less: $12.50 per credit hour
- Graduate and Prof. students enrolled 9 hours or more: $150/semester
- Graduate and Prof students enrolled 8 hours or less: $17.00 per credit hour

Laboratory Fee (charged each session per designated laboratory class): $50

Audit Fee (for part-time students): $150 each course
Audit Fee (for full-time students): no charge for one audit per semester, $150 each additional audit

Challenge Examination: $250 per test

Payment Plan Fee: $40 per semester
Monthly Payment Plan Late Fee: $25

Transcript Related Fees:
- Transcript Fee (for two to five-day service): no charge
- Transcript on Demand (immediate service): $25
- Document Faxing Fee: $5
- Application Fee: $25 per request
- Late Registration Fee: $50 per semester
- Late Payment Fee: $50
- Registration Reinstatement Fee: $50
- Returned Check Fee: $50 or 1% of the face value of the check, whichever is greater

(Obligation and fee for returned checks must be paid in cash, cashier’s check, or money order. After two returned checks, students are on a “cash only” basis with the University.)

Please note that the above listed tuition rates and miscellaneous fees are for the 2013-2014 academic year and are subject to change without prior notice.

Billing and Fee Payment

All students will be electronically billed and may access tuition statements through their MyMercer account. Notification emails are sent the student’s official Mercer email address when new statements are posted. Tuition is always due by the first day of class.

Only those students who register for a given semester during early registration will be billed for the semester in advance. Accounts may later be adjusted and rebilled based on changes in class schedules and financial aid awards. Students who are not early registered and billed prior to the beginning of the semester must be prepared to pay tuition and fees at the time they register. A $50 fee per month will be charged for late payment.

If a student is registered for a particular semester but elects not to attend, the student must officially notify the Registrar. Non-attendance does not cancel charges and the student will be held financially accountable.

PLEASE NOTE: If payment arrangements have not been made by the end of the drop/add period, the student’s registration is subject to cancellation. The University reserves the right to deny access to, or use of, University facilities to any student with an outstanding balance.
Official correspondence, notices, and bills from the Bursar Office will be sent to the student’s Mercer designated email address.

Payment Methods

Tuition, special fees, housing, and other assessments may be paid by cash, check, or money order (made payable to Mercer University), or by MasterCard, Discover, and American Express. Credit card payments must be made online through QuikPay via MyMercer. Students paying by credit card will be assessed a convenience fee by the credit card processor. E-check payments are free.

Students will be notified of their anticipated amounts of financial aid by way of award notifications or letters from the Office of Student Financial Planning. Those students whose financial aid has not been awarded by the first day of class are required to sign a Tuition Deferment for Pending Financial Aid form.

In an ongoing effort to assist our students and their families with budgeting educational expenses, Mercer offers a Monthly Payment Plan that allows a student to pay tuition in monthly installments throughout the semester. Also, students who receive company reimbursement may be eligible to participate in our Deferred Payment Plan. More information concerning these payment options may be obtained by visiting our website at burser.mercer.edu, or by contacting the Macon Campus Office of the Bursar.

Payment of tuition and fees is the responsibility of the student, regardless of sponsorship by his or her employer. To avoid a late fee and being placed on registration and transcript hold, payment arrangements should be made by the first day of class each semester.

Third Party Payments

Special billing arrangements involving third parties must be approved by the Bursar Office prior to the start of each semester, and applicable vouchers and payment contracts must be received by the last day of drop/add. All outstanding balances must be paid no later than 30 days from the last day of classes for the semester. A student using a third-party payment arrangement will be held liable for payment of his or her account in the event that the third party does not pay.

V A Benefits

Individuals who are contemplating enrollment and are eligible to receive financial assistance through the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs should contact the University’s Office of the Registrar on the Macon Campus regarding VA certification. VA recipients should not assume that contacting the Registrar relieves them of payment obligations. Students are responsible for notifying the Office of the Registrar of any changes in benefits or exhaustion of entitlement. Students who receive VA benefits must make appropriate payment arrangements with the Office of the Bursar no later than the first day of class each semester to ensure that their tuition and fees will be paid in full.

Students receiving tuition assistance paid directly to the University will have their total tuition and fees submitted to VA for payment, minus any tuition-based scholarships awarded for the term. Housing fees, meal plan fees, and miscellaneous fees (parking tickets, housing fines, etc.) are not eligible to be paid by VA and are the responsibility of the student. Students who have less than 100% entitlement are responsible for paying any outstanding balance that will not be covered by VA no later than the first day of class.

Students receiving tuition assistance paid directly to the student are encouraged to enroll in the Monthly Payment Plan to avoid holds and late fees on their tuition account. In
these cases, the University does not receive any funds directly from VA and the student is solely responsible for ensuring that their balance is paid in full by the first day of class or they are enrolled in a payment plan.

Post-9/11 GI-Bill: The U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs provides a maximum amount of benefit per academic year, paid fall through summer, based on the entitlement percentage of the student. This entitlement is available for a maximum of 36 months. Once the maximum has been paid by VA for the academic year, or the end of the entitlement period is reached, the student is responsible for paying any remaining balance on their tuition account. Students with 100% entitlement may be eligible to receive Yellow Ribbon to help cover their balance once the maximum benefit has been paid for the year. For more information on this program, please contact the Office of the Registrar.

Student Insurance

All students are required to carry health insurance while enrolled at Mercer University. Each semester, an insurance premium is assessed at the time of registration. Those who do not wish to purchase the school policy must provide proof of insurance by completing the online insurance waiver at studentinsurance.com. Once coverage is verified, the premium charge will automatically reverse off. If the waiver is not entered each semester by the published deadline, the student will be held responsible for payment of the non-refundable insurance premium. No exceptions are made to this deadline.

Debts

No records are released and no student is considered by the University as a candidate for graduation until all indebtedness to the University has been settled. The Bursar Office is authorized to withhold and apply to a student's debt any funds needed from the student's scholarships, loans, state grants, or any other student financial aid (unless prohibited by regulations governing said aid). Students with outstanding indebtedness will not be eligible for registration, and a student may be subject to late penalties and interest charges. Unpaid student accounts that are deemed delinquent may be placed with a collection agency. If such action is required, the student will be liable for any costs associated with such action and should understand that collection costs will be a minimum of 33 1/3% and up to 67% of the outstanding balance. All accounts placed with collections will be reported to the Credit Bureau and NSLDS.

Contractual Obligations

The registration of a student signifies the assumption of definite financial obligations between himself or herself and the University.

Refund Policy

A student is not eligible for any refund if (1) the student fails to formally withdraw; (2) the student is suspended for disciplinary reasons; (3) the student withdraws when a disciplinary action or honor code violation is pending. A student who FORMALLY RESIGNS from school prior to the last day of the drop/add period for any term of enrollment will be entitled to a 100% credit of tuition and fees charged for the current term. A student who FORMALLY RESIGNS from school after this date may be entitled to a prorated credit of the tuition and fee charges, if certain criteria are met as described in this policy. The criteria for the Mercer Institutional Refund Policy are based upon federal mandates established by the Federal Return Policy, which took effect on all of the Mercer campuses on August 15, 2000, replacing all existing refund policies throughout the University.
Mercer University will maintain a fair and equitable refund policy by adherence to this Institutional Refund Policy in all programs, in all schools, and on all campuses. This policy is subject to change if there are future changes to the Federal Return Policy or other federal, state, accrediting agency, or institutional policies with which it may conflict.

To FORMALLY RESIGN, a student must drop or withdraw from all courses for the term by (1.) personally completing and returning an official Term Withdrawal Form obtained from the Registrar’s Office or (2.) complete the online Withdrawal form. The completed form must be received in the Registrar’s Office before the resignation process can be finalized. Refund calculations will be based upon the date official notification is received in the Registrar’s Office.

No charges are assessed for housing or meals when a student resigns from the University prior to the first day of classes for a term. When a student resigns after the end of the official drop/add period, dormitory housing and meal plan refunds are calculated based on the percentages allowable under the Federal Return Policy Refund Schedule. Additional charges for housing and meals will be assessed on a prorated basis from the time of withdrawal until the student vacates the room and returns his/her keys and key-card. Once all calculations are complete, the Bursar’s Office will bill the student for any outstanding balance. When the University has assessed charges in error, a full credit and/or refund of the charges will be made. Financial aid awards and disbursements for students who formally resign from the University after the last day of drop/add each term will be returned to the original source of funds, in accordance with the Federal Return Policy.

Any exception to this policy will require a written appeal by the student to the Refund Appeals Committee. Letters, along with any pertinent documentation, should be submitted to the Bursar’s Office by the beginning of the following semester. Decisions of the Refund Appeals Committee are final.

If a student ceases attendance without notifying the University, a federal statutory provision allows the University to use the midpoint of the payment period as the withdrawal date for calculating the return of financial aid funds. Otherwise, the University may use the student’s last verifiable day of academically related activity if it can document the student’s attendance. A calculation for the return of federal funds will be completed within 45 days of the school’s determination that a student has ceased attendance without proper notification. Any financial assistance disbursements, which must be returned to their original source of funding, will then become immediately due and payable by the student to the University and, in some cases, to the U.S. Department of Education.

The following resignation calculation will be used to determine the prorated amount of tuition and fees to be credited to the student’s account and the amount of financial aid to be returned to its source programs:

\[
\text{The total number of calendar days attended by the student} = \frac{\text{Percentage to be retained}}{\text{The total number of calendar days in the term of enrollment}}
\]

The total number of calendar days includes all days beginning with the first day of classes and ending with the last day of exams for the student’s official program of study, excluding scheduled breaks of at least five consecutive days or more.

When the percentage to be retained is equal to or greater than 60%, NO tuition credit or refund of Title IV funds is required by the Mercer Institutional Refund Policy or the Federal Return Policy.
Total tuition and fees for the term of enrollment \( X \) (100 - percentage to be retained) = Total tuition and fees to be credited to the student's account

Total amount of Title IV Financial Aid disbursed \( X \) (100 - percentage to be retained) = Total Title IV Financial Aid to be returned**

** In most cases, the University is required to return only the portion of federal financial aid that has been paid toward institutional charges. Any funds refunded to the student prior to resignation could be repayable by the student to the University or the U.S. Dept. of Education. Should the University be required to return federal financial aid funds in excess of those retained for tuition and fees, then the student would be immediately responsible for payment back to the University for the full amount of this excess refund.

Total amount to be returned to Non-Title IV funds = Total tuition and fees to be credited to the student's account less the total Title IV Financial Aid to be returned.

Federal Title IV financial aid funds must be returned in the following order:

1. Loans: –Federal Unsubsidized
   –Federal Subsidized
   –Federal Perkins
   –Federal PLUS

2. Grants (& Other): –Federal Pell
   –FSEOG
   –Other Title IV (excluding college work-study earnings)

Non-Title IV financial aid funds will be returned in the following order:

1. Mercer institutionally-funded loans
   Mercer institutionally-funded grants/scholarships

2. Mercer endowment-funded loans
   Mercer endowment-funded grants/scholarships

3. State and other loans
   State and other grants/scholarships

4. Student/parent payments

**Sample Refund Calculations:**

First Day of Class = August 18th
Last Day of Exams = December 13th
Holidays = Labor Day, September 1st
          Thanksgiving, November 16th - 28th
          Thanksgiving Break, November 21st - 23rd

Number of calendar days between August 20 and December 13 = 118 days
Number of scheduled breaks lasting five consecutive calendar days or longer = 5 days

Total calendar days in this enrollment period = 113 days

Resignation Scenario: A regional academic center student formally resigns in the Registrar's Office on September 17th.

Typical Charges: $3,528 Tuition

Financial Aid Disbursed: $5,000 Federal Subsidized Direct Loan, of which $1,472 has been refunded to the student
Calculation: Number of calendar days between August 20 (First Day of Class) and September 17 (the date of Formal Resignation) = **29 days**

Percentage of charges to be retained* = \( \frac{29}{113} \) days = .2566 or 25.7%

*Note that this is the same calculation used for the percentage of Title IV Aid earned.

Amount of tuition earned by the institution = $3,528 \times 25.7\% = $906.70

Amount of tuition to be credited to the student's account = $3,528 - $906.70 = $2,621.30

Amount of Title IV funds earned by student = $5,000 \times 25.7\% = $1,285

Amount of Title IV fund to be returned to the Direct Loan Program = $5,000 - $1,285 = $3,715

Amount of Title IV funds to be returned by the University = $3,528 \times (100-25.7\%) = $2,621.30

Amount of Title IV funds to be returned by the student = Since the student received a Direct Loan, the student will be responsible for the repayment of the amount borrowed less the amount returned by the University, in accordance with the promissory note signed by the student.

Snapshot of Student Account:

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Pre-enrollment deposits will not be refunded should the student not enroll in the semester for which the deposit was intended.

Questions regarding the refund procedures and amounts may be directed to the Office of the Bursar, 1400 Coleman Avenue, Macon, Georgia 31207. (Telephone: 478-301-1111)

**Leave of Absence**

**Approved Leave of Absence**

A student who is on an approved leave of absence retains in-institution status for Title IV loan repayment purposes. However, if the student does not return from a leave of absence, the student’s loan grace period starts at the date the leave began.

Generally, only one leave of absence may be granted within a 12-month period. The University may grant one additional leave of up to 30 days for a reason not defined in the regulations, if it determines that the leave is necessary due to unforeseen circumstances.

Jury duty, military service, and conditions covered by the Family and Medical Leave Act are acceptable reasons for granting an additional leave.
Unapproved Leave of Absence

An unapproved leave of absence is a leave granted by the University for academic reasons that do not meet the conditions of the Title IV regulations for an “approved” leave of absence. However, this unapproved leave of absence must be treated as a withdrawal for Title IV purposes. For a student who takes a leave of absence that does not meet the requirements for approval, the withdrawal date is the date that the student begins the leave of absence.

Overpayment

All payments made by or on behalf of a student shall be receipted to his/her account. In the event of an overpayment, it is not necessary for the student to request a refund. Refundable credit balances are processed on a regular basis by the Office of the Bursar.

Credit balances resulting from overpayment by credit card payment will be refunded to the credit card.

Financial Aid

The purpose of Mercer's financial aid program is to provide assistance to students who, without such aid, would be unable to attend college. Financial aid may include scholarships, grants, loans, and part-time employment. These types of assistance are extended either singly or in combination. The type of combination or “package” offered depends upon a student's need for assistance.

In order for a student to be considered for every type of assistance available, a Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) must be completed each year. Students may complete the FAFSA at www.fafsa.ed.gov.

Mercer’s priority dates for RECEIPT of all required forms are outlined below:

- April 1 - Summer Semester Priority Date for All Students
- June 1 - Fall Semester Priority Date for Returning Students
- July 1 - Fall Semester Priority Date for New Students
- Nov 15 - Spring Semester Priority Date for All Students

Forms received after the priority dates will be given consideration; however, to ensure financial aid eligibility, all required forms must be received in the Financial Planning Office at least 30 days prior to the LAST class day of the term or the last day of enrollment, whichever occurs first. Since the FAFSA may require several weeks processing time, we recommend that it be submitted to the Federal Processor at least three weeks prior to the priority date.

Financial Aid Policies

Students are encouraged to visit the Financial Planning Office website at financialaid.mercer.edu/regional-academic-centers/ to learn more about financial aid policies and to e-mail their financial planning advisor with any questions related to financial aid.

- An applicant for financial assistance must be a U.S. citizen or eligible non-citizen.
- An applicant for financial assistance must be fully admitted as an eligible degree-seeking student to the University before financial assistance can be awarded. Provisionally accepted students are not eligible for financial aid disbursements.
• In most instances, financial assistance is granted only to students who take a course load of at least six semester hours per term, although assistance from the Pell Grant may be available to those enrolled in less than six hours.

• Students receiving financial assistance from sources other than Mercer University are required to advise the Office of Financial Planning of this fact. A written statement that identifies the sponsor(s) and the amount of the award(s) is required. Some adjustment of the original financial aid award may be necessary.

• Financial aid awards will be automatically credited to qualified students’ accounts after the drop add period of each semester, provided that all necessary paperwork is complete, with the exception of student work awards and Student Access Loans. Work awards are paid directly to students after the funds have been earned and it is the student’s responsibility to apply these funds to any balance that might be due to Mercer. Student Access Loans are disbursed after the drop/add period of the 2nd session of each term, unless a student completes their program of study during the 1st session.

• Students must be officially enrolled and attending class at the end of the term’s drop-add period in order to receive financial aid for a class. Since financial aid is based on enrollment, enrollment changes during the term may affect student financial aid award(s).

• Students who fail to earn a passing grade in all of their classes for a semester may be considered, for financial aid purposes, to have unofficially withdrawn from the University. If the institution cannot document that the student completed at least one class during the semester, federal and state financial aid funds will be returned to the original source of funds in accordance with the Federal Return Policy.

• No financial aid will be disbursed while a student is in verification. Verification is the process in which the Federal Government requires schools to verify the accuracy of information reported by students on the FAFSA. Some students' forms will be randomly selected by the federal processor for verification, while other forms will be selected through specific edits. If your forms are selected for verification, you will be notified by the Financial Planning Office and asked to furnish supporting documentation.

• The fact that a student receives an award one year in no way automatically renews the application for subsequent years. Applicants are reminded to re-apply for financial aid annually.

• To be considered for financial aid, students must not be in default or owe a refund on federal or state funds.

• Students must make progress towards the completion of their courses of study, according to the “Satisfactory Academic Progress Standards” below, in order to retain financial aid eligibility.

• Recipients of financial assistance who become subject to disciplinary probation may forfeit financial aid during the period of probation.

• This institution is in compliance with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972 and does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, religion, sex, or national origin.
Satisfactory Academic Progress Standards

Mercer’s Satisfactory Academic Progress (SAP) standards are used to determine if an enrolled student is making satisfactory academic progress in his or her educational program, regardless of whether or not he or she is receiving Title IV aid. The SAP policy provides a consistent application of standards to all students, ensuring both the quality of academic work and the completion of a student’s program within the maximum time frame.

Mercer’s SAP Policy provides that a student’s academic performance will be evaluated at the end of each semester. The SAP policy will measure both qualitative and quantitative standards.

- Qualitative – Cumulative GPA a student must achieve at each evaluation (see chart below)
- Quantitative – Pace of progression to ensure graduation within the maximum time frame

Failure to maintain satisfactory academic progress standards affects a student’s eligibility to receive federal and state financial aid. Students who do not meet SAP standards have the option to appeal based on mitigating or special circumstances.

Qualitative Standard

The Qualitative standard is a graduated standard based on cumulative GPA. A student must meet the following grade point average (GPA) at the end of each semester to meet satisfactory academic progress standards.

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Quantitative Standard

There are two components to the Quantitative Standard: 1. Maximum Time Frame, and 2. Cumulative Completion Percentage. Both standards will be evaluated at the end of each semester.

Maximum Time Frame – A student may receive financial aid for a maximum of 150% of the published length of the educational program. The measurement is cumulative, including all semesters of enrollment, with or without Title IV assistance, including all accepted transfer hours.

Maximum Time Frame at Mercer is defined in semester credit hours. For example, a degree program requiring 120 credit hours to complete will have the following Maximum Time Frame:

120 X 150% = 180 hours (Maximum Time Frame)

Cumulative Completion Percentage – A student must earn (complete with a passing grade) at least 67% of all hours attempted in the educational program.
• **Transfer hours** accepted into a student’s program will count as both hours attempted and hours earned.

• **Withdrawals** will count as hours attempted ONLY.

• **Incompletes** will count as hours attempted, until the course is completed. A passing grade will count as hours attempted and earned; a failing grade will remain as hours attempted.

• **Repeat Courses** are counted for previously failed classes. Repeat courses are counted only once for previously passed courses.

**SAP Warning**

A student’s academic performance is evaluated at the end of each semester. **If a student does NOT meet one or more of the above noted qualitative and quantitative SAP standards, the student will be placed on SAP Warning during his/her next semester of enrollment.**

• A student may receive federal and state financial aid, assuming all other eligibility criteria are met, while on SAP Warning. Thus, no appeal is necessary by the student at this point.

• A student must meet all qualitative and quantitative SAP standards at the conclusion of the SAP Warning semester in order to continue to receive federal and state financial aid.

• If a student does NOT meet all SAP standards at the conclusion of the SAP Warning semester, the student is no longer eligible for federal or state financial aid until all SAP standards have been met. The student does however have the option to submit an SAP Appeal.

**Appeal Process**

Students who believe they have mitigating circumstances (i.e. death of a relative, injury or illness to student, or other special circumstance) that prevented them from meeting SAP standards, may provide a written appeal to the Office of Student Financial Planning. The appeal must be a complete summary of the student’s circumstances and must include supporting documentation such as death certificate, doctor referrals, medical bills, etc. **All appeals must be submitted within 10 calendar days of receiving an SAP denial letter.**

The Financial Planning Appeals Committee will review the appeal and notify students of their decision. Decisions made by the committee are final.

If the appeal is approved, the student will be placed on SAP Probation for one semester. The student will be expected to meet all SAP standards by the end of the probationary semester unless an alternative academic plan, designed to ensure the student will meet SAP standards by a specific point in time, is included in the appeal response.

If the appeal is not approved, the student will no longer be eligible for federal or state aid until the student meets all SAP standards.

**SAP Probation**

A student whose SAP Appeal has been approved by the Appeals Committee will be placed on SAP Probation during his/her next semester of enrollment.
• A student may receive federal and state financial aid, assuming all other eligibility criteria are met, while on SAP Probation.

• A student must meet all qualitative and quantitative SAP standards, or the standards in an alternative academic plan outlined by the SAP Appeals Committee, at the conclusion of the SAP Probation semester in order to receive federal and state financial aid during a subsequent semester.

• If a student does NOT meet all SAP standards, or the standards in the alternative academic plan outlined by the SAP Appeals Committee, at the conclusion of the SAP Probation semester, the student is no longer eligible to receive federal or state financial aid until all SAP standards have been met.

**Federal and State Grants**

**Federal Pell Grant:** Undergraduate students seeking their first bachelor's degrees may qualify for this need-based federal grant. Eligibility for and dollar value of the Pell Grant is determined on the basis of a student's financial resources and the resources of his or her family, as reported on the FAFSA, along with the cost of education at the institution and the student's enrollment status. Completion of the FAFSA serves as an application for the Pell Grant. The maximum Pell Grant for the 2013-2014 academic year is expected to be $5,645.

**Georgia Tuition Equalization Grant:** The State of Georgia has made available, to qualified Georgia residents, an annual tuition grant for attendance at approved private colleges in the state. To be eligible for this grant, a student (and parents of dependent students) must be a United States citizen who meets Georgia Residency requirements for at least 12 consecutive months prior to the first class day for any particular semester. Students who do not meet Georgia Residency requirements at the time of high school graduation, Home Study Program completion or successful GED test must meet Georgia Residency requirements for 24 consecutive months prior to the first class day. The student must be degree-seeking, enrolled and attending at least 12 credit-hours of undergraduate coursework through the end of the drop-add period of Session II.

To be considered for the grant, a student must complete a Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) Application prior to beginning his/her first term of enrollment as a full-time student and meet all the eligibility requirements. Students can only receive this grant for 127 paid semester hours. The dollar value of the grant varies depending on the funds appropriated by the state legislature. The grant is expected to be up to $350 per semester for the 2013-2014 academic year.

**HOPE Scholarship:** High school graduates, from 1996 and later, who are designated HOPE Scholars, AND students with a cumulative 3.0 GPA at the end of a term in which they attempted (not earned) 30, 60, or 90 semester hours, may be eligible to receive a HOPE Scholarship if they meet the state's eligibility and residency criteria.

To maintain HOPE Scholarship eligibility, students must have a cumulative 3.0 HOPE GPA at the end of each spring semester and at their attempted hour checkpoints. Beginning Fall 2011, students may only lose and regain HOPE Scholarship one time. Please note that all degree courses attempted at Mercer and all other postsecondary institutions are included in the GPA and hours attempted calculations. Certificate/diploma courses are only included in the GPA and hours attempted calculation if the courses have ever been accepted toward a degree by Mercer or any other post-secondary institution. Also, only whole letter grades are used in the GPA calculation (e.g. a B+ is counted as a B).
Students who received HOPE prior to summer 2011 may receive HOPE until June 30, 2015 as long as all eligibility criteria are met. Students who have not received HOPE prior to summer 2011, and who meet all other eligibility criteria, may receive HOPE until seven years after their high school graduation, GED test, or Home Study program completion date. Students who served in active duty in the military following their high school graduation, or equivalent, may request that such active duty service time be added back to their 7 years of eligibility.

The maximum number of credits covered by the HOPE Scholarship is 127 attempted hours or 127 paid hours of combined HOPE Scholarship, HOPE Grant, and/or HOPE Accel. To be eligible, full-time students must be enrolled and attending at least 12 credit-hours of undergraduate coursework through the end of the drop-add period of Session II. Part-time students must be enrolled and attending at least 6 credit-hours of undergraduate coursework through the end of the drop-add period of Session II. The maximum award for the 2012-2013 academic year is expected to be $1,800 per semester for full-time students and $900 per semester for part-time students. The Registrar's Office will perform a HOPE Scholarship eligibility review for all students who are fully admitted to the University. Eligible students should complete a HOPE Scholarship Application at www.gacollege411.org.

**TEACH Grant:** The federal TEACH Grant Program provides up to $4,000 per year to students who are seeking their first undergraduate or graduate degree and are enrolled in a TEACH eligible program, as defined by the Tift College of Education. Students must be fully accepted into their academic program by the Tift College of Education and either maintain a 3.25 GPA or score in the 75th percentile in at least one section of a nationally-normed admission test. In exchange for receiving a TEACH Grant, students must agree to serve as a full-time teacher in a high-need field in a school that serves low income students for at least four academic years. **IMPORTANT:** For students who fail to meet this service obligation in its entirety, the TEACH Grant will be converted to a federal Direct Unsubsidized Loan, with interest assessed from the original disbursement date. See the Regional Academic Center Financial Planning Office website (www.mercer.edu/finaid/rac) for application information.

**Endowed Scholarships**

**Back to School Scholarship for Women:** The Back to School Scholarship for Women was established to provide financial support for the educational pursuits of female students attending Mercer University’s Regional Academic Centers. Scholarship recipients are selected based on the following criteria: (1) the student must be female and at least twenty-five years of age; (2) the student must be in good academic standing or be accepted without provision into Mercer University; (3) the student must enroll for a minimum of 6 semester credit hours per term; (4) the student must not be eligible to receive the Pell Grant for the term covered by the scholarship; and (5) the student must submit a personal statement concerning her pursuit of a college degree. Recipients of these $500 scholarships are selected by the Scholarship Committee. Applications are available on the Forms page of the Regional Academic Center Financial Planning Office website, financialaid.mercer.edu/regional-academic-centers/. In order to be considered for the scholarship, a complete application should be returned to the Financial Planning Office at least one month prior to the first class day of the fall or spring semester. (No awards will be made during the summer semester.)
Loans

**William D. Ford Federal Direct Subsidized Loans**: Undergraduate students who attend school at least half-time may be eligible to receive Federal Direct Subsidized Loans. Students must demonstrate financial need to be eligible, thus completion of a FAFSA is required. The maximum annual loan limits that students may be eligible to borrow are: $3,500 per academic year for freshmen; $4,500 for sophomores; and $5,500 for juniors and seniors. The lifetime aggregate limit that a student may borrow is $23,000 for undergraduate study.

The government pays the interest accruing on the loan while the student is in school and during the first six months following withdrawal, graduation or less than half-time enrollment for which the first disbursement was made between July 1, 2012 and July 1, 2014. After this period, the student begins repayment on the loan. Various repayment options exist. The interest rate for loans disbursed between July 1, 2012 and June 30, 2013 is fixed at 3.4%. Additional information regarding direct loans can be obtained at [www.studentloans.gov](http://www.studentloans.gov).

All first-time borrowers are required to have entrance counseling before the first disbursement of their loans can be made.

**William D. Ford Federal Direct Unsubsidized Loans**: Unsubsidized loans are available to both undergraduate and graduate students. Repayment of the principle begins six months following withdrawal, graduation or less than half-time enrollment. The interest rate is fixed at 6.8% and the borrower is responsible for interest that accrues while he or she is in school. Students may pay the interest as it accumulates or have it capitalized when the loan goes into repayment.

Students may be eligible to borrow the maximum annual loan limits listed below, as long as the student's cost of attendance is not exceeded. Dependent students may be eligible to borrow $2,000; independent freshmen and sophomores may be eligible to borrow $6,000; independent juniors and seniors may be eligible to borrow $7,000; and graduate students may be eligible to borrow $20,500 per academic year. The aggregate limits, subsidized and unsubsidized loans combined, that a student may borrow are $31,000 for dependent undergraduate students, $57,500 for independent undergraduate students, and $138,500 for graduate students (including loans for undergraduate study).

Although unsubsidized loans are not awarded on the basis of need, students are required to complete a FAFSA and to attend school at least half-time. Further information regarding these loans is available from the Regional Academic Center Financial Planning Office.

**William D. Ford Federal Direct Plus Loans**: These loans are available to graduate students and to credit-worthy parents of dependent undergraduate students. To apply, a separate application must be completed every year by the graduate student or by a parent or legal guardian of an undergraduate student. The annual limit a parent or graduate student can borrow is equal to the cost of attendance minus the financial aid which the student receives. The interest rate is fixed at 7.9% for loans disbursed between July 1, 2012 and June 30, 2013. Interest begins to accumulate at the time the first disbursement is made, and repayment begins within 60 days after the final loan disbursement each year.

If the loan is denied due to an adverse credit history, the applicant will be notified by the Direct Loan Servicing Center. The applicant may pursue the PLUS Loan further by securing a credit-worthy endorser (co-signer). If the applicant does not wish to pursue the PLUS Loan further, the student may be eligible to receive a Federal Direct...
Unsubsidized Loan. Further information is available from the Regional Academic Center Financial Planning Office.

**Federal Perkins Loans:** Students who enroll at least half-time and who demonstrate exceptional financial need may qualify for a Perkins Loan. Please note that funds are not sufficient to assist every applicant. Proven need for financial assistance and availability of funds determine the applicant’s award. Completion of the FAFSA is required.

Undergraduate students may be awarded a maximum of $4000 per year, and graduate students may borrow up to $6000 per year. The aggregate limits that a student may borrow are $20,000 for undergraduate study and $40,000 for graduate study (including loans for undergraduate study). Interest accrual and repayment begins nine months following withdrawal or graduation from Mercer. The interest rate is 5%. Deferment and cancellation provisions exist for certain teachers, nurses, law enforcement officers, and others. Additional information regarding cancellation and deferment options can be found at [www.studentaid.ed.gov](http://www.studentaid.ed.gov).

**Federal Work-Study Program**

The Federal Work-Study Program is a program designed to provide a student the chance to pay part of his or her educational expenses by working a part-time job on campus or in a community service job off-campus. In order to be employed under this program, the student must: (1) be enrolled or accepted for enrollment; (2) show evidence of financial need through the FAFSA; and (3) maintain satisfactory academic progress while employed under this program.

All on-campus employment must be authorized by the Student Employment Coordinator before the student begins working. A Student Work Authorization Form is required every year for each job a student worker is assigned. Students must also complete an I-9 Form within three days of employment. Interested students should contact the Financial Planning Office.
Academic Information

The undergraduate curriculum is composed of two parts. The general education program is broad in scope, requiring study in several areas. It affords an introduction to some of the major areas of human knowledge and endeavor, and lays the foundation for continued study and for the student's contribution to society. The upper division curriculum calls for more specialized study in a major, a concentration, or a specialization.

General Education

Mercer University's founding vision, articulated by Jesse Mercer in the 1830s, dedicates us to promote free inquiry, religious liberty, and inclusiveness -- values consonant with Baptist heritage. University President William D. Underwood underscored that vision in 2006, noting that "...the extent to which a university transforms the lives of individual students, who in turn transform their communities, represents the ultimate measure of a university’s greatness.” To put this transformative vision into practice within the communities we serve, a Mercer University education emphasizes experiences that infuse intellectual growth, cultural understanding, civic responsibility, and moral discernment with practical competencies.

The distinctiveness of their programs and traditions notwithstanding, Mercer University's undergraduate colleges and schools share learning goals and competencies that reflect Mercer's mission to educate the whole person. These undergird the General Education Curricula, which provide the necessary foundation for disciplined study and lifelong learning.

General Education is designed to help students cultivate and refine habits of mind that prepare them to contribute constructively and meaningfully to society. Toward this end, General Education strives to instill in persons broader perspectives while empowering them to find fuller and richer citizenship in a world in which different cultures, social institutions, and technologies intersect in multiple and diverse ways.

Four Student Goals of General Education

A Mercer education is designed to foster intellectual growth, cultural understanding, civic responsibility, and moral discernment. These four interrelated goals inform the practical competencies for general education. The goals are achieved, not in the abstract, but in and through the exercise and development of the practical competencies. Satisfactory completion is expected in the following competencies:

- Communicating effectively in writing in a variety of modes and settings
- Communicating effectively orally in a variety of modes and settings
- Reasoning quantitatively
- Analyzing observed natural phenomena through the use of scientific reasoning
- Integrating coherently diverse perspectives with knowledge
- Acting perceptively and responsibly in light of the education one has received

In accordance with the university's accrediting body and in collaboration with the faculty of the colleges and schools, these competencies are built through satisfactory completion of the following requirements.
Requirements of General Education

General Education core requirements must include at least one course (3 credit hours) in each of the six broad categories listed below, and sum to at least 30 hours. Each school/college may select its own general education requirements from among the list of approved courses in each category and may choose to require more than the minimum number of hours and courses. Individual schools/colleges may also include additional college core requirements. Students should consult the requirements of their respective college to determine which courses are needed for graduation.

Communication (both written and oral communication competencies in English must be addressed):

Written Communication: GBK 101; INT 101; INT 201; LBST 175; LBST 180; TCO 141; WRT 120;
Oral Communication: COM 210; COMM 171; GBK 304; INT 301; TCO 141
Other Communication: ENGL 300; any foreign language; INSY 102; LBST 275; LBST 280

Religion
CHR 101; CHR 150; CHR 170; ENG 225; GBK 203; HIS 160; PHI 240; RELG 110; RELG 120; RELG 115; RELG 220; RELG 225; RELG 356

Humanities/Fine Arts

Humanities: CHR 210; CHR 270; CLA 101; CLA 102; COMM 251; ENG 224; ENG 226; ENG 233; ENG 234; ENG 235; ENG 237; ENG 263; ENG 264; GBK 202; GBK 305; FLL 195; HIST 101; HIST 102; HIST 201; HIST 202; HIST 200; HIST 210; HIST 220; HIST 366; HIST 367; HIST 368; HIS 110; HIS 145; HIS 165; JMS 220; JMS 225; JMS 230; LITR 115; LITR 207; LITR 247; LITR 277; LITR 334; PHI 190; PHI 230; PHI 260; PHI 265; PHI 269; SCLT 201; WLT 101;
Fine Arts: ART 106; ART 107; ART 115; ART 116; ART 223; ART 224; ART 225; ART 226; ART 254; ARTH 101; COMM 104; COMM 205; LBST 250; LBST 255; MUS 151; MUSC 150; PHO 230; THR 115; THR 218; (3 credit hours may also be selected from the 1-hour music ensembles to meet this requirement: MUS 182; MUS 183; MUS 191; MUS 192; MUS 197; MUS 198)

Behavioral/Social Science

AFR 190; AFR 210; ANT 101; COM 230; COM 250; ECN 150; ECN 151; ENV 250; GBK 407; GEO 111; GHS 200; JMS 101; JMS 240; ORGL 210; PHI 237; POL 101; POL/IAF 253; PSY 101; PSYC 111; SEP 200; SOC 101; SOC 210; SOCI 111; WGS 180

Quantitative Reasoning
CSC 204; MAT 104; MAT 133; MAT 141; MAT 191; MAT 192; MATH 129; MATH 130; MATH 140; MATH 160; MATH 220; PHI 180; STA 126

Scientific Reasoning (including a lab)
BIO 102; BIO 110; BIO 202; BIOL 101; BIOL 105; CHM 110; CHM 111; CHM 112; ENB 105; ENB 110; ENB 150; ENV 210; ENV 215; PHY 102; PHY 105; PHY 108; PHY 109; PHY 115; PHY 141; PHY 142; PHY 161; PHY 162; PHYS 106; PHYS 220; PHYS 225; SCIE 100; SCIE 215; SCIE 220; SCIE 250

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Degree Programs

The following programs are available at the Regional Academic Centers and on the campuses as noted:

Eugene W. Stetson School of Business and Economics

Undergraduate Program:
Bachelor of Business Administration (Atlanta, Macon, and Douglas County)

Graduate Programs:
Master of Business Administration (Macon and Atlanta)
Executive Master of Business Administration (Atlanta)
Professional Master of Business Administration (Atlanta, Savannah, and Newnan)
Master of Accountancy (Atlanta)

Tift College of Education

Undergraduate Programs:
Bachelor of Science in Education, Early Care and Education (Atlanta and Douglas County)
Bachelor of Science in Education, Early Childhood/Special Education General Curriculum (Macon, Henry County, Douglas County, Newnan, and Eastman)
Bachelor of Science in Education, Middle Level Education (Macon, Henry County, and Douglas County)

Graduate Programs:
Refer to the “Graduate” section of the Macon and Atlanta catalogs or the “Graduate” section of this catalog for information on the following graduate programs:
Master of Arts in Teaching (Atlanta and Macon)
Master of Education in Early Childhood Education (Distance Learning/Online through Centers and on Atlanta Campus)
Master of Education in Middle Grades (Atlanta)
Master of Education in Secondary Education (Atlanta)
Master of Education in Reading (Atlanta)
Master of Education in Independent and Charter School Leadership (Atlanta and Macon)
Master of Education in Higher Education Leadership (Atlanta and Macon)
Specialist in Education in Educational Leadership (Macon, Henry County, Atlanta, and Savannah)
Specialist in Education in Early Childhood Education (Distance Learning/Online)
Specialist in Education in Teacher Leadership (Distance Learning/Online/Atlanta)
Doctor of Philosophy in Educational Leadership (Macon and Atlanta)

College of Continuing and Professional Studies

Undergraduate Programs:
Bachelor of Applied Science, Human Resources Administration and Development (Douglas County, and Henry County)
Bachelor of Applied Science, Organizational Leadership (Atlanta, Douglas County, Henry County, and Macon)
Bachelor of Arts, Liberal Studies, (individualized majors and concentrations) (Atlanta, Douglas County, Henry County, and Macon)
Bachelor of Science, **Public Safety Leadership** (Atlanta, Douglas County, Henry County, Macon, Newnan, Online, and only Minor in Eastman)

Bachelor of Science in Social Science, **Human Services** (Douglas County, Eastman, Henry County, and Macon)

Bachelor of Science, **Informatics** (Atlanta, Douglas County (Jan. 2014), Henry County, and Macon)

**Graduate Programs:**

Master of Science in Clinical Mental Health Counseling (formerly Master of Science in Community Counseling and Master of Science in Counseling) (Atlanta)

Master of Science in School Counseling (Atlanta)

Master of Science in Rehabilitation Counseling (Atlanta)

Master of Science in Organizational Leadership (Atlanta and Henry County)

Master of Science in Organizational Leadership/Master of Divinity in Leadership for the Nonprofit Organization (Atlanta/Henry)

Master of Science in Public Safety Leadership (Atlanta and Henry County for the executive Format)

Master of Science in Human Services (Henry County)

Educational Specialist in School Counseling (Atlanta)

Doctor of Philosophy in Counselor Education and Supervision (Atlanta)

**Academic Integrity**

Mercer University strives to be a Community of Respect that includes respect for academic integrity. Students operate under an honor system and will exhibit the values of honesty, trustworthiness, and fairness regarding all academic matters. Students, faculty, and staff are expected to report any violations in the forms of, but not limited to, cheating, plagiarism, and academic dishonesty to the honor council appropriate for their campus and program.

Procedures related to Honor Systems and Academic Integrity are outlined in the specific handbooks for each campus and can be found on the Provost website at http://provost.mercer.edu/handbooks.

**The Honor System**

Academic integrity at Mercer University is maintained through the Honor System. The Honor System imposes on each student the responsibility for his or her own honest deportment and assumes the corollary responsibility that each student will report any violations of the Honor Code about which he or she has information. The College of Continuing and Professional Studies, the Stetson School of Business and Economics, and the Tift College of Education have established committees to investigate, receive testimony, evaluate, and judge cases brought before them by students or faculty members.

**Academic Honesty**

Mutual trust is a basic component of any community. Mercer University expects students, as members of the academic community, to take seriously their positions in that community. Students are expected to ensure the continuance of trust among themselves and between them and the faculty by accepting responsibility for their own work. The University considers breaches of this trust and responsibility to be serious offenses.

Academic offenses include the taking of credit for or unfair use of work that has been done by another person. This includes plagiarism, cheating, and other acts of dishonesty in academic areas.
Plagiarism is defined as the use of ideas, facts, phrases, quotations, reproductions, or additional information, such as charts or maps, from any source without giving proper credit to the original author. Failure to reference any such material used is both ethically and legally improper.

Cheating includes the use of textbooks, notes, or other reference materials on a test, daily quiz, or other examination when not specifically permitted by the professor; copying ideas or facts from another student's paper during a test, quiz, or other examination; giving or receiving ideas orally or in writing during a test, quiz, or other examination; obtaining test questions that the professor has not released for reference prior to the test; and obtaining or giving specific information that appears on a test before the test is administered.

Student Classification

Undergraduate classification is based on the satisfactory completion of academic semester hours of credits, as follows:

- Freshman ........................................... 0-29 hours
- Sophomore ......................................... 30-59 hours
- Junior ................................................ 60-89 hours
- Senior .............................................. 90 hours and over

Units of Credit

Mercer University adheres to the Carnegie unit for contact time: 750 minutes of classroom or direct faculty instruction and a minimum of 1500 minutes of out-of-class student work for each credit awarded. Mercer defines a class hour as 50 minutes. The expectation of contact time inside the classroom and student effort outside the classroom is the same in all formats of a course, whether it is fully online, a hybrid of face-to-face contact with some content delivered by electronic means, or one delivered in lecture or seminar format.

Course Numbers

Undergraduate Level Courses:

100-199: Courses generally considered introductory in nature, including those carrying no prerequisites, and those intended primarily for freshman-level students.

200-399: Intermediate-level courses designed for students at the sophomore, junior, or senior levels. These are courses carrying prerequisites or requiring a level of sophistication not usually attained until after a student's first year of college.

400-499: Advanced-level courses generally requiring senior status, including, but not limited to, such courses as seminars, senior independent or directed study, research, colloquia, etc.

Courses numbered below 300 are lower-division courses.
Courses numbered 300-499 are upper-division courses.
Graduate Level Courses:

**Eugene W. Stetson School of Business and Economics**
600-699: Graduate level courses designed for graduate students only

**Tift College of Education**
500-599: Post-baccalaureate initial certification only; credit does not apply toward degree
600-699: Master level classes
700-799: Education Specialist classes
800-899: Doctor of Philosophy classes

**College of Continuing and Professional Studies**
600-999: Graduate courses designed for graduate students only

Grading System and Quality Points

Cumulative grade point averages are computed using a quality point system. The interpretation of the letter grades and their quality point values is as follows:

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* These grades are not calculated in the GPA.
**Grade of D may not be awarded for graduate students.

Satisfactory/Unsatisfactory (S/U) Grade

Some courses are offered only on the basis of satisfactory/unsatisfactory grading; this grading option is stated in course descriptions. Students in the College of Continuing and Professional Studies, the Tift College of Education, and the Stetson School of Business and Economics may elect the S/U option in certain courses. For policies on this option, see the catalog section about each of these schools/colleges.

Hours earned with a satisfactory grade will be added to the total required for graduation, but will not affect the cumulative grade point average; an unsatisfactory grade will result in no hours earned and in no penalty to the cumulative grade point average.

The satisfactory grade requires a standard of achievement equivalent to that which is usually awarded the grade of C or better. The purpose of this grade option is to give stu-
Students the opportunity to expand their knowledge and to satisfy interests outside of their fields of chosen concentration without placing themselves in academic jeopardy.

Students who elect the S/U option must officially declare the decision no later than the end of the drop/add period, and they cannot change this decision after the drop/add period. Courses originally taken on a letter grade basis may not be repeated on an S/U basis.

**ABX and Incomplete**

The grade of ABX denotes that the student was absent from the scheduled final examination because of sickness or another valid and compelling reason that is satisfactory to the instructor. A special examination, to take the place of the one missed, must be taken no later than mid-term of the next semester, or the ABX grade will be changed to the grade of F.

The grade of IC (incomplete) means the student is passing the class but some relatively small part of the semester's work remains incomplete because of illness or another valid and compelling reason that is satisfactory to the instructor. All course work in an undergraduate class must be completed no later than mid-term of the following semester, or the IC grade will be changed to a grade of F.

All ABX and IC grades must be replaced with traditional grades before degrees can be awarded.

**In Progress (IP)**

The IP (in progress) grade is assigned only in courses that require completion of the assigned work beyond the end of the semester. An IP grade may not be given in place of a grade of "incomplete" (IC). To qualify for an IP grade, courses must be approved by the appropriate dean's office. All grades of IP will be converted to F (failure) if the work is not completed in one calendar year from the time the IP grade is assigned.

**Repeating Courses**

A student may repeat a course in which he or she has earned a grade of D, F, or U in order to earn credit for the course or improve the grade. No course may be taken more than twice in the undergraduate program. A maximum of four courses may be repeated. Students who are repeating courses in an attempt to meet minimum graduation requirements for grade point averages in their major, minor, and/or school or college, or who have other extenuating circumstances, must have the appropriate dean's permission to exceed the four course limit.

Enrollment documents for such courses will carry the notation of “repeat” next to the course, and this notation will appear also on the class roll and the student's permanent record. Credit hours will be granted only once for any given course. The grade recorded in the final attempt at taking the course will prevail. The final grade earned will be used in computing the student's cumulative grade point average whether the grade is higher or lower than any previous grade(s) earned for this course. The previous grade(s) will not be deleted from the permanent record. If the original course is no longer a part of the curriculum, an equivalent course may be substituted on the authority of the appropriate dean.

When a course is repeated, the student is subject to the catalog restriction on the total number of credit hours that may be taken in a single term. With a dean's approval, a student who has a C average or above may, in extraordinary circumstances, be allowed to take the “repeat” course as an overload. A course may be retaken on an audit basis if a
student chooses to do so. A withdrawal grade or an audit does not serve to delete the computation of the previous grade(s).

Courses originally taken on a letter grade basis may not be repeated on a satisfactory/unsatisfactory basis.

Courses taken at another institution will not be accepted by Mercer as “repeat” credit.

Grade Appeals

If a student disagrees with an assigned course grade, the student is required to initiate an appeal with the appropriate faculty member no later than 30 days from the completion of the term in which the course was offered. Appeals received after the 30-day period will not be honored. Questions may be directed to the dean's office of the college/school in which the course is offered.

Grade Reports

Mercer University does not automatically mail grade reports to students. Students may check their semester grades on-line through MyMercer as soon as the grades are posted. After ALL grades are posted, official semester grade reports will be mailed only to those students who have requested them. Please note that grade reports will only be mailed at the end of a semester, not at the end of each session. Requests for official copies of grade reports must be made through MyMercer during the last two weeks of a semester; a request must be made every semester that a student wants a report mailed to him/her (i.e., making a request one semester does not mean that you will automatically have a grade report mailed to you each of the following semesters). If a student does not order a grade report during the allotted two weeks at the end of a semester, the student will need to request and pay for a transcript in order to receive an official copy of his/her grades.

Academic Advising

Academic advising is integral to a student's educational experience at Mercer University. Students should meet with their advisors throughout the year to plan their academic programs and evaluate their progress. Advisors are critical in helping students make certain that all educational requirements are met. Additionally, a student is encouraged to confer with an advisor when a schedule change becomes necessary.

Registration

Registration is required for admission to any class. The University requires all students to have a clear financial account before registering. Completing the registration process commits a student to the courses requested and to the corresponding fees and charges incurred. In addition to the advisor's approval/signature, students should obtain any other signatures/permissions required for special circumstances, such as a dean's signature for overloads or the instructor's signature for independent study, internships, etc. Students should consult the University catalog and the current schedule of classes for any prerequisites and special requirements for specific courses and for instructions for registration procedures.

Academic Loads

An academic load of 12 semester hours qualifies an undergraduate student for full-time status. Students who wish to receive their degrees at the end of four academic years
should complete 16 hours of credit each semester, or 32 credit hours per year, which may necessitate taking classes during the summer.

After their first semesters in residence, students with cumulative grade point averages of B (3.0) or higher are permitted to take course overloads, which is the maximum load of 18 hours of credit per semester or nine hours per eight-week session. Course overloads must be approved by the appropriate dean, and the cumulative average of B must be maintained to retain the privilege in succeeding terms. A student whose cumulative grade point average is C (2.0) or higher may have the privilege to take a course overload during one term of the senior year to make up a deficiency in hours.

College of Continuing and Professional Studies students should reference their section of this catalog for course load requirements.

For course load information for graduate students, see the appropriate catalog describing the program of interest.

Schedule Changes, Course Withdrawal, and Term Withdrawal (Resignation)

Schedule Changes

Course changes may be made on or before the dates specified in the calendar for the Regional Academic Centers’ programs. Students wishing to change courses prior to the beginning of classes or during the drop/add period must do so by using the on-line registration system, calling the Office of the Registrar, or completing and returning a Schedule Change Form, available at each regional academic center.

Course Withdrawal

Students may withdraw from a course with a grade of W after the drop/add period and on or before the last day for withdrawals, as shown in the current calendar. A student who withdraws after the deadline will receive an F, except in extreme personal circumstances and with appropriate documentation. To be officially withdrawn from a course, students must request withdrawal by completing a Course Withdrawal Form and submitting it to the Office of the Registrar.

Students should read the financial information section of the catalog and contact the Financial Aid Planning Office before officially withdrawing from a course. Financial aid could be reduced upon withdrawal.

Term Withdrawal/Resignation

Term withdrawal (resignation) from the University occurs when a student officially withdraws from all courses in which s/he is enrolled at any time after the end of the drop/add deadline for a given session and semester. Please note that a student must withdraw from all sessions of a semester in order to complete a term withdrawal. The effective date of withdrawal is the date the form is received by the Office of the Registrar. Grades of W will be awarded for all of a student’s courses when s/he officially withdraws before the published withdrawal deadlines for each session and semester. In order to receive grades of W, a student must complete the Term Withdrawal Form and submit it to the Office of the Registrar by the announced deadline. A student who withdraws after the deadline must complete the form for official withdrawal, but grades of F will be recorded for his/her classes. In extreme personal circumstances and with appropriate documentation, a student may appeal to the associate dean of his/her college to have grades of W awarded when officially withdrawing after the deadline.
Non-attendance or ceasing to attend a course(s) does not constitute an official schedule change, course withdrawal, or term withdrawal. Failure to officially withdraw will result in academic and financial penalties.

A student who withdraws from a course or from the University when a disciplinary action or honor code violation is pending is not necessarily exempt from a sanction and the final outcome may disqualify the student from receiving a refund.

Information on Mercer's refund policies can be found in the "Financial Information" section of this catalog.

**Final Examinations**

Instructors schedule final examinations during regular class time. Any changes in the examination schedule may be authorized only by the appropriate associate dean. Permission for a make-up examination due to illness or another emergency may be permitted at the discretion of the instructor.

**Advance Placement and Credit-by-Examination**

Students who take Advanced Placement (AP) courses at the high school level and complete the examination administered by the Educational Testing Service are awarded credit based on the score and course equivalent(s) as determined by the appropriate Mercer academic department for each exam. No credit may be awarded for scores of 1 or 2. Applicants should request an official score report from The College Board be sent to the Office of the Registrar.

Credit is also awarded for examinations administered by the College Level Examination Program (CLEP). Credit is awarded for scores at the 50th percentile or higher on the general and/or subject exams.

CLEP credit will not be awarded if a student has already taken the equivalent college-level course.

The International Baccalaureate Program is an internationally recognized curriculum which is taught at numerous high schools in the United States, Canada, and other countries. Mercer awards credit for scores of 5, 6, or 7 on the Higher Level examinations of the International Baccalaureate Program. Score reports should be included with the student’s final high school transcript or from the International Baccalaureate Office.

In addition to CLEP, Advanced Placement, DANTES, ACT-PEP, and International Baccalaureate exams, students may earn credit toward their degrees through the credit-by-examination procedures established in each of the colleges and schools of the University. These credits are awarded upon completion of institutionally developed and administered examinations. Each college/school determines the courses for which credit-by-exam may be given and establishes the criteria for awarding credit. No college, school, or department is obligated to offer an institutionally developed credit-by-exam option.

Credits earned through the University’s credit-by-examination process will be posted to the permanent academic record in the transfer credit area. This credit will carry an annotation which identifies it as credit-by-examination. It will not carry quality points or a grade and, therefore, will not affect the cumulative grade point average.

To be eligible to sit for a departmental exam, a student must be actively enrolled at Mercer in the semester in which the exam is to be taken. Appropriate fees must be paid prior to the exam and are non-refundable. Application forms for these exams are available in the Office of the Registrar.
A student may receive no more than 32 hours of credit from all extra-course examinations, including Advanced Placement, CLEP, DANTES, ACT-PEP, the International Baccalaureate Program, and credit-by-examination.

Class Auditing Regulations

Students who audit courses are assumed to be seriously interested in the courses for which they enroll. An official entry of “audit” on a student’s permanent academic record shall be made only if 75 percent of the classes are attended.

Students may audit, with appropriate approval, any courses for which they are eligible. A student who is auditing a course may not decide instead to take the course for credit after the last day for course schedule changes (drop/add). Courses that a student audits may not later be taken by that student for credit, nor may the student receive credit-by-examination for those courses. Auditors submit no daily work, take no examinations, and receive no credit for courses audited. They may participate in the class discussion only with the permission of the instructor.

See the “Financial Information” section of this catalog for the auditing fee.

Class Attendance

While the University encourages independent study on the part of students, regular class attendance is expected in most courses. No attendance regulation is prescribed by the University. Faculty announce their expectations about attendance in course syllabi.

Mercer University is respectful of the religious practices of members of the student body. Students who will be absent from class for religious observances must confer with their instructor(s) regarding the date of the absence at the beginning of each semester or session, or at least two weeks prior to the dates of the absence. The disposition of missed assignments will be arranged between instructor and student. If a mutually satisfactory solution is not reached, the right to establish a reasonable alternative is reserved to the instructor. Students who feel that their academic performance will be compromised by the alternative assignment/examination timetable may ask that the instructor’s dean review the instructor’s decision.

Transient Status for Mercer Undergraduate Students

An undergraduate student who wishes to take academic courses elsewhere as a transient student and apply those credits toward a Mercer degree must obtain written approval in advance from the appropriate dean and the Registrar’s Office and must have been enrolled at Mercer and attended classes there for at least one semester. Transient Permission Forms are available in the Registrar’s Office. Failure to obtain written approval in advance may preclude acceptance of the transfer credit. A student normally will not be permitted to attend another institution as a transient student for more than two consecutive academic terms. No correspondence work will be accepted for credit toward a degree. Mercer University does accept courses from the Independent Study Programs of the University of Georgia for transfer credit; the maximum credit accepted is 9 semester hours.

A student must be in good academic standing to be approved to take courses as a transient student. Ordinarily, the last 32 semester hours of degree work must be earned in residence at Mercer University. At least 12 semester hours of upper division work in a major, concentration, or specialization and 6 semester hours of upper division work in a minor, if elected, must be done in residence.
Courses that are equivalent to courses offered at Mercer will transfer as long as the host institution has acceptable accreditation and the student earns grades of C or better. Course outlines (syllabi) and catalog information may be required before approval for transient status is granted. Courses taken as a transient student will in no way affect the Mercer cumulative grade point average; however, all transfer credit attempted will be considered when determining University honors at graduation.

It is the student's responsibility to request that a transcript be sent to the Registrar's Office at Mercer University. No credit will be awarded until an official transcript is received from the institution attended.

**Academic Warning, Probation, and Suspension**

The minimum standard for satisfactory academic achievement is a grade point average of 2.0 for undergraduate students. Anything below this minimum puts the student's academic career in jeopardy. Within these guidelines a school may have additional procedures due to special programs. Notations of warning, probation, and suspension will be added to the transcript.

1. **Warning**
   An academic warning shall be issued to students whose cumulative average is below 2.0. A student with an academic warning may return to academic good standing by achieving a cumulative average of 2.0 or higher.

2. **Probation**
   Students with a cumulative average below those listed in the following table will immediately incur the status of academic probation. Students with probationary status may be subject to specific conditions in order to enroll.

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   (Students below 2.0 but at or above the averages listed in the table will continue to be warned.)

3. **Suspension**
   Students academically suspended from the university are neither permitted to enroll in any courses nor to participate in any university related activities. Students who fail to fulfill the conditions of their probationary status may be suspended. Students who fail to meet the required minimum cumulative grade point average on three consecutive occasions (including the summer term) will be subject to suspension for one term. Also, any full-time student who fails to pass a minimum of three hours in any term will be subject to academic suspension. Additionally, students who have demonstrated an inability to complete the special academic requirements of their chosen program of study may be suspended. Students may be re-admitted to the university with permission from an academic dean.

For new transfer students completing their first term at Mercer, only hours earned at Mercer that term will be considered for determining academic standing. In sub-
sequent terms, total hours earned will include transfer credit and hours earned at Mercer. In all cases, only Mercer hours are used to calculate the cumulative grade point average.

Recognition of Scholarship

President’s List and Dean’s List

Mercer undergraduate students are recognized for superior academic performance by inclusion on the President’s List and Deans’ Lists. Course load, grade point average, and other specific conditions determine inclusion. Criteria for these lists are shown in the following table.

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*Letter Grades: A, B+, B, C+, C, D, or F

Inclusion is subject to the following additional conditions:
1. No grades below C
2. Grades of Satisfactory on all Satisfactory/Unsatisfactory graded work in excess of the minimum normal letter graded hours
3. Students who have been found responsible for an Honor Code violation are not eligible for either list for the term in which the violation occurred

Graduation with Honors

Candidates for bachelor’s degrees with a grade-point average of 3.50 will receive their degrees cum laude; those with an average of 3.70, magna cum laude; and those with 3.85, summa cum laude. To be eligible for honors, a student must have earned a minimum of 32 semester hours and at least a 3.50 GPA at Mercer. In determining the GPA’s of students with any transfer credit, the total average and the Mercer average separately will be evaluated, and the student will be given the standing of the lower of these two averages. All college work attempted, including D’s and F’s for which transfer credit has not been awarded, will be included in the calculation of the cumulative grade point average for graduation with honors.

A student, who by virtue of a grade or grades made in repeated work achieves an overall grade point average which would otherwise qualify him or her for graduation with honors, will not be considered eligible to receive honors. A student who has been found responsible for an Honor Code violation is not eligible to graduate with honors.

Departmental Honors

Departmental honors may be conferred independently of all other distinctions. They are designed to recognize students who have distinguished themselves in the departments of their majors; they will not be announced at graduation, but a notation of departmental honors will be entered on the students’ permanent records. The specific require-
ments for each department's honors are listed in this catalog with the course require-
ments for the major, and details may be obtained from department chairs.

Undergraduate Degree Requirements

Undergraduate students must complete at least 32 credit hours and not less than one fourth of their minimum degree requirements at Mercer to be awarded a Mercer degree. Ordinarily, the last year of academic work (32 semester hours) must be done in residence. At least 12 hours of upper division work in a major, concentration, or specialization and 6 hours of upper division work in a minor, if elected, must be done in residence.

A bachelor's degree requires a minimum of 120 semester hours of academic courses numbered 100 and above. Many programs of study will require more. Refer to the specific major requirements for the credit hours needed to complete a particular program. Courses numbered below 100 do not count toward the fulfillment of the hours required for graduation. Hours earned in any school or college of the University may be used to satisfy the requirements of any undergraduate degree. Students must, however, fulfill all degree requirements of their particular degrees of choice. Using one course to satisfy two different requirements (general education, major, minor, second major) is often referred to as "double dipping." For Mercer's undergraduate programs, students are allowed to double dip courses at the 100- and 200-level. However, a student may not use any combination of more than two 300- or 400-level courses to satisfy the requirements in different majors and/or minor programs.

A cumulative grade point average of 2.0 or higher is required for graduation. Students must also have at least a 2.0 average in the minimum requirements for a major, concentration, specialization, or minor. Individual schools may require higher than 2.0 averages for admission to some programs and to meet graduation requirements in certain programs. Students should see the specific requirements of their program of study in this catalog.

A student who wishes to complete a second major in a different school/college from that of his/her first major must fulfill the specific course requirements for the second major plus additional requirements that may be arranged on an individual basis. The student should consult an academic advisor in the second major. The advisor and/or the department chair will determine what course work other than that usually prescribed for the major, if any, will be required.

Minors may also be earned across school or college lines under the same provisions as those stated above for majors. Majors and/or minors that are earned across school or college lines will be noted on permanent records but not on diplomas.

Second Degree

Students who wish to have two different bachelor's degrees conferred simultaneously must complete: the general education requirements of both programs; both the usual and special requirements of a major, concentration, or specialization in each program; and at least 18 credit hours more than the minimum required to earn one bachelor's degree.

Individuals who seek a second and different Bachelor's Degree after graduation must complete the general education requirements appropriate to the degree being sought, meet the residence requirements of a major, concentration, or specialization, and spend a minimum of two semesters (at least 32 hours) in residence at Mercer.

In cases where course work from a previous degree is used to fulfill requirements for any second degree, the grade point averages for the two degrees will be combined.
Application for Graduation

All students must apply for graduation. It is the student's responsibility to be aware of all department, school/college, and university degree requirements as published in the University catalog, and to ensure that such requirements have been met or that appropriate waivers have been secured and filed in the Office of the Registrar.

Participation in Commencement Ceremonies

Only those students who are in a position to complete all requirements for graduation by the end of the spring semester may participate in the commencement ceremony for that academic year. Students to whom degrees have already been awarded during the current academic year (i.e., at the end of the previous summer or fall semester) may also participate in that year's commencement ceremony.

In extraordinary situations, a student, who requires no more than 12 credit hours for graduation and plans to complete the degree requirements during the summer session immediately following commencement, may petition the Office of the Registrar for special consideration to participate in the commencement ceremony.

Graduate students may participate according to the policies of their individual schools or colleges. (See “Graduate Studies” section.)

Participation in the graduation ceremony does not necessarily represent conferral of the degree. Degrees are awarded at the end of the terms in which all requirements are met. Students may participate in only one ceremony for each degree sought.

Awarding of Degrees

The University awards degrees at the end of each semester. Diplomas will be released to students and transcripts annotated upon the certification of completion of all degree requirements. A commencement ceremony is held in May of each year. (See the paragraph above on “Participation in Commencement Ceremony.”)

Student Records (Transcripts)

A student may obtain a copy of his/her academic record (transcript) by sending a written request to the Office of the Registrar, 1400 Coleman Avenue, Macon, Georgia 31207. Telephone or e-mail requests will not be honored. Transcripts produced by the Office of the Registrar include the complete record of a student's academic history at Mercer University. The transcript includes both undergraduate and graduate records.

Academic records accumulated in the professional schools (i.e., law, medicine, and pharmacy) must be requested from the appropriate school.

The University does not provide copies of official transcripts received from other schools or institutions.

Student Rights Pertaining To Educational Records

The Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) affords students at Mercer University certain rights with respect to their educational records. These rights include:

1. The right to inspect and review a student's educational records within 45 days of the day the Office of the Registrar receives a written request for access.

The student should submit to the registrar a written request that identifies the record(s) the student wishes to inspect. The registrar will make arrangements for
access and notify the student of the time and place where the records may be
inspected. If the registrar does not maintain the records, the student shall be
advised of the correct official at the University to whom the request should be
addressed.

2. The right to request the amendment of the student's educational records if the
   student believes them to be inaccurate.

   The student may ask the University to amend a record that he/she believes is inac-
   curate. The student should write the registrar, clearly identify the part of the record
   he/she wants changed, and specify why it is inaccurate. If the University decides not
   to amend the record as requested by the student, the registrar (or another appro-
   priate official, if the record is maintained by another office) will notify the student of
   the decision and advise the student of his or her right to a hearing regarding the
   request for amendment. Additional information regarding the hearing procedures
   will be provided to the student when the student is notified of the right to a hearing.

3. The right to consent to disclosures of personally identifiable information contained
   in the student's educational record, except to the extent that FERPA authorizes dis-
   closure without consent.

   One exception, which permits disclosure without consent, is disclosure to school
   officials with legitimate educational interests. A “school official” is a person
   employed by the University in an administrative, supervisory, academic, research,
   or support staff position (including law enforcement personnel and health staff); a
   person or company with whom the University has contracted (such as an attorney,
   auditor, or collection agent); a person serving on the Board of Trustees; or a stu-
   dent serving on an official committee, such as a disciplinary or grievance commit-
   tee, or assisting another school official in performing his or her tasks.

   A school official has a "legitimate educational interest" if the official needs to review
   an educational record in order to fulfill his or her professional responsibility.

   Another exception which permits disclosure without student consent is disclosure
   to officials of another school, school system, or institution of post-secondary edu-
   cation where a student seeks or intends to enroll. Upon the request of an institu-
   tion in which a student seeks or intends to enroll, the University will forward the stu-
   dent's education records to the requesting institution. Upon request, the student
   may obtain a copy of the record that was disclosed and have an opportunity for a
   hearing as provided above.

   As of January 3, 2012, the U.S. Department of Education's FERPA regulations
   expand the circumstances under which your education records and personally
   identifiable information (PII) contained in such records — including your Social
   Security Number, grades, or other private information — may be accessed without
   your consent. First, the U.S. Comptroller General, the U.S. Attorney General, the
   U.S. Secretary of Education, or state and local education authorities ("Federal and
   State Authorities") may allow access to your records and PII without your consent
   to any third party designated by a Federal or State Authority to evaluate a federal-
   or state-supported education program. The evaluation may relate to any program
   that is "principally engaged in the provision of education," such as early childhood
   education and job training, as well as any program that is administered by an edu-

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cation agency or institution. Second, Federal and State Authorities may allow access to your education records and PII without your consent to researchers performing certain types of studies, in certain cases even when we object to or do not request such research. Federal and State Authorities must obtain certain use-restriction and data security promises from the entities that they authorize to receive your PII, but the Authorities need not maintain direct control over such entities. In addition, in connection with Statewide Longitudinal Data Systems, State Authorities may collect, compile, permanently retain, and share without your consent PII from your education records, and they may track your participation in education and other programs by linking such PII to other personal information about you that they obtain from other Federal or State data sources, including workforce development, unemployment insurance, child welfare, juvenile justice, military service, and migrant student records systems.

4. The right of a currently enrolled student to request that his/her “directory information” not be released by Mercer University. The University, at its discretion and without the written consent of the student, may release “directory information,” which includes the following items: student name, address, e-mail address, telephone number, date and place of birth, academic program, dates of attendance, degrees and honors received, most recent previous institution attended, participation in officially recognized activities and sports, and photographs or video images.

A student request for non-disclosure of the above items must be filed with the Office of the Registrar.

5. The right to file a complaint with the U.S. Department of Education concerning alleged failures by Mercer University to comply with the requirements of FERPA. The name and address of the office that administers FERPA are: Family Policy Compliance Office, U.S. Department of Education, 400 Maryland Avenue, SW, Washington, DC 20202-4605.
The Eugene W. Stetson School of Business and Economics

Mission Statement

The Stetson School of Business and Economics (SSBE) promotes the advancement and integration of quality business education and practice. In support of Mercer University's mission, this school provides undergraduate and graduate programs that are designed to enable, enhance, and expand professional careers, civic responsibility, and lifelong learning.

Performance Objectives

Fulfillment of the mission is gauged by the SSBE’s performance against the following objectives:

- to graduate students who possess the requisite knowledge and skills for productive and continuing careers in business, government, and other institutions;
- to prepare and enable students to work effectively in the increasingly complex and diverse environments of modern organizations;
- to provide students with opportunities to identify ethical dilemmas and ethical implications of decision-making inherent in business and society;
- to graduate individuals who possess communication, critical thinking, problem-solving, and other creative skills necessary for obtaining and maintaining organizational positions;
- to provide students with examples and opportunities for integration of business theory and application;
• to promote the value of community service and social responsibility by providing opportunities for student involvement in community and professional services.

Operational Priorities

The Stetson School of Business and Economics supports the teacher-scholar model that views teaching, faculty scholarship, and service as interactive elements in the educational process. Teaching includes effective classroom instruction and advising. Scholarship includes both intellectual contributions to the business field and continued individual professional development. Service includes contributions to the school, the university, the business community, and society.

Accreditation

The SSBE is accredited by AACSB International: The Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business, 777 South Harbour Island Boulevard, Suite 750, Tampa, FL 33602; telephone (813) 769-6500; www.aacsb.edu.

Values

In fulfilling the mission and by following the operational priorities, the SSBE supports the following values:

• commitment to teaching excellence;
• commitment to scholarship and service that enhances the learning environment;
• collaboration with business and academic communities to create, share, and apply knowledge;
• inclusion of stakeholder perspectives in decision-making and continuous improvement;
• creation of a learning community that fosters ethical decision-making and intellectual curiosity;
• sustainment of a personalized, student-oriented environment that facilitates collaboration and on-going relationships among students, faculty, alumni, and the business community;
• value of civic responsibility and the importance of community and professional service;
• diversity of thought, perspective, and experience in faculty and students.

Code of Conduct

Honesty and integrity are necessary to the academic and professional functions of business. Acts of dishonesty undermine the basic foundation of the academic environment. Students have a responsibility to: strive toward, and encourage the pursuit of, academic excellence and professional knowledge; conduct themselves in a dignified and ethical manner; abide by the procedures, rules, and regulations of Mercer University; and respect the guidelines prescribed by each professor in the preparation of academic assignments. Cases of alleged infractions of these procedures and/or prescriptions shall be governed by the policy for appeals and exceptions set forth below.
Exceptions and Appeals

Exceptions to policy or appeals of policy decisions must be made in writing to the dean’s office of the Stetson School of Business and Economics. These will be reviewed by the Student Affairs Committee, which will make a recommendation to the appropriate dean. Appeals for reconsideration of a decision by the Student Affairs Committee must be presented in writing to the dean.

Second Degree

A student seeking a second undergraduate degree must satisfy the undergraduate degree requirements for the BBA degree, as outlined below, and must meet the requirements for a second bachelor's degree, as outlined in the general university policies on undergraduate degree requirements.

Individuals who seek a second degree after graduation are subject to all admissions, academic and residence requirements appropriate to the degree being sought.

In cases where course work from a previous Mercer degree is used to fulfill requirements for any second degree, the grade point averages for the two degrees will be combined.

Undergraduate Degrees

The Stetson School of Business and Economics offers the Bachelor of Business Administration (BBA) degree. In Douglas County, the degree is completed through a personal portfolio of study (PPS).

Graduate Degrees

Information on the Master of Business Administration program is published in the graduate section of this catalog. Information about the Executive Master of Business Administration and the Master of Accounting can be found in the Atlanta catalog. The Professional Master of Business Administration can be found in the Graduate Section of this catalog.

Study Abroad Program

The Stetson School of Business and Economics Study Abroad Program offers students an excellent opportunity to study different cultural and organizational perspectives and to explore their effects on business concepts and practices. This international experience, which carries three (3) hours of credit in international business, is an important component of the school’s academic programs. The study abroad program includes: lectures in international management, marketing, finance, and law; cross-cultural simulations; and visits to varied public and private sector organizations in Europe. Interested students should contact the program director on the Atlanta campus for specific information.

International Student Services

The University provides information to international students about government regulations concerning F-1 Student Visas and other assistance services. International students are encouraged to seek assistance from the Division of Student Affairs and from the Office of International Programs on the Macon campus, or from the International Student Advisor on the Atlanta campus.
UNDERGRADUATE PROGRAMS
POLICIES AND PROCEDURES

Admission

The Stetson School of Business and Economics offers programs in Macon, on the
Cecil B. Day Campus in Atlanta, and at the Regional Academic Center in Douglas County.
Elective course offerings at the various locations may differ.

Freshmen

See more detailed information under the Admission Information section of this cata-
log.

Transfer Students

Included in this category are applicants who received credit for college-level work at
any regionally accredited college, university, or technical school. Applicants cannot have
been dismissed, excluded, or suspended from any other regionally accredited institution
within the past twelve months.

Generally, admission is offered to those applicants who meet the following criteria:

1. A cumulative grade point average of a 2.5 or better for all college-level credit
   attempted.

2. Good standing at the last regionally accredited college or university attended.

Students who do not meet the cumulative grade point average of 2.5, as stated above,
but do have at least a 2.25 cumulative grade point average, may be eligible for qualified
admission status.

Undergraduate Transfer and Equivalency Credit Policies

The following policies concern academic credit transferred from other regionally
accredited institutions of higher education and courses taken in other units and at other
locations within the University.

1. Semester credits transfer into the University on a one-for-one basis. Each quarter
   hour credit is awarded 2/3 of a semester hour of credit. Credits taken in any school
   or college of the University are recognized in all other schools and colleges of the
   University.

2. To fulfill any science general education requirement, transferred courses must
   include a laboratory component.

3. Upper-division credit will be granted for business courses taken at another region-
   ally accredited four-year institution, except for MGT 498, which must be taken in
   residence. Upper division credit for the business core courses (ECN 301, ECN
   302, ECN 303, FIN 362, MGT 363, and MKT 361) taken at a two-year institution
   can be obtained by:

   a. taking the CLEP test (if available) and earning a score of 50 or above, or,

   b. taking an upper-division course (300- or 400-level) in the same discipline and
      passing with a grade of C or better. This would validate the lower-division
      course work, thereby satisfying the core requirement. Validation of the course
does not reduce the number of upper division hours needed to graduate.
Upper-division credit will be granted for an equivalent of BUS 346 taken at a two-year institution.

**Advance Placement, CLEP, and International Baccalaureate Credit**

Students who take Advanced Placement (AP) courses at the high school level and complete the examinations administered by the Educational Testing Service are awarded credit based on the scores and course equivalent(s), as determined by the appropriate Mercer academic department for each exam. No credit may be awarded for scores of 1 or 2. Applicants should request that an official score report from The College Board be sent to the Office of the Registrar.

Credit is also awarded for examinations administered by the College Level Examination Program (CLEP). Credit is awarded for scores of 50 or higher on the general and/or subject exams. CLEP credit will not be awarded if a student has already taken the equivalent college-level course.

The International Baccalaureate Program is an internationally recognized curriculum that is taught at numerous high schools in the United States, Canada, and other countries. Mercer awards credit for scores of 5, 6, or 7 on the higher-level examinations of the International Baccalaureate Program. Score reports should be included with the student's final high school transcripts or provided by the International Baccalaureate Office.

CLEP credit for courses in the major areas must be approved by the faculty of the academic discipline concerned. An official transcript from the College Entrance Examination Board must be provided in order for the CLEP credit to be accepted as transfer credit. Students presenting Advanced Placement, CLEP, or International Baccalaureate scores may not receive more than 30 hours total credit from any or all three sources. Under highly unusual circumstances, an appeal to the dean may be made for credit greater than 30 hours. CLEP credit will not be awarded if a student has already taken the equivalent college-level course.

**Satisfactory- Unsatisfactory Grading Option**

Students seeking the BBA degree (regardless of their grade point average or academic year at Mercer) are permitted to take two courses per year on a satisfactory-unsatisfactory basis, with the following restrictions:

1. Required mathematics, communication, or computer science courses may not be taken on a S-U basis.
2. No course in accounting, business, economics, finance, management, or marketing may be taken on an S-U basis, unless the course is graded on a nonoptional S-U basis. Courses taken that are graded on a nonoptional satisfactory-unsatisfactory basis will not count toward the allowable two per year.

**Curriculum Comments**

Students should consult their advisors to determine the number of free electives. Often, the availability of sufficient elective courses will allow a student to minor or take courses in some other area of study.

Students should review the prerequisites for courses, included with the course descriptions, to ensure that these prerequisites have been satisfied before attempting to register for courses.

Hours of credit toward graduation are not awarded for exempted courses. Hours of credit are awarded only for courses successfully completed, courses transferred in, and
examinations successfully completed through the College Level Examination Program (CLEP), Advanced Placement (AP), International Baccalaureate (IB), or the University's credit-by-examination process.

For special topics and directed research in business, credit hours are determined by the nature of the topic, with a maximum of 3 hours for a given subtitle. Various subtitles may be taken for a maximum of 6 hours of credit in a student's PPS. A maximum of 6 hours of additional special topics credit may be taken outside the PPS but within the school.

Recognition of Scholarship

President's List and Dean's List

The requirements for inclusion on the President's List and the Dean's List are specified in the University's undergraduate academic policies.

Beta Gamma Sigma

Beta Gamma Sigma is the honor society for students enrolled in business and management programs accredited by AACSB International. The society's mission is to encourage and honor academic achievement in the study of business and personal and professional excellence in the practice of business.

Election to lifetime membership in Beta Gamma Sigma is the highest honor a business student anywhere in the world can receive in an undergraduate or master's program at a school accredited by AACSB International. Eligibility for membership is determined by high academic achievement. Only the top 20% of graduate students, the top 10% of seniors, and the top 7% of juniors, based on grade point average, are eligible for membership and lifetime benefits. With more than 500,000 members worldwide, and alumni chapters in major metropolitan areas across the United States, the Society's membership comprises the brightest and best of the world's business leaders.

School Honors at Graduation

Honors may be earned independently from overall undergraduate honors (cum laude, magna cum laude, summa cum laude). The school's honors recognize those students who have performed at an exceptionally high level on course work within the school. The requirements are as follows: a grade point average of 3.75 or higher must be earned on core curriculum courses and in the personal portfolio of study (PPS). (Transfer students must attain a 3.75 or higher grade point average on all courses taken at Mercer in the core curriculum and the PPS, and a combined grade point average of 3.75 or higher on all courses in the core curriculum and PPS at Mercer and at other institutions from which credit is received.)

Academic Warning, Probation, and Suspension

The policies on academic warning, probation, and suspension are specified in the University's undergraduate academic policies. Students who are subject to suspension because they have not met minimum academic requirements by the end of the regular academic year will be allowed to attend the summer term in an attempt to meet the minimum.
Academic Internships

Academic internships are available or can be arranged for students in the Stetson School of Business and Economics. A student must be at least a sophomore with a 2.5 GPA and 9 or more credit hours in business courses. Arrangements between the University and the entity providing the work experience are coordinated by the Office of Student Development Services, in the Division of Student Affairs. Each internship must be approved by the associate dean or the program director. An internship carries one (1) hour of academic credit, and can be repeated once for an academic career maximum of two (2) credit hours. All such internships will be graded on a mandatory S/U basis.

Internships may be counted only as elective hours and may not be substituted for or added to any academic courses required for or counted toward any PPS. Students should register for BUS 318, Internship in Business.

Undergraduate Degree Requirements

To qualify for graduation with the Bachelor of Business Administration degree, the following requirements must be satisfied:

1. A minimum of 120 semester hours of academic courses with a cumulative grade point average of at least 2.0;
2. A minimum cumulative grade point average of 2.25 in all business courses taken either at Mercer or transferred from other institutions;
3. A minimum cumulative grade point average of 2.25 in the 18 total hours taken in a personal portfolio of study;
4. Completion of the general education requirements;
5. Completion of the mathematics, communication, statistics, and computer science courses required for the degree earned;
6. Completion of the courses required in the business core;
7. Completion of the courses and any other requirements for a personal portfolio of study or a general business studies program;
8. Completion of a minimum of 60 semester hours of academic credit in courses other than those that are offered by the Stetson School of Business and Economics, or that transfer to Mercer as business courses, or that count toward the business core curriculum, or that are business courses that count toward a personal portfolio of study or a general business studies program on the BBA degree. For this purpose, up to nine semester hours of economics and up to six semester hours of basic statistics may count in the minimum 60 semester hours outside of business;
9. Completion of a minimum of 32 hours from Mercer University and 30 semester hours from the Stetson School of Business and Economics. Students may count all economics courses taken in the Stetson School of Business and Economics toward meeting this requirement. Courses taken at another school or college of Mercer University, which meet the requirement of a business core curriculum course or business courses that count toward a PPS will count toward meeting the SSBE minimum 30 semester-hours requirement. MGT 498 must be taken in residence;
10. Earn a minimum of 12 semester hours of a personal portfolio of study or the general business studies program in residence;

11. Take the senior assessment examination;

12. The recommendation of the faculty.

CURRICULUM

Students seeking the Bachelor of Business Administration degree with a personal portfolio of study (PPS) in the regional academic centers must successfully complete the general education requirements, the business core curriculum courses, and a six-course PPS. The Stetson School of Business and Economics normally works with the College of Continuing and Professional Studies to provide general education courses each term, at sites being served by the school, in order to satisfy the general education requirements for students seeking the four-year bachelor's degree. The specific courses that will be offered at each site will be based on the level of interest and students' program needs, as expressed by current enrollment statistics, as well as anticipated future interest in the program.

General Education Requirements (48 hours) [SSBE Atlanta, Douglas, and Henry]

Communication (12 hours):
  Written Communication (6 hours): LBST 175 & LBST 180; or English Composition I & II
  Oral Communication (3 hours): COMM 171; or any other comparable transfer course
  Other Communication (3 hours): INSY 102; or any other comparable transfer course

Religion (3 hours):
  RELG 110; RELG 120; RELG 130; RELG 220; RELG 225; RELG 356; or any other comparable transfer course

Humanities/Fine Arts (9 hours):
  Literature (3 hours): LITR 207; LITR 247; LITR 277; LITR 334; or any other comparable transfer course
  History (3 hours): HIST 101; HIST 102; HIST 201; HIST 202; HIST 200; HIST 210; HIST 220; HIST 366; HIST 367; HIST 368; or any other comparable transfer course
  Fine Arts or Philosophy (3 hours): ARTH 101; COMM 104; COMM 205; LBST 250; LBST 255; MUSC 150; SCLT 201; or any other comparable transfer course

Behavioral/Social Science (3 hours)
  PSYC 111; SOCI 111; or any other comparable transfer course

Quantitative Reasoning (6 hours)
  MATH 130 and MATH 220; or any other comparable transfer courses

Scientific Reasoning (including a lab) (3 hours)
  BIOL 101; BIOL 105; ENVS 210; ENVS 215; PHYS 106; PHYS 220; PHYS 225; SCIE 215; SCIE 220; or any other comparable transfer course (excluding SCIE 100 or its equivalent)
**Additional Requirements** (12 hours):

Any three additional courses from those listed above; or from higher-level courses from those disciplines listed above; or any foreign language courses (9 hours)

COMM 270 (3 hours)

**Business Core Curriculum**

(36 hours)

The business core curriculum has been designed to ensure that all students receiving the BBA degree will share an important common body of knowledge. This program of study provides the foundation of thinking tools needed throughout a wide range of positions of authority in business and not-for-profit organizations. Courses required for this curriculum include:

ACC 204, 205  
BUS 346, 349, 350  
ECN 150, 151  
FIN 362  
MGT 363, 382  
MKT 361  
MGT 498

ECN 150, ECN 151, ACC 204, and ACC 205 should be completed by the end of the sophomore year. The faculty recommends that ACC 204 and ACC 205 not be taken until the sophomore year. Entry into the other courses normally is limited to juniors and seniors. MGT 498 must be taken in residence, after senior standing has been attained and the following prerequisite courses have been completed: ACC 204 and 205; BUS 346; ECN 150 and 151; FIN 362; MGT 363; and MKT 361.

**Upper Division Elective Courses**

The Bachelor of Business Administration degree program enables students to develop the administrative, analytical, decision-making, communication, and computer skills necessary to succeed in today's managerially driven world. Courses must be selected from 300-400 level courses from the regional academic centers’ course offerings, from one or more business disciplines (ACC, BUS, ECN, FIN, MGT, or MKT). Courses that fulfill a general education or a business core curriculum requirement may not double-count in the upper-division elective business course component of the BBA degree.

**Personal Portfolio of Study (Douglas and Henry)**

(18 hours)

Students may create their own program of study by selecting six upper-division business courses. Students are strongly encouraged to take an international business course as part of their PPS.

**Free Electives:**

(18 hours)

**Total Graduation Requirements:**

(120 hours)

**Minors For Students Pursuing the B.B.A. Degree**

Minors in a business area are not available for students pursuing the B.B.A. degree. B.B.A. degree-seeking students may broaden their PPS program of study to include courses in alternate disciplines or seek a minor outside business.
Minor For Students Not Pursuing the B.B.A. Degree

A minor for students not pursuing the B.B.A. degree is offered in business administration. A 2.0 grade point average is required to earn the minor. The School requires that upper-division work in a minor be done in residence.

The requirements for a minor in business administration are: ECN 150 or ECN 151, ACC 204, MGT 363, MKT 361, and one other course selected from the curriculum of the school. The fifth course should be selected in consultation with a faculty member in the school. Entry into 300- or 400-level courses normally is limited to juniors and seniors.

COURSES OF INSTRUCTION

The following undergraduate courses are offered by the Stetson School of Business and Economics at the regional academic center in Douglas County. All of the courses may not be available at each location. Courses offered in the day program in Macon and on the Cecil B. Day Campus in Atlanta are listed in separate catalogs.

ACCOUNTING (ACC)

ACC 204. Introductory Financial Accounting (3 hours)
Prerequisite: INSY 102 or CSC 125 recommended.
A study of the basic principles and concepts relating to the collection and summarization of accounting information, and the understanding, preparation, and use of the income statement, the balance sheet, and the statement of cash flows.

ACC 205. Introductory Managerial Accounting (3 hours)
Prerequisite: ACC 204.
An introductory study of the preparation and use of internal accounting information for the planning and controlling of company activities. Topics covered include internal budgeting, cost allocation, and capital budgeting.

ACC 375. Tax Accounting (3 hours)
Prerequisites: ACC 204 and 205.
A study of the basic principles and concepts of federal income taxation of business entities (sole proprietorships, partnerships and limited liability entities, C corporations and S corporations). Brief coverage of federal taxation of individuals.

BUSINESS (BUS)

BUS 318. Internship in Business (1 hour per term)
Prerequisites: sophomore status, minimum 2.5 GPA, and 9 or more credit hours in business courses.
A practical work experience with a business or similar entity related to a student's career interest. Arrangements between the University and the entity providing the work experience will be coordinated by the Office of Student Development Services, in the Division of Student Affairs. Academic credit will be granted only upon review and approval, by the dean, associate dean, or a business faculty member, of appropriate written documentation prepared and presented by the student to support the educational element of the experience. Does not count toward a PPS. May be repeated once. S/U graded.

BUS 346. The Legal, Ethical, and Regulatory Environment of Business I (3 hours)
Prerequisite: sophomore standing.
This course is an introduction to law and the legal system. Topics discussed include the court system, constitutional law, administrative law, contract law, torts, product liability, criminal law, business organizations, agency, and an introduction to the governmental regulations of business. The ethical and social responsibilities of business will be emphasized.

**BUS 349. Management Information Systems**  
(3 hours)  
Prerequisite: INSY 102.  
A study of management information systems (MIS) and the impact that MIS has on management decision making. The emphasis of this course is on data collection techniques, information flow within the organization, techniques of analysis and design, and implementation of a system.

**BUS 350. Business Quantitative Analysis**  
(3 hours)  
Prerequisites: MATH 220 and MATH 130.  
Emphasis will be placed on the practical application of quantitative analysis used in business. Specific topics to be covered include: probability, forecasting, linear regression, linear programming, critical path method, program evaluation and review techniques, decision theory, and related techniques.

**BUS 364. International Business**  
(3 hours)  
Prerequisite: MGT 363.  
This course focuses on the conduct of organizations dealing with the transactions of goods and services across national boundaries, with particular emphasis on the management of these firms. Marketing, financial, human resource, and logistical issues are also explored. The student will develop an appreciation of the thorough understanding of business, cultural, economic, and political issues that an organization must have before it can successfully enter and compete in a foreign market. Application of principles is achieved through a comprehensive project.

**BUS 477. Special Topics in Business (Subtitle)**  
(1 to 3 hours)  
Prerequisites: junior or senior standing and the consent of the instructor.  
An intensive study of some significant topic in business not otherwise covered in the school's course offerings. Topics will be chosen in consultation with students who register for the course.

**BUS 478. Research in Business (Subtitle)**  
(1 to 3 hours)  
Prerequisites: junior or senior standing and the consent of the instructor.  
A research-oriented course focusing on an important topic in business not otherwise covered in the school's offerings. The course features student research, independent study, and discussion.

**ECONOMICS (ECN)**

**ECN 150. Principles of Microeconomics**  
(3 hours)  
Prerequisite: mathematics competency or completion of a college mathematics course.  
A study of the basic tools of economic analysis and the principles necessary to appreciate economic relationships, business behavior, and consumer behavior. Special emphasis will be given to the areas of supply and demand, marginal analysis, and the theory of the firm.

**ECN 151. Principles of Macroeconomics**  
(3 hours)  
Prerequisite: mathematics competency or completion of a college mathematics course.
The study and analysis of national income accounting, income determination theory, money and monetary policy, fiscal policy, international trade, and the theory of economic growth. Special attention will be given to current economic conditions and trends.

**ECN 301. Money, Credit, and Banking (3 hours)**
Prerequisites: ECN 150, 151, and junior status (or consent of instructor).
A functional study of monetary, banking, and credit structures, including a critical examination of monetary theory and policy recommendations.

**FINANCE (FIN)**

**FIN 362. Principles of Finance (3 hours)**
Prerequisites: ECN 150, ACC 204, MATH 130.
The course is taught from the viewpoint of a corporate financial manager trying to maximize stockholder wealth. Topics covered include corporate taxation, time-value of money, risk and rates of return, funds flow, working capital management, capital budgeting, cost of capital, and dividend policy. Lecture and problems.

**FIN 404. Investments (3 hours)**
Prerequisites: FIN 362, MATH 220 or 226.
The purpose of the course is to evaluate the various financial investments that are available to the investor and to emphasize the risk-return trade off. Topics covered include stock and bond analysis, securities markets, futures contracts, option contracts, efficient market hypothesis, fundamental analysis, and technical analysis. Lecture and problems.

**FIN 463. Intermediate Finance (3 hours)**
Prerequisites: FIN 362; MATH 220 or 226.
A continuation of FIN 362. A study of long-term financing and capital structure decisions, and short-term financial planning and working capital management. Additional topics include mergers and acquisitions and international finance.

**MANAGEMENT (MGT)**

**MGT 363. Principles of Management (3 hours)**
Prerequisite: sophomore standing.
Coordination of organizational activities through planning, organizing, staffing, executing, and controlling functions. Behavior theory, delegation, communication, decision-making. Lecture, discussion, and cases.

**MGT 382. Production/Operations Management (3 hours)**
Prerequisites: MGT 363; MATH 130; and MATH 220 or 226.
In this course, students will analyze production and service operation systems and their relationship with all other functions and activities in the organization. Deterministic and probabilistic models will be used to support decision making.

**MGT 423. Organizational Behavior (3 hours)**
Prerequisite: MGT 363.
A study of human behavior in formal organizations. Specific topics covered include: variations in individual behavior, perception, motivation and job satisfaction, job design, group and intergroup dynamics, leadership, communications processes, conflict, organizational culture, stress, and organization development.

**MGT 424. Organization Theory (3 hours)**
Prerequisite: MGT 363.
A study of formal organizations as social instruments. Lectures, discussion, and cases dealing with business organizations, as well as not-for-profit organizations. Topics covered include: organization structure, effects of structure, goals and effectiveness, size, growth, and the effects of environment and technology on organizational processes.

MGT 427. Entrepreneurship (3 hours)
Prerequisites: MGT 363; MKT 361.
The entrepreneur is someone who undertakes a venture, organizes it, raises capital to finance it, and assumes all or a major portion of the risk. This course typically covers profiles of entrepreneurs, means of going into business, venture opportunities, and the financial aspects of becoming an entrepreneur. Extensive case studies and projects are required. Each student also develops a business plan.

MGT 428. Leadership (3 hours)
Prerequisite: MGT 363
This course presents a study of the theory and practice of leadership, particularly as it applies to concepts that deal with social interaction and interpersonal behavior and how the manager influences others through leadership. Examples of real and fictional leaders are discussed.

MGT 429. Human Resource Management (3 hours)
Prerequisite: MGT 363. MGT 423 recommended.
A study of the modern personnel function. The assumption will be made that the personnel/human resource department has the responsibility of developing the human resources of organizations. Topics covered include: recruitment, employee selection, training, performance appraisal, wage and salary administration, employee benefits, safety management, and collective bargaining.

MGT 433. Labor-Management Relations (3 hours)
Prerequisite: MGT 363.
Examination of the historical development and current status of collective bargaining; identification of the role of the three actors (labor, management, and government) in the practice of collective bargaining; study of the impact of recent institutional, legislative, and economic developments on labor-management relations.

MGT 450. Total Quality Management (3 hours)
Prerequisite: MGT 363.
This course explores the principles, tools, and issues relating to total quality management. Students learn the foundations of total quality based on the teachings of Deming, Juran, and others. The basic tools and techniques for quality improvement as well as quality design are explored, as well as the principles of customer focus, teamwork, empowerment, leadership, and incorporating quality into the strategic process as a competitive tool. A comprehensive project enables each student to apply the concepts learned in a real world setting. The goal is to study and improve a process within an organization to increase quality, productivity, and customer satisfaction, and to reduce costs.

MGT 498. Strategic Management and Business Policy (3 hours)
Prerequisites: ACC 204, 205; BUS 346; ECN 150, 151; FIN 362; MGT 363; MKT 361; and senior standing.
The problems of business organizations from the point of view of the chief executive officer. Written analysis of in-depth cases that require the student to view decisions in terms of their impact on the total organization. Oral discussion and conceptual skills are also stressed.
MARKETING (MKT)

MKT 361. Principles of Marketing (3 hours)
Prerequisite: sophomore standing.
Role of the marketing function in planning and implementing objectives of the firm. Consumer markets, industrial markets, channels of distribution, product and pricing policies, sales forecasting, promotion, and control.

MKT 415. Marketing Research (3 hours)
Prerequisites: MKT 361; MATH 220 or 226.
A study of the methods and procedures designed to provide management with information on which decisions are made. The gathering and analysis of data in business and public organizations are primary emphasis. Topics include the use of secondary data and appropriate sampling and research methodologies for collecting primary data.

MKT 420. Professional Selling (3 hours)
Prerequisite: MKT 361.
This course helps students develop an understanding of the personal selling process and its role within the marketing and promotional mix of the firm. Basic sales concepts that are used by organizations to develop long term partnerships with customers are examined. Personal selling skills are enhanced through discussions, role playing, and sales presentations.

MKT 435. Marketing Promotion and Communication (3 hours)
Prerequisite: MKT 361.
Integration course for students interested in promotion and marketing communication. Designed to familiarize students with the tools necessary for the development, implementation, and management of promotional programs. The course takes an integrated marketing communication perspective and emphasizes management and coordination of the elements of the promotional mix, namely: implicit promotion, advertising, personal selling, publicity, and sales promotion. The course includes both theoretical and practical aspects of effective marketing communications, as well as economic, social, and ethical aspects of promotion.

MKT 442. Consumer Behavior (3 hours)
Prerequisite: MKT 361.
Includes study of consumer motives, attitudes, expectations, and behavior, and their relationship to developing effective marketing programs.
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Mission

The mission of the Tift College of Education is to prepare students to blend theory with practice, to think critically, and to interact effectively in a technologically complex, global society. To accomplish this mission, the Tift College of Education offers undergraduate and graduate degree programs and educational services designed to meet the needs of diverse students and of the professional education community.

Goals

The Tift College of Education will:

1. Reflect an understanding of education as a broad and lifelong process undergirded by the tradition of liberal learning.
2. Provide and promote academic programs that will respond effectively to geographic, professional, and cultural communities.
3. Cultivate a community of learning characterized by tolerance, compassion, mutual respect, and personal, social, and environmental responsibility.
4. Provide an academic environment that enhances the ability and faculty to synthesize theory and practice.
5. Develop a knowledge base and skills that enable students to interact effectively in a diverse, technologically complex society.

6. Create an environment for the development of critical thinking skills.

7. Create an environment that encourages consideration of viewpoints other than one's own, including viewpoints associated with other cultures and traditions.

8. Fosters commitment to live as an engaged and informed citizen.


10. Encourages a respect for intellectual and religious freedom.

**Tift College of Education Programs**

Bachelor of Science in Education  
Master of Arts in Teaching (offered in Macon and Atlanta)  
Master of Education (see Graduate Programs)  
Specialist in Education (see Graduate Programs)  
Doctor of Philosophy (offered in Atlanta and Macon only)(See Graduate Programs)

All programs leading to certification are approved by the Georgia Professional Standards Commission and accredited by the National Council for Accreditation of Teacher Education.

**Undergraduate Programs**

The Tift College of Education offers the following undergraduate programs in teacher education in the Regional Academic Centers:

- Early Care and Education (Birth-through-Kindergarten certification)
- Early Childhood/Special Education General Curriculum (P-5 certification)
- Middle Level Education (4-8 certification) – Henry, Douglas, and Macon Centers only

**Non-Degree Seeking Students**

**Initial Teacher Certification-Only at the Undergraduate Level**

Non-degree initial certification-only students are those students who have previously been awarded a bachelor's degree from an accredited college or university in a major other than teacher education and plan to complete a teacher education undergraduate program of study at Mercer University in order that they might be eligible to apply for a renewable Georgia teaching certificate at the T-4 level. Initial certification-only programs are similar to the degree programs; however, students in the initial certification-only programs are classified as “non-degree seeking.”

Undergraduate initial certification-only programs of study are available for early childhood education/special education-general curriculum, and middle level education through the regional academic centers (the Middle Level Education program is not offered at Eastman or Newnan). Post-baccalaureate initial certification at the graduate level is available on the Macon campus and on the Atlanta campus. Information about graduate level initial certification can be found in the Macon and Atlanta catalogs.
In order to be admitted to the Tift College of Education, initial certification-only students must hold a bachelor's degree from a regionally accredited university with a minimum cumulative GPA of 2.5 on a 4.0 scale. Courses necessary for meeting state certification requirements will be determined after a review of transcripts of all undergraduate work by the appropriate program coordinator/advisor. After initial certification-only students are admitted to the Tift College of Education through the Regional Academic Centers Admissions Office, they should begin the process of seeking admission to the Teacher Education Program. The admission process is explained in detail in the Tift College of Education website: education.mercer.edu.

**Satisfactory- Unsatisfactory Grading Option**

Students seeking an undergraduate degree in the Tift College of Education (regardless of grade average or year at Mercer) are permitted to take a maximum of two courses (6 credit hours) per academic year on a satisfactory-unsatisfactory basis, in addition to those courses graded on a non-optional satisfactory-unsatisfactory basis, with the following restrictions:

1. From the list of general education requirements that are applicable to a student's undergraduate major, area of concentration, or minor, a student may take not more than 6 credit hours on an S/U basis.
2. When registering for courses, the student must designate the satisfactory-unsatisfactory grading option. The option cannot be changed once the session begins.
3. Courses originally taken on a letter grade basis may not be repeated on a satisfactory-unsatisfactory basis.

Each degree program may have more restrictive policies concerning courses graded on a satisfactory-unsatisfactory basis; such restrictions are included in the information concerning each major.

A grade of S earns credit hours but does not affect the grade point average; a grade of U does not earn credit hours nor does it affect grade point average.

**Class Attendance**

Tift College of Education students are expected to attend all scheduled classes. Because absence from class may have an adverse effect upon the student's grade, each instructor is expected to outline the attendance requirements at the beginning of the course and to include these requirements in the syllabus given to the student. If stated in the syllabus, faculty members have the discretionary authority to assign the student an F because of excessive absences.

**Declaration of a Major**

Students should file a Declaration of Major Form with the registrar prior to completing 64 semester hours. Forms for declaring a major may be obtained from the regional academic centers.

Because of the sequencing of required courses in teacher education, a student should declare his or her major as early as possible. However, declaring a major in education does not guarantee admission to the Teacher Education Program.
Grade Appeals Policy

Students are encouraged to first meet with their instructor to discuss any disagreements regarding a grade. They may then appeal to the chair of the department. If satisfaction is not achieved, the student may then wish to submit an appeal to the Grade Appeals Committee through an associate dean. Grade appeals must be initiated within thirty days after the grade has been issued.

Tift College of Education General Education Requirements

General Education Requirements: General Education core requirements must include a minimum of 30 hours and at least one course (3 hrs.) in each of the six broad categories listed below.

Communication: Oral and Written (12 hrs.)
- LBST 175
- LBST 180
- COMM 171
- LBST 302; LBST 303; LBST 305; SCLT 304 or Any Foreign Language

Religion: (3 hrs.)
- RELG 110; RELG 120; RELG 130; RELG 220; RELG 225

Humanities/Fine Arts: Choose 1 from each group. (6 hrs.)
- Group 1: COMM 251; HIST 101; HIST 102; HIST 200; HIST 201; HIST 202; HIST 210; HIST 220; HIST 366; HIST 367; HIST 368
- Group 2: LITR/RELG 115; LITR 207; LITR 247; LITR 277; LITR 334; ARTH 101; COMM 104; COMM 205; MUSC 150

Behavioral/Social Sciences: (3 hrs.)
- PSYC 111; SOCI 111; POLS 100; GEOG 301

Quantitative Reasoning (3 hrs.)
- MATH 129; MATH 130; MATH 140; MATH 160; MATH 220

Scientific Reasoning: (3 hrs.)
- SCIE 100

Total Semester Hours: 30

NOTE: In an effort to determine students’ skill levels in reading, writing, and mathematics, the University requires new students to take an advising test. Some exceptions apply. Information about the test can be obtained from the offices of the regional academic centers.

FOUNDATIONS FOR LIBERAL STUDIES

The foundations for liberal studies courses are specifically designed to provide instruction in the strategies and techniques necessary for orientation, adjustment, participation, and success in an academic program by students making their initial entry into a college program, and for students who may have had some prior college work but who have not actively participated in a college program in the last two years.

Five courses comprise the foundations for liberal studies (course descriptions are included in the catalog under the College of Continuing and Professional Studies):
The Culture of the University
Mathematics, Problem-Posing, and Culture
Language and Communication
Principles of Self-Renewal
Fundamentals of Research Methods

*Students enrolled in FDLS 130 must earn a grade of C or higher in order to register for LBST 175 and LBST 180.
Students enrolled in FDLS 115 must earn a grade of C or higher in order to register for MATH 120.

The Office of Admissions may require some entering students to enroll in and successfully complete one or more of the foundation courses as part of their admissions process.

TEACHER EDUCATION

The Conceptual Framework

Within the context of a distinctive Baptist heritage, the inclusion of the paideia ideal, and the know-how of blending theory and practice, the Tift College of Education has chosen for its conceptual framework the theme: "The Transforming Educator - To Know, To Do, To Be."

TO KNOW

To Know the foundations of the education profession, content bases for curricula, and characteristics of diverse learners.

- Demonstrates knowledge of the philosophical, historical, sociological, legal, and psychological foundations of education.
- Demonstrates expertise in the content bases for curricula, the appropriate uses of technology, good communication skills, and effective pedagogy.
- Shows understanding of and respect for the characteristics, cognitive and social developmental stages, emotional and psychological needs and learning styles of diverse and special needs learners.

TO DO

To Do the work of a professional educator in planning and implementing well-integrated curricula using developmentally appropriate and culturally responsive instructional strategies, materials, and technology.

- Plans, implements and assesses well-integrated, developmentally appropriate, and culturally responsive lessons which are well grounded in pedagogical and psychological theory.
- Individualizes, differentiates, and adapts instruction to meet the needs of diverse and special needs learners.
- Uses a wide variety of teaching methods, strategies, technology, and materials.
TO BE

To Be a reflective, collaborative, and responsive decision-maker, facilitator, and role model within the classroom, school, community, and global environment.

- Believes in his or her own efficacy as an educator and uses feedback, reflection, research, and collaboration to enhance teaching performance, revise and refine instruction, make decisions, develop and modify instruction, and grow as a professional.

- Models understanding, respect, and appreciation for diverse educational, cultural, and socioeconomic groups; a willingness to consider diverse opinions and perspectives; and concern for community and global awareness.

- Models positive and effective interpersonal skills interacting with learners, parents, other educators and members of the community.

PURPOSES

The teacher education program is designed to prepare effective teachers by providing preservice students with:

1. A broad background in the liberal arts, including study in communication, literature, the social sciences, the arts, mathematics, and the natural sciences.

2. A knowledge base of subject area content appropriate to the particular certification area(s) and grade spans.

3. A knowledge base of educational foundations, educational psychology, human development, human exceptionalities, and parental and family dynamics.

4. A knowledge base of student and subject appropriate methodologies, techniques, strategies, and technology appropriate for facilitating learning and enabling all students, including the exceptional, disabled, and culturally diverse, to become engaged and active learners.

5. The opportunities to demonstrate competency and effectiveness as a teacher through a sequentially planned series of field experiences that allow the student to begin with observation, move through tutorial, small-group, and whole-group teaching experiences, and culminating with a student teaching experience.

Because of the recognition of the importance of addressing technological advancements within society, emphasis on the relevance of technological developments is infused throughout courses in the undergraduate program. Additionally, all course work within the teacher education program reflects the faculty’s recognition of diverse and special needs students. The inclusive education of disabled students stresses the importance of the concept that regular educators must plan appropriately for disabled, special needs, and other diverse populations.

CRITERIA AND PROCEDURES FOR ADMISSION TO TEACHER EDUCATION

All students must formally apply for admission to the Teacher Education Program. Because of the sequencing of courses and because of prerequisite courses for admission, a student should declare his or her specific major or certification intent in the Tift College of Education and should meet with an advisor first semester of enrollment.
Once a student is admitted to the Teacher Education Program, that student must continue to make satisfactory progress. The Tift College of Education reserves the right to review periodically the progress of each student and also reserves the right to remove any student from a teacher education program for failing to continue to meet the established criteria and policies in effect at the time of admission, and/or for demonstrating conduct that has been judged unethical or illegal based on the Code of Ethics, on the Mercer University Honor Code, or on the Standards of Conduct published by the Georgia Professional Standards Commission (PSC). If a student is denied admission to Teacher Education, that student must meet any revised admission requirements in effect at the time of re-application.

**Admission to Teacher Candidacy**

To be fully admitted to teacher candidacy, a student must:

1. Have a cumulative undergraduate GPA of 2.5
2. Have taken and have earned no grade below a “C” in LBST 175 and LBST 180.
3. Have taken and have earned no grade below a “C” in the math core class.
4. Have passed all unrestricted education courses taken and have earned no grade below a “C” in any courses required for the major, including courses required for areas of concentration in middle level education.
5. Have passed all GACE Basic Skills tests with a score on each test that reflects the minimum score set by the Georgia Professional Standards Commission. Students may be exempt from this requirement if they provide official documentation of qualifying scores on any of these tests: SAT, ACT, GRE, CBEST, CLAST, FTCE-GK or other exemption criteria as noted at gapsc.com.
6. Have declared a major in teacher education.
7. Have submitted an application for admission to Teacher Candidacy in the semester prior to registering for any restricted 300 and 400 level education courses.
8. Have passed the online Information Session test.

**Progression Policy**

Once a student is admitted to Teacher Candidacy, he/she must:

1. Maintain a cumulative GPA of 2.5 or better.
2. Maintain a 2.75 or better in all education courses required for the major. Students in the Middle Level Education program must maintain a 2.75 GPA or better in all education courses required for the major as well as a 2.75 GPA or better in each area of concentration.
3. Successfully complete all education courses. A teacher candidate who receives a grade below “C” in more than two (2) education courses will be dismissed from the Teacher Education Program. Only two (2) education courses with grades below “C” may be repeated, and no education course may be repeated more than one time.
4. Have positive recommendations from each field experience in order to advance in the sequence of field experiences. Please note that field experience placements
must meet all diversity criteria, i.e., placement in a minimum of three (3) different schools and placement in required grade clusters.

5. Have successfully completed all education courses and all content courses required for certification prior to recommendation for student teaching. Further, in order to be recommended for student teaching, a student may have no more than nine (9) hours of general education coursework to be completed in the term following student teaching.

Candidate for Certification

In order to be recommended for licensure/certification, a teacher candidate must:

1. Have successfully met all Progression Policy criteria.
2. Have a positive recommendation from student teaching.
3. Have successfully completed all program/degree requirements.
4. Have successfully completed Portfolio requirements.
5. Have successfully passed the appropriate GACE Content test(s) and have submitted complete score reports to the appropriate Certification Office.
6. Have met all state requirements for certification.

Transfer Student Admission Policy

Undergraduate transfer students who wish to enter the teacher education program must meet all criteria for full admission before registering for restricted education courses.

Criminal Background Check

Mercer University has chosen CertifiedBackground.com as our approved source for background checks. Each Mercer student will order and purchase his/her own background check directly online. The cost will be $45.00 payable by Visa, MasterCard or money order. When you complete your order, you will be prompted to electronically sign a Georgia statewide release form with Certified Profile. Make SURE you do this to complete your order. The results of the background check will be posted to the CertifiedBackground.com website in a secure, tamperproof environment. Once the order is submitted, the student will receive a secure password via email to use to view and print the results of the check. The results will be available in approximately 48-72 hours.

HOW TO ORDER

You will need your Student ID number, social security number, Visa or MasterCard. Go to www.CertifiedBackground.com and click on Students.
1. In the Package Code Box, enter MG24
3. Answer all questions and click on Submit.

Liability Insurance

Teacher education students are required to obtain Tort Liability Insurance prior to any field experience.
This insurance covers expenses related to civil suits brought against education students for acts or omissions that occur at a school. No amount of vigilance or professionalism can prevent some accidents. Also, a suit that incurs expenses can be brought against a person even if it is groundless. For these reasons, education students are required to obtain Tort Liability Insurance. Tort Liability insurance is required for field experiences in any class. Be advised that you will need to provide proof of coverage/membership each semester. Proof of coverage is documented when applying for field experiences. For a small fee, you must obtain coverage by joining one of the following student organizations: Georgia Association of Educators (GAE) www.gae1.org or Student Professional Association of Georgia Educators (SPAGE). www.pagefoundation.org.

EARLY CARE AND EDUCATION PROGRAM
(WITH EMBEDDED PRESCHOOL SPECIAL EDUCATION ENDORSEMENT)

The Bachelor of Science in Education degree, with a major in Early Care and Education, is designed for individuals who wish to be certified to teach children from birth through kindergarten. The Early Care and Education program will assist the student in acquiring a broad educational foundation that will prepare him or her for a profession in early care and education. In addition to the broad educational foundation, the student will complete studies in Child Development, Observation and Assessment, and Child Care Administration. The Child Development studies will focus on knowledge of how typical and atypical infants, toddlers, and young children grow, develop, and learn. The Observation and Assessment studies will provide opportunities to know and use systematic observations, documentation, and other effective assessment strategies. The Child Care Administration studies will serve to provide education in the theory and practice of leadership/management and human resource issues in child care centers and other early care and education settings.

Goals of Mercer University's Early Care and Education Program:

1. To prepare early care and education professionals for positions in Georgia.
   Graduates of the Early Care and Education program will be qualified for administrative, certified teaching, or social service positions with child care centers, Head Start programs, pre-kindergarten and kindergarten programs, social services agencies, and other facilities designed for the care and development of young children.

2. To help meet the growing demand for highly trained early care and education professionals in Georgia.
   Leaders in the early care and education profession in Georgia consistently indicate the need for a larger body of educated professionals to fill teaching and administrative positions.

3. To provide an alternative for early care and education employees seeking an undergraduate degree.
   Mercer University's Early Care and Education degree program will provide opportunities for those employed in early care and education settings to achieve personal and professional growth as they pursue Bachelor of Science in Education degrees.
4. To develop partnerships with early care and education settings, professional organizations, and community agencies.

Mercer University recognizes the importance of developing partnerships with other institutions and agencies to improve the educational development of the community and state.

Early Care and Education Program Outcomes

Candidates who complete the Bachelor of Science in Education degree, with a major in Early Care and Education, are professionals in early care and education who will promote the success of all young learners (birth through five years of age) by:

1. using understanding of typically and atypically developing young children’s characteristics and needs, and of multiple interacting influences on children’s development and learning, to create environments that are healthy, supportive, and challenging for all young children. To Know, To Do

2. knowing about, understanding, and valuing the importance and complex characteristics of children's culturally diverse families and communities; and using this understanding to create respectful, reciprocal relationships that support and empower families and to involve all families in their children's development and learning. To Know, To Do

3. knowing about and understanding the goals, benefits, and uses of assessment; and knowing about and using systematic observations, documentation, and other effective assessment strategies in a responsible way, in partnership with families and other professionals, to influence children's development and learning positively. To Know, To Do

4. knowing, understanding, and using positive relationships and supportive interactions as the foundation for work with young children. To Know, To Do

5. knowing, understanding, and using a wide array of developmentally effective approaches, strategies, and tools to influence children's development and learning in positive ways. To Know, To Do

6. understanding the importance of each content area in young children's learning; knowing the essential concepts, inquiry tools, and structure of content areas, including academic subjects; and identifying resources to deepen understanding. To Know, To Do

7. using knowledge and other resources to design, implement, and evaluate meaningful, challenging curricula that promote comprehensive developmental and learning outcomes for all young children. To Know, To Do

8. using knowledge and resources to design and administer quality programs that encourage and support collaboration between families, child care professionals, and community agencies concerned with the positive growth and development of all young children. To Know, To Do

9. identifying and conducting themselves as members of the early childhood profession; knowing and using ethical guidelines and other professional standards related to early childhood practice; becoming continuous, collaborative learners who demonstrate knowledgeable, reflective, and critical perspectives of their work,
making informed decisions that integrate knowledge from a variety of sources; and serving as informed advocates for sound educational practices and policies.

To Be

Goals of Mercer University’s Special Ed Preschool (3-5) Endorsement Program:

1. To prepare early care and education professionals for special education preschool positions in Georgia. Completers of the endorsement program will be qualified for administrative, certified teaching, or social service positions with child care centers, Head Start programs, pre-kindergarten programs, social services agencies, and other facilities designed for the care and development of young children with special needs.

2. To help meet the growing demand for highly trained preschool special education professionals in Georgia. Leaders in the early care and education profession in Georgia consistently indicate the need for a larger body of educated professionals with the skills to work with students with special needs. Early Intervention is essential for students with special needs to teach their full potential.

3. To develop partnerships with early care and education settings, professional organizations, and community agencies that provide services for students with special needs and their families. Mercer University recognizes the importance of developing partnerships with other institutions and agencies to improve the educational development of students with special needs.

Special Ed Preschool (3-5) Endorsement Program Outcomes

Candidates who complete the endorsement in Special Ed Preschool (3-5), are professionals in early care and education who will promote the success of young learners with special needs (3-5 five years of age) by:

1. using understanding of typically and atypically developing young children’s characteristics and needs, and of multiple interacting influences on children’s development and learning, to create environments that are healthy, supportive, and challenging for all young children. To Know, To Do

2. knowing about, understanding, and valuing the importance and complex characteristics of children’s culturally diverse families and communities; and using this understanding to create respectful, reciprocal relationships that support and empower families and to involve all families in their children’s development and learning. To Know, To Do

3. knowing about and understanding the goals, benefits, and uses of assessment; and knowing about and using systematic observations, documentation, and other effective assessment strategies in a responsible way, in partnership with families and other professionals, to influence children’s development and learning positively. To Know, To Do

4. knowing, understanding, and using positive relationships and supportive interactions as the foundation for work with young children. To Know, To Do

5. knowing, understanding, and using a wide array of developmentally effective approaches, strategies, and tools to influence children’s development and learning in positive ways. To Know, To Do

6. understanding the importance of each content area in young children’s learning; knowing the essential concepts, inquiry tools, and structure of content areas,
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To Know, To Do

7. using knowledge and other resources to design, implement, and evaluate meaningful, challenging curricula that promote comprehensive developmental and learning outcomes for all young children. To Know, To Do

8. using knowledge and resources to design and administer quality programs that encourage and support collaboration between families, child care professionals, and community agencies concerned with the positive growth and development of all young children. To Know, To Do

9. identifying and conducting themselves as members of the early childhood profession; knowing and using ethical guidelines and other professional standards related to early childhood practice; becoming continuous, collaborative learners who demonstrate knowledgeable, reflective, and critical perspectives of their work; making informed decisions that integrate knowledge from a variety of sources; and serving as informed advocates for sound educational practices and policies.

To Be

EARLY CARE AND EDUCATION WITH PRESCHOOL SPECIAL EDUCATION ENDORSEMENT

B.S.Ed. Degree

128 Semester Hours

Requirements

General Education Requirements: ..................................................30 hours

Professional and Pedagogical Studies: ......................................51 hours

EDUC 205 Preparing the Early Childhood Environment
EDUC 210 Instructional Technologies to Improve Teaching and Learning
EDUC 211 Construction of Scientific and Mathematical Thinking
EDUC 220 Foundations of Education
EDUC 226 Health, Nutrition and Safety
EDUC 378 Children’s Literature Across the Curriculum
EDUC 283 Fundamentals of Special Education
EDEC 230 Learning Through Play and Exploration
EDEC 240 Inquiry-based Curriculum for Infants and Toddlers
EDEC 300 Integrated Curriculum: Preschool through Kindergarten
EDEC 310 Emergent Literacy in Young Children
EDEC 410 Kindergarten Language Arts and Reading
EDEC 420 Kindergarten, Numeracy, Spatial Sense, and Measurement
EDEC 492 Student Teaching in Early Care and Education

Child Development Studies: ......................................................12 hours

EDUC 257 Psychology and Development of the Learner
EDUC 330 Exploration of Learning through the Creative Arts
EDEC 210 Characteristics of Typical & Atypical Early Childhood Dev.
EDUC 483 Child Development Practicum

Observation and Assessment Studies ........................................9 hours

EDEC 370 Observation and Assessment of Young Children
EDEC 400 Classroom Strategies and Interventions for Young Children
EDEC 486 Observation and Assessment Practicum

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Child Care Administration Studies: ...........................................9 hours
EDEC 350   Program Administration in Diverse Settings
EDUC 403   Home, School, & Community
EDEC 484   Child Care Administration Practicum

Professional Development Seminars: ......................................3 hours
EDEC 364   Professional Development Seminar I - ECAE
EDEC 365   Professional Development Seminar II - ECAE
EDEC 464   Professional Development Seminar III - ECAE

Approved Electives ..........................................................up to 20 hours

Portfolio .................................................................0 hours

Total .................................................................128 semester hours

NOTE: A candidate who provides documentation of a valid CDA, NAC, CCP, or Montessori certificate/credential has the OPTION of taking two additional electives (6 semester hours total) instead of taking EDUC 257: Psychology and Development of the Learner and EDUC 226: Health, Nutrition, & Safety. Electives up to 20 hours may be taken upon approval of the candidates advisor and the early care director.

Field Experience for Early Care and Education (ECAE)

Field experience is an integral part of the Teacher Preparation Program. Each candidate is expected to complete field experiences in diverse settings related to both child development and pedagogy and program administration. Settings will include experiences with children with special needs and with diverse backgrounds. Field experiences for ECAE are coordinated through the ECAE Office, and additional fees will be assessed for each field experience course. Candidates should do the following to be considered eligible for any field experience course:

- Meet with Advisor prior to applying for field experience courses
- Watch the on-line video about field experiences and pass the test. (first experience only)
- Apply to the ECAE Office during the semester prior to each field experience.
- Comply with the Criminal Background Check process
- Obtain Tort Liability Coverage.

All school systems with which Mercer University maintains a partnership for field experiences require a clear criminal history, and liability insurance before the student may be placed in a school. It is the candidates responsibility to secure and maintain criminal history clearance and insurance coverage.

EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION and SPECIAL EDUCATION GENERAL CURRICULUM

The early childhood education and special education general curriculum program is designed to prepare teachers to teach all students in grades P-5. Students participate in a variety of field-based experiences that provide experience in a range of P-5 grade levels.
Goals

The Early Childhood and Special Education General Curriculum Program at Mercer University offers an academic perspective to the candidate that values the individual and authentic worth of the young child through the inclusive lens of the general education classroom. Following an integrated, technologically enhanced curriculum, the candidate will experience varied field and life experiences within the culture of diverse school and community populations. Having completed this program of study, the candidate will become a transforming practitioner and a reflective professional who advocates for the needs and rights of the young child, while collaborating and establishing partnerships with parents, schools and communities.

PROGRAM OUTCOMES

Upon completion of the Early Childhood and Special Education General Curriculum Program, the candidate will:

I. TO KNOW: Content and Process

1. Understand the young child from a holistic perspective with an emphasis upon the cognitive, affective, and psychomotor domains - as well as the child's environment. (Understanding)
2. Acquire a knowledge base about various curriculum models and best practices. (Understanding)
3. Appreciate the importance of community in working with all children and their diversity, including ethnic, language, cultural, socio-economic, disabilities, and gender. (Diversity)

II. TO DO: Application

1. Construct and implement an integrated, developmentally appropriate curriculum for all areas of a child's development, including cognitive, emotional, social, and physical. (Practicing and Engagement)
2. Demonstrate competency in developing and implementing a wide variety of diagnostic and assessment techniques and strategies. (Practicing)
3. Integrate technological advances as a routine part of the curriculum. (Engagement)

III. TO BE: Attitude

1. Know self as an individual and recognize one's point of growth along the continuum of teaching as an emerging, developing, and transforming practitioner. (Reflecting)
2. Advocate for young children and their families. (Collaboration)
3. Collaborate with other professionals, families and the broader community in planning and implementing instructional programs. (Collaboration)
EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION/SPECIAL EDUCATION
B.S.Ed. Degree
128 Semester Hours

Requirements

General Education Requirements: ............................................. 30 hours

Professional and Pedagogical Studies: .............................. 29 hours
EDUC 205. Preparing the Early Childhood Environment
EDUC 220. Foundations of Education
EDUC 257. Psychology and Development of the Learner
EDUC 283. Fundamentals of Special Education
EDUC 398. Fieldwork I
EDUC 399. Fieldwork II
EDUC 485. Professional Practicum
EDUC 492. Student Teaching

Content Studies: ................................................................. 51 hours
EDUC 210. Instructional Technologies for Teaching and Learning
EDUC 211. Construction of Scientific and Mathematical Thinking
EDUC 226. Health, Nutrition, and Safety
EDUC 330. Exploration of Learning Creative Arts
EDUC 358. Nature of Learners with Special Needs
EDUC 364. Professional Development Seminar I
EDUC 365. Professional Development Seminar II
EDUC 376. Content and Learning Language Arts
EDUC 377. Effective Reading and Writing Methods and Materials
EDUC 378. Children's Literature Across the Curriculum
EDUC 403. Connecting the Home, School, and Community
EDUC 405. Classroom Management
EDUC 421. Science for All Learners
EDUC 428. Content and Learning Social Studies
EDUC 450. Intervention Strategies for Learners with Special Needs
EDUC 451. Assessment and Evaluation in SPED and ECE
EDUC 452. Diagnosis and Remediation of Reading and Writing
EDUC 454. Building Mathematical Competence and Confidence
EDUC 459. Integrated Curriculum and Instruction
EDUC 464. Professional Development Seminar III

Electives: ................................................................. 18 hours

Portfolio ................................................................. 0 hours

TOTAL ............................................................. 128 semester hours

MIDDLE LEVEL EDUCATION

The goal of the Mercer University Tift College of Education is to prepare middle level educators as Transforming Practitioners who move through self-transformation during the facilitation of learning, while enabling the transformation of middle level students, a group of unique and diverse individuals transitioning from childhood to adolescence. Candidates in the Middle Level Education program are prepared in general studies, professional and pedagogical studies, and content studies, which include two subject area concentrations. Completion of this program qualifies candidates for Middle Grades Certification in the two areas of concentration.
Program Objectives/Outcomes

Upon completion of the Middle Level Education program, the candidate will demonstrate:

1. A knowledge base that blends knowledge of development of 10-14 year-olds with in-depth knowledge of content, pedagogy, and assessment in the two concentration areas. **TO KNOW**

2. Understanding of the middle school philosophy and concept and knowledge of the characteristics of an effective middle school. **TO KNOW**

3. Knowledge and understanding of middle school students and the uniqueness and diversity (age, ability, gender, special needs, etc.) exhibited by that group of students, and the ability and skills to meet the needs of the diversity exhibited in today's middle schools. **TO KNOW**

4. Knowledge and understanding of effective curricular models that meet the unique needs of middle level students. **TO KNOW**

5. Knowledge and understanding of "teaming" and the ability and skills to collaborate effectively in such a setting, which involves knowledge of content, pedagogy, and assessment across the four concentration areas and of integrated teaching and learning. **TO KNOW, TO DO, TO BE**

6. Knowledge of reading in the content areas and across the curriculum. **TO KNOW**

7. The ability and skills to effectively plan, organize, implement, and assess in a collaborative team setting and as an individual. **TO DO**

8. The ability and skills to provide an effective advisor-advisee component in the middle school curriculum. **TO DO**

9. The ability and skills to be an effective collaborator with families, community, and other partners. **TO BE**

10. The ability and skills to engage in meta-cognition and reflection for continued enhancement and effectiveness as a Transforming Practitioner. **TO BE**

To be highly qualified, the Middle Level Education teacher candidate must be prepared with the uniqueness of middle level schooling as a defining characteristic. In addition to strong preparation in the two content concentrations, the Middle Level Education curriculum includes an embedded emphasis on reading and a focus on integrated instruction. The reading emphasis (which does not result in a reading concentration or a reading endorsement) is a strand in five required courses and prepares teachers to address the literacy needs of middle level students. The focus on integration is highlighted in two integrated methods courses that address integrated, interdisciplinary planning, teaching, and assessment.
MIDDLE LEVEL EDUCATION*
B.S.Ed. Degree
128 Semester Hours

Requirements

General Studies: .......................... minimum 30 hours

Professional and Pedagogical Studies: .................. 32 hours
- EDUC 220. Foundations of Education
- EDUC 256. Adolescent Health & Development
- EDUC 283. Fundamentals of Special Education
- EDUC 357. Psychology of Learning
- EDUC 398. Fieldwork I
- EDUC 399. Fieldwork II
- EDUC 485. Professional Practicum
- EDUC 406. Classroom Management for MLE and SEC
- EDUC 492. Student Teaching

Content Studies .......................... minimum 57 hours
- EDUC 210. Instructional Technologies for Teaching and Learning
- EDUC 360. Introduction to Middle Level Schooling
- Two Concentration Methods Courses, chosen from the following:
  - EDUC 422. Teaching of Science for MLE
  - EDUC 429. Teaching of Social Studies for MLE
  - EDUC 455. Teaching of Mathematics for MLE
  - EDUC 466. Teaching of English/Language Arts for MLE
- EDUC 460. Middle School Curriculum
- EDUC 461. Middle Level Integrated Methods I: Processes
- EDUC 462. Middle Level Integrated Methods II: Instruction & Assessment
- EDUC 478. Teaching Literacy for MLE

Concentration I (6 courses)*
Concentration II (6 courses)*
*1 concentration course will overlap with general studies

Portfolio .................................................. 0 hours
Electives ................................................. 9 hours
TOTAL minimum 128 hours

*Offered at the Henry County, Douglas County, and Macon Centers only.

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Language Arts MLE
Mathematics Concentration
MATH 130: Topics in Precalculus
MATH 181: Calculus for the Social and Life Sciences Functions
MATH 129: Modeling Functions w/ Graphs and Tables
MATH 160: College Geometry
MATH 140: Applied Mathematics
Additional Math Course (choose 1: Math 150, 220, 282, 310)
EDUC 455: Teaching Mathematics MLE
SCIE 390)
EDUC 422: Teaching Science MLE
Social Studies Concentration
EDUC 429: Teaching Social Studies MLE
Western Civilization Survey (HIST 101, 102, or 220)
American History Course (choose 1: HIST 201, 202, or 210)
HIST 368: Georgia History
Geography Course (choose 1: GEOG 301 or EDUC 390: Geography for Teachers)
Government Course (choose 1: POLS 100 or 200)
Social/Ethnic/Non-Western World Studies Course (choose 1: HIST 200 or SOCI 200)

TEACHER EDUCATION MINOR

The minor in teacher education is available to all Mercer undergraduate students; however, receiving a minor in teacher education does not fulfill the requirements for teacher certification. The teacher education minor consists of 18 semester hours of education courses, of which at least six hours must be above the 300-level and must be completed with Mercer. Students who have not been fully admitted to candidacy in teacher education but wish to complete a minor must choose the 18 hours from among unrestricted courses (any 100- or 200-level EDUC or EDEC course, plus EDUC 357, 360, 378, 379). Students who have been fully admitted to teacher education and decide to minor in teacher education may include restricted courses in the 18-hour requirement for the minor.

COURSES OF INSTRUCTION

[NOTE: Full admission status is required for all classes numbered 300 and above, with the exceptions of EDUC 357, EDUC 360, EDUC 378, and EDUC 379. LBST 175 and 180 are pre-requisites to all EDEC and EDUC courses.]

EARLY CARE AND EDUCATION (EDEC)

EDEC 210. Characteristics of Typical and Atypical Child Development (3 hours)
This course will provide an overview of the theories of typical and atypical development from conception through age five. Attention will be paid to various influences on all aspects of development including the influence of stress and trauma, protective factors and resilience, and supportive relationships on the development of young children. Focus will include effects of biological and environmental factors on pre-, peri-, and post-natal development and impact of medical conditions on family concerns, resources, and priorities. Significance of socio-cultural and political context for the development and learning of young children who are cultural and linguistically diverse will be stressed.
EDEC 230. Learning through Play and Exploration (3 hours)
An in-depth study of play and its relationship to the physical, social, emotional, cognitive and language development of children ages birth through five. Includes an examination of the theories of play, types of play, and play materials and environments which form the basis of developmentally appropriate curriculum for children in the early years. A variety of play observations will be required. There will be an emphasis on play advocacy.

EDEC 240. Inquiry-based Curriculum for Infants and Toddlers (3 hours)
This course will focus on the development, design, and implementation of inquiry-based curriculum for infants and toddlers. Topics to be studied include: quality early childhood curriculum models, learning environments, developmentally appropriate practices, diverse learners, home/school/community curricular connections, and methods for documenting learner outcomes (birth to three years of age).

EDEC 300. Integrated Curriculum: Preschool through Kindergarten (3 hours)
Prerequisite: Full admission status.
This course is designed to survey developmentally appropriate curriculum for early childhood settings preschool through kindergarten. Topics to be studied include: curriculum structure, content, instructional goals and objectives, state and national standards, integration of the curriculum, and methods of assessing student performance (3-5 years).

EDEC 310. Emergent Literacy in Young Children (3 hours)
Prerequisite: Full admission status.
This course focuses on how young children (birth through five years of age) develop emergent skills in listening, speaking, pre-reading/reading, and pre-writing/writing. Particular emphasis is placed on planning and implementing a print-rich environment that supports emergent literacy skills.

EDEC 350. Program Administration in Diverse Settings (3 hours)
Prerequisite: Full admission status.
This course will focus on the various types of local, state, and federal resources/partnerships that can be accessed to improve the quality of early childhood programs. Topics of discussion will include community partnerships, grant writing, public/private donations, foundations, and fundraising.

EDEC 364. Professional Development Seminar I – ECAE (1 hour)
Prerequisite: Full admission status.
The primary purpose of this course is to promote reflective thinking for the Transforming Practitioner. Students will initiate and develop an electronic portfolio. The purposes of the portfolio are: (1) to engage in professional self-awareness, evaluation, development, and progress; (2) to encourage interaction with ideas, materials, and peers; (3) to articulate a personal philosophy in Early Care and Education; (4) to project goals and plan strategies related to the foundations of literacy; and (5) to document one's development as a Transforming Practitioner.

EDEC 365: Professional Development Seminar II – ECAE (1 hour)
Prerequisites: Full admission status; EDEC 364
The primary purpose of this course is to promote reflective thinking for the Transforming Practitioner. Students will continue to develop an electronic portfolio. The purposes of the portfolio are: (1) to engage in professional self-awareness, evaluation, development, and progress; (2) to encourage interaction with ideas, materials, and peers; (3) to articulate a personal philosophy in Early Care and Education; (4) to project goals and plan
strategies related to literacy integration in the content areas; and (5) to document one’s development as a Transforming Practitioner.

**EDEC 370. Observation and Assessment of Young Children (3 hours)**
Prerequisite: Full admission status
This course focuses on the study of observation, documentation and other forms of assessment of the development and learning of young children ages birth through five, with particular emphasis on understanding and application of developmentally and educationally appropriate assessment tools and strategies for every child. The assessment process takes into account the whole child: cognition, communication, sensory, perceptual, motor, social/moral development within the context of family, school and cultural environments. (3 credit hours)

**EDEC 400. Classroom Interventions and Strategies in Early Care and Education Settings (3 hours)**
Prerequisite: Full admission status.
This course focuses on identification of young children with special needs and other diverse learners in the early care classroom. Emphasis is given to modifications and strategies to best serve all young children. This course also focuses on the theory and practice of classroom management in early care and education settings, with emphasis upon organization of the classroom environment, developmentally appropriate practice, classroom structures and routines, and appropriate positive guidance for the young child.

**EDEC 410. Kindergarten Language Arts and Reading (3 hours)**
Prerequisite: Full admission status.
This course focuses on how kindergartners develop reading and writing skills. Particular emphasis is placed upon a balanced approach that includes research-based content and instructional strategies designed to support language and literacy development in kindergarten. Effective methods for assessing and documenting young children's growth in literacy are included to plan and adapt instruction to meet the needs of diverse learners.

**EDEC 420. Kindergarten, Numeracy, Spatial Sense, and Measurement (3 hours)**
Prerequisite: Full admission status.
This course addresses the development of early numeracy, spatial sense, and measurement in Kindergarten. It includes appropriate pedagogy for early learners such as the use of visual representations, questioning strategies, problem solving context, and hands-on experiences. This course incorporates music, technology, and manipulatives to enhance and develop number sense, concepts of measurement and spatial reasoning for Kindergarten learners.

**EDEC 464. Professional Development Seminar III – ECAE (1 hour)**
Prerequisites: Full admission status; EDEC 365
The primary purpose of this course is to promote reflective thinking for the Transforming Practitioner. Students will complete an electronic portfolio. The purposes of the portfolio are: (1) to engage in professional self-awareness, evaluation, development, and progress; (2) to encourage interaction with ideas, materials, and peers; (3) to articulate a personal philosophy in Early Care and Education; (4) to project goals and plan strategies related to becoming a Transforming Practitioner; and (5) to document one’s development as a Transforming Practitioner.

**EDEC 483. Child Development Practicum (3 hours)**
Prerequisite: Full admission status. Application required.
This course provides a field-based teaching/observation experience in early childhood/childcare settings (infancy through preschool) for Early Care and Education majors. Each student is expected to observe, assist, plan and implement developmentally appropriate activities under the supervision of a master teacher and an assigned college supervisor. Students will spend a minimum of 80 clock hours in the experience during the semester. Students are required to attend professional development seminars. Special Fee. Graded: S (Satisfactory) or U (Unsatisfactory). Special Fee.

**EDEC 484. Child Care Administration Practicum** (3 hours)
Prerequisite: Full admission status. Application required.
This course provides a field-based teaching/observation/administration experience in early childhood/childcare settings (infancy through preschool) for Early Care and Education majors. Each student is expected to observe, assist, plan and implement developmentally appropriate activities and perform assigned administrative duties under the supervision of a master teacher, program administrator, and an assigned college supervisor. Students will spend a minimum of 80 clock hours in the experience during the semester. Students are required to attend professional development seminars. Note: Grades of Satisfactory (S) or Unsatisfactory (U). Special Fee.

**EDEC 486. Observation and Assessment Practicum** (3 hours)
Prerequisites: Full admission status. Application required.
This practicum experience focuses on the study of observation, documentation and other forms of assessment of the development and learning of young children ages birth through five, with particular emphasis on understanding and application of developmentally and educationally appropriate assessment tools and strategies for every child. The assessment process takes into account the whole child: cognition, communication, sensory, perceptual, motor, social/moral development within the context of family, school and cultural environments. Students will spend a minimum of 80 clock hours in the experience during the semester. Students are required to attend professional development seminars. Special Fee.

**EDEC 492. Student Teaching in Early Care and Education** (12 hours)
Prerequisites: Successful completion of all required education courses; application required. Full admission status.
This course provides candidates a semester-long full day teaching and administrative experience for certification candidates. The student teaching experience for Early Care and Education candidates will consist of two segments: Focus on Child Development (full-day teaching experience in an early care and education setting) and Focus on Child Care Administration (full-time administrative experience in an early care and education setting). Required seminars are held in conjunction with these experiences. Guidance is provided by the assigned Classroom Teacher and Administrator and the University Supervisor. Note: Grades of Satisfactory (S) or Unsatisfactory (U). Special Fee.

**EDUCATION (EDUC)**

**EDUC 205. Preparing the Early Childhood Environment** (3 hours)
This course provides an introductory study of the fundamentals of teaching and learning in early childhood, including program models, curriculum development, resources and materials, instructional planning, and trends and issues in the field, with emphasis on developmentally effective and individually appropriate practices that meet the needs of diverse learners in early childhood programs.
EDUC 210. Instructional Technologies for Teaching and Learning (3 hours)
This course will cover technologies utilized in the classroom. Emphasis is placed on organizing, planning and assessing learning while using various technological tools.

EDUC 211. Construction of Scientific and Mathematical Thinking (3 hours)
This course is designed to provide meaningful opportunities for critical thinking and problem solving that will assist preservice teachers in expanding their repertories of practical applications of scientific and mathematical processes. Using paradigms of constructivism, multiple intelligences, and metacognition, class members will develop insights about patterns and relationships, apply culturally derived schemes and devices to form conceptualizations and generalizations, and use generalizations and other forms of logic to facilitate problem-solving in various contexts and fields of human activity. Attention will be given to integrating theory and practice of mathematical and scientific processes within the context of early childhood, special education and middle grades classrooms.

EDUC 220. Foundations of Education (3 hours)
This course provides a comprehensive overview and critical analysis of historical, political, legal, socio-cultural, and philosophical foundations of education in the United States, including an introduction to the teaching profession, and the trends and issues confronting American education today.

EDUC 226. Health, Nutrition, and Safety (3 hours)
This course will integrate basic concepts of health, nutrition, and safety as they relate to children. Influences on healthy lifestyles (physical, mental, and social) will be studied. Topics include finding and evaluating resources, making decisions, and setting goals to promote health and collaborating to create a safe and supportive environment that nurtures exceptionalities, individual similarities and differences.

EDUC 256. Adolescent Health and Development (3 hours)
A study of the healthy development of adolescents. Specific attention will be given to the influences of health on biological, cognitive, social-emotional, and psychomotor development.

EDUC 257. Psychology and Development of the Learner (3 hours)
This course will provide an overview of the principles of growth and development from conception through early adolescence. Attention will be paid to various influences on all aspects of development: physical maturation, cognitive and linguistic development, social skills, learning styles, and personality development. Focus will be on individual student differences and learning theories.

EDUC 283. Fundamentals of Special Education (3 hours)
This course explores the fundamentals of special education in America's schools. Emphasis is given to the historical development of special education, relevant legislation and litigation, educational policy, and contemporary trends and issues. This course satisfies the requirement for Georgia certification.

EDUC 330. Exploration of Learning Through the Creative Arts (3 hours)
Pre-requisite:: Full admission status.
The purpose of this course is to focus on how teaching and learning can be enhanced through the arts. The purpose of this course is to develop instructional strategies for all
learners that facilitate learning in music, art media, visual arts, movement, literature, storytelling and creative dramatics while supporting an integrated approach to curriculum development and teaching.

EDUC 357. Psychology of Learning (3 hours)
The discipline of psychology is used to address educational issues and learning theory. Particular attention will be paid to individual student differences. The focus will be on variations in styles of learning while acknowledging gender and diversity.

EDUC 358. Nature of Learners with Special Needs (3 hours)
Pre-requisite: Full admission status.
This course provides an in-depth overview of students with mild and moderate disabilities and particularly those with specific learning disabilities, intellectual disabilities, and emotional/behavioral disorders. Emphasis is also given to other diverse learners as well as those considered to be at risk. The course presents theories and current issues as they relate to etiology, definitions, characteristics, identification, eligibility, service delivery, and family needs.

EDUC 360. Introduction to Middle Level Education (3 hours)
This introductory course will examine middle schools, the development of the middle school concept, and topics considered necessary for effective middle school operations. Emphasis will be placed upon the basic techniques for planning, organizing, and assessing instruction at the middle school level.

EDUC 364. Professional Development Seminar I (1 hour)
Pre-requisite: Full admission status.
The primary purpose of this course is to promote reflective thinking for *The Transforming Practitioner*. Students will initiate and develop an electronic portfolio. The purposes of the portfolio are: (1) to engage in professional self-awareness, evaluation, development, and progress; (2) to encourage interaction with ideas, materials, and peers; (3) to articulate a personal philosophy of Early Childhood/Special Education General Curriculum; (4) to project goals and plan strategies related to the foundations of literacy; and, (5) to document the development of a *Transforming Practitioner* as a professional.

EDUC 365. Professional Development Seminar II (1 hour)
Pre-requisites: Full admission status.
The primary purpose of this course is to promote reflective thinking for *The Transforming Practitioner*. Students will initiate and develop an electronic portfolio. The purposes of the portfolio are: (1) to engage in professional self-awareness, evaluation, development, and progress; (2) to encourage interaction with ideas, materials, and peers; (3) to articulate a personal philosophy of Early Childhood/Special Education General Curriculum programs; (4) to project goals and plan strategies related to literacy integration in the content areas; and, (5) to document the development of a *Transforming Practitioner* as a professional.

EDUC 376. Content and Learning Through The Language Arts (3 hours)
Pre-requisite: Full admission status.
This course will examine the six language arts (listening, speaking, reading, writing, viewing, and visually representing) in early childhood settings. Focus on content, methods, and materials appropriate for teaching language arts will be explored. Emphasis will be placed on the integration of language arts across the curriculum; multimedia resources and materials; and diversity in children and families.
EDUC 377. Effective Reading and Writing Methods and Materials (3 hours)
Pre-requisites: Full admission status; EDUC 364, EDUC 376.
Co-requisites: Fieldwork II and Professional Development Seminar II.
This course will focus on the reading process, the developmental patterns of literacy, the special education general curricula of reading and writing, the role of reading in the content areas, and phonemic awareness. Emphasis will be placed on the integration of literacy across the curriculum; multimedia resources and materials; and diversity in children and families. In addition, students will learn strategies in decoding and comprehension, constructing meaning from a variety of texts, literacy assessments, and the conventions of language.

EDUC 378. Children’s Literature Across the Curriculum (3 hours)
This course provides a survey of children's literature and its effective integration across the early childhood curriculum. Topics of focus include the genres of children's literature, multicultural literature, selection and analysis of quality literature, and response theory in literature.

EDUC 379. Young Adult Literature (3 hours)
This course provides an introduction to the genres of literature for young adults. Areas of focus include: selection and analysis of quality literature, appropriate integration of literature across the curriculum and application of response theory in literature.

EDUC 390. Special Topics (1-3 hours)
Prerequisite: consent of program director and department chair.
This course offers a study of some significant topics in education that is not available through other program offerings.

EDUC 398. Fieldwork I (1 hour)
Prerequisite: Formal application; full admission status.
This course provides candidates a semester-long school-based experience for education students. Students will be assigned to diverse public schools and will spend a minimum of 35 clock hours observing and participating, on a limited basis, in classroom-related activities. Students are required to attend Fieldwork I seminars. Note: grades of satisfactory (S) or unsatisfactory (U). Special fee.

EDUC 399. Fieldwork II (1 hour)
Prerequisite: Formal application; full admission status; EDUC 205 or 360.
This course provides candidates a semester-long school-based experience for education students. Students will be assigned to diverse public schools and will spend a minimum of 35 clock hours observing and participating in teaching and learning activities. Students are required to attend Fieldwork II seminars. Note: grades of satisfactory (S) or unsatisfactory (U). Special fee.

EDUC 403. Connecting Home, School, and Community (3 hours)
Pre-requisites: Full admission status; EDUC 377 or EDEC 310.
Candidates explore the importance of collaboration among the home, school, and broader community in the education of young children. Ways in which young children's learning, behaviors, viewpoints, and habits are affected by family members, by school personnel, and by members of the immediate and larger community will be addressed. Candidates grasp the range of situations professionals encounter as they work with children in a diverse society.
EDUC 405. Classroom Management (3 hours)
Pre-requisites: Full admission status; EDUC 459.
Co-requisite: EDUC 492.
This course is an introduction to theory, knowledge, and strategies for classroom management for educators who work with early childhood and special needs students. Focus is on organizing the classroom, rules and procedures, and student behavior in three areas: general, problems, and special groups. Practical application is emphasized, and teacher candidates are expected to develop their own relevant classroom management plans that could be effectively implemented in the public school classroom.

EDUC 406. Classroom Management for MLE and SEC (3 hours)
Pre-requisite: EDUC 460; Full Admission Status.
This course is an introduction to theory, knowledge, and strategies for classroom management for educators who work with middle level and secondary students. Focus is on management as a triangular model that demonstrates the inter-relatedness of content, conduct, and covenant relationships. Practical application is emphasized, and teacher candidates are expected to develop their own relevant classroom management plans that could be effectively implemented in the public school classroom.

EDUC 421. Science for All Learners (3 hours)
Pre-requisites: Full admission status; EDUC 364.
Building upon constructivism-based learning theory, the design of this inquiry-based course promotes scientific literacy. Students are required to use critical thinking and problem solving skills. Scientific knowledge of the nature of science is developed through inquiry-based activities. Creating equitable learning environments will be modeled throughout the course. Adaptations so that special needs students can participate in inquiry-based activities will be integrated.

EDUC 422. Teaching Science for MLE (3 hours)
Prerequisite: Full admission status; EDUC 360.
This course addresses science content, process skills, attitudes, and real-world applications which are developmentally appropriate for middle grades science instruction. Effective planning and teaching strategies which incorporate integrated and interdisciplinary approaches, technology, literature, and multi cultural education are combined with the theories of learning.

EDUC 428. Content and Learning Through the Social Studies (3 hours)
Pre-requisite: Full admission status.
This course will provide students with an in-depth study of the methods and materials essential for effective social studies instruction in elementary grades. Students will develop knowledge and competencies in specific content areas and design appropriate instructional methods that reflect the individual needs of a diverse student population. Topics include but are not limited to: curriculum standards, assessment design and construction, interdisciplinary/integrated curriculum and unit planning, effective uses of instructional technology and teaching strategies that adapt content for students with special needs.

EDUC 429. Teaching Social Studies for MLE (3 hours)
Prerequisites: Full admission status; EDUC 360.
The application of transient learning theories will be combined with effective teaching strategies that encourage success in social studies for all. The interdisciplinary nature of
social studies will be the focus for the study of curriculum, methods, technology, and professional sources. An emphasis will be on the planning for and development of resources (including the development of a unit).

**EDUC 450. Intervention Strategies for Learners with Special Needs** (3 hours)

Pre-requisites: Full admission status; EDUC 358, EDUC 364, EDUC 376.

Emphasis will be given to helping the Transforming Practitioner understand and apply research-based intervention strategies and instructional principles in the classroom with special needs learners. Curriculum-based assessment techniques will be studied with an emphasis upon the decision-making process for developing instructional objectives for students with Specific Learning Disabilities, Intellectual Disabilities and Emotional/Behavioral Disorders. Educational strategies for diverse learners and students considered to be At Risk will also be presented.

**EDUC 451. Assessment and Evaluation in Special Education & Early Childhood** (3 hours)

Pre-requisites: Full admission status; EDUC 450.

This course is designed to provide the Transforming Practitioner with a comprehensive knowledge base relevant to the assessment and evaluation of children in Early Childhood/Special Education General Curriculum programs. Emphasis will be given to the selection, administration and interpretation of individualized and group assessment instruments. Authentic assessment strategies will also be presented. Assessment and evaluation tools for diverse learners as well as federal and state requirements regarding student assessment will be addressed. The relevance of assessment and evaluation for the design of successful educational strategies will be explored.

**EDUC 452. Diagnosis and Remediation of Reading and Writing** (3 hours)

Pre-requisites: Full admission status; EDUC 377.

In this course, students will examine the role of the teacher as a literacy instruction and assessment decision maker. Focus will be to explore literacy and language strategies that can be adapted to fit individual needs. Informal and formal assessment tools will be utilized to inform instructional choices, facilitate parent/child conferences, and allow children to participate in their own literacy development as they achieve goals in becoming independent readers and writers. This course will focus on the reading process, the writing process, and the developmental patterns of literacy. Attention is given to children at risk, children with special needs, and other diverse learners.

**EDUC 454. Building Mathematical Competence and Confidence in Learners** (3 hours)

Pre-requisites: Full admission status; EDUC 364.

Constructivism-based methods of mathematics learning for all children, with a deep focus on the importance of problem solving, will be explored and implemented in this course. Emphasis will be placed on developmentally appropriate teaching practices that nurture positive dispositions, equity, critical thinking, collaboration, profound understanding of fundamental mathematics concepts, and connections of mathematics to other areas of the curriculum as well as to life outside of school. Instructional adaptations for students with special needs, formal and informal assessment strategies, and creative uses of teaching tools such as manipulatives and technology will serve as frameworks for discussion and understanding of the mathematics teaching/learning process.
EDUC 455. Teaching Mathematics for MLE (3 hours)  
Prerequisites: Full admission status; EDUC 360.  
An overview of the essential components in middle grades mathematics for all children is the focus of this course. Study includes methods, materials, media, technology, and techniques for diagnosing, correcting, teaching, and evaluating mathematics in grades 4-8.

EDUC 459. Integrated Curriculum and Instruction (3 hours)  
Pre-requisites: Full admission status; EDUC 365, EDUC 377, EDUC 421.  
This course will focus on the development, design, and implementation of integrated, developmentally appropriate curriculum for all areas of a child’s development, including: cognitive, social, emotional, and physical. Topics to be studied include: curriculum structure and content, instructional goals and objectives, content integration, developmentally appropriate practices, diverse learners, home/school/community curricular connections, and methods for assessing student performance.

EDUC 460. Middle School Curriculum (3 hours)  
Prerequisites: Full admission status; EDUC 360.  
The development of middle school curriculum as it has been shaped by sociocultural and technological forces will be examined. Topics to be studied include: curriculum planning and assessment, common core curriculum, advisee/advisor curriculum, exploration, school activities, integrating the curriculum, and instructional practices appropriate for the young adolescent learner. Issues, trends, and research relevant to effective middle-level instructional practices are discussed.

EDUC 461. Middle Level Integrated Methods I: Processes (3 hours)  
Prerequisite: Full admission status.  
A study of knowledge, skills, and processes in an integrative manner that pulls together commonalities among the four areas of concentration in the middle grades. Special emphasis is given to the integrative/interdisciplinary nature of the topics, and special attention is given to adaptation for special needs, including gifted and talented.

EDUC 462. Middle Level Integrated Methods II: Instruction and Assessment (3 hours)  
Prerequisite: Full admission status; EDUC 461.  
A study of instructional methods, integrated/interdisciplinary models of instruction, and assessment as they relate to all subjects and to the diversity and special needs of students in the middle grades.

EDUC 464. Professional Development Seminar III (1 hour)  
Prerequisites: Full admission status; EDUC 365.  
The primary purpose of this course is to promote reflective thinking for The Transforming Educator. Students will continue to develop an electronic portfolio.

EDUC 466. Teaching English/Language Arts MLE (3 hours)  
Prerequisites: Full admission status; EDUC 360.  
A study of methods, media, and materials for teaching English/language arts at the middle school level, including theory, research, materials, curriculum, units of study, and evaluation.

EDUC 478. Teaching Literacy for MLE (3 hours)  
Prerequisites: Full admission status; EDUC 360.  
This course will include an examination of the reading and writing processes and materials, strategies, and programs appropriate for teaching literacy in all content areas for all
middle grade learners. Content covered will focus on literacy factors for reading informational texts, the reading/writing connection and young adult literature.

**EDUC 482. Professional Practicum** (3 hours)
Prerequisites: application required; full admission status and successful completion of EDUC 399.
This course provides candidates a semester-long school-based teaching experience for education students. Students will be assigned to diverse public schools, and are required to spend a minimum of 60 clock hours in the classroom. Students are required to attend practicum seminars. Successful completion of the Practicum is required for entry into student teaching. Note: grades of satisfactory (S) or unsatisfactory (U). Special fee.

**EDUC 488. Mentored Practicum** (3 hours)
Prerequisite: Full admission status.
The mentored practicum is designed for those students who are employed in an approved accredited school setting on a non-renewable teaching certificate and who need to complete the field experiences required prior to the Internship. The student completes this course in his or her own classroom, under the mentorship of a Mercer supervisor. The mentored practicum is evaluated on a satisfactory/unsatisfactory basis. A special fee is assessed.

**EDUC 492. Student Teaching** (12 hours)
Prerequisites: application required; full admission status and successful completion of all required education and middle level concentration courses.
This course provides candidates a semester-long, full-day teaching experience for certificate candidates. Candidates will be assigned to diverse public schools and will gradually assume all responsibility for the classroom to which they are assigned. Student Teachers will participate in classroom teaching and observation, planning and evaluation conferences, and other school-related experiences with guidance provided by the cooperating teacher(s) and college supervisor. Each student teacher will teach full-time for a minimum of three to five weeks. Seminars will be held in conjunction with these experiences and will address a variety of topics. All students are required to attend these seminars. Note: grades of satisfactory (S) or unsatisfactory (U). Special fee.

**EDUC 498. Internship** (12 hours)
Prerequisites: Full admission status; EDUC 399 or equivalent; EDUC 485 or EDUC 488.
This internship is designed for those students who are employed in an approved accredited school setting on a non-renewable teaching certificate who need to earn credit for student teaching in order to complete the requirements for recommendation for full certification. An internship is evaluated on a satisfactory/unsatisfactory basis. A special fee is assessed.
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Mission

Consistent with the mission of Mercer University, the College of Continuing and Professional Studies offers undergraduate and graduate academic programs and lifelong learning opportunities for adults who seek leadership roles in their communities and beyond, professional transition and advancement, and lives that have meaning and purpose. The college also contributes to the quality of education provided to students enrolled in other academic units by offering general education and elective courses at the Regional Academic Centers and on the Macon and Atlanta campuses.

College of Continuing and Professional Studies Programs

The College of Continuing and Professional Studies offers undergraduate degree completion programs and undergraduate general education courses in the Regional Academic Centers and on the Atlanta and Macon campuses. The College offers graduate programs on the Mercer University Atlanta Campus and at the Henry County Center. The graduate programs offered on the Atlanta campus and at the Henry County Center may be found in the catalog for the Cecil B. Day Campus.

Degree Programs

A bachelor's degree requires a minimum of 120 semester hours of academic courses numbered 100 and above. Some programs of study may require more. The College of Continuing and Professional Studies offers the following degree programs.

Bachelor of Applied Science

Human Resources Administration and Development  (Douglas County and Henry County)
Organizational Leadership  (Atlanta, Douglas County, Henry County, and Macon)
Bachelor of Arts (Atlanta, Douglas County, Henry County, and Macon)
Liberal Studies Major

Bachelor of Liberal Studies (Douglas County, Henry County, and Macon)
Individualized Major/Liberal Studies

Effective July 1, 2012, no new applicants will be accepted into this program

Bachelor of Science in Information Systems (Douglas County, Henry County, and Macon)
Effective July 1, 2008, no new applicants will be accepted into this program

Bachelor of Science
Informatics (Atlanta, Henry County, Douglas County (Jan. 2014) and Macon)
Public Safety Leadership (Atlanta, Douglas County, Henry County, Macon, Newnan, Online, and minor only in Eastman)

Bachelor of Science in Social Science
Human Services (Douglas County, Eastman, Henry County, and Macon)
Public Safety (Atlanta, Douglas County, Henry County, Macon, Newnan, online, and only minor in Eastman)
Effective July 2012, no new applicants will be accepted into this program

Bachelor of Science in Social Science
Public Safety Leadership (Effective July 2012, no new applicants will be accepted into this program)

Master of Science in Rehabilitation Counseling (Atlanta only-please see Atlanta catalog for information)

*Master of Science in Clinical Mental Health Counseling (Atlanta only-please see Atlanta catalog for information)

(* Is accredited by the Council for Accreditation of Counseling and Related Educational Programs (CACREP))

Master of Science in Human Services (Henry County)

**Master of Science in School Counseling (Atlanta only-please see Atlanta catalog for information)

(** Mercer University is accredited by the National Council for Accreditation of Teacher Education; all professional education programs, including School Counseling are approved by the Georgia Professional Standards Commission.)

Master of Science in Clinical Mental Health/Master of Divinity in Pastoral Care and Counseling (Atlanta only-see Atlanta Catalog for information)

Master of Science in Organizational Leadership (Atlanta and Henry County)

Master of Science in Organizational Leadership/ Master of Divinity in Leadership for the Nonprofit Organization (Atlanta and Henry County)

Master of Science in Public Safety Leadership (Atlanta and Henry County for executive Format-please see Atlanta catalog for information)

Educational Specialist in School Counseling (Atlanta only-please see Atlanta catalog for information)

Doctor of Philosophy in Counselor Education and Supervision (Atlanta only-please see Atlanta catalog for information)

Undergraduate Admission Policies and Procedures

Student applicants must meet the general admission requirements as outlined under the Admission Information section in the Regional Academic Center Catalog. Applicants seeking admission to the College of Continuing and Professional Studies must also meet the following criteria.
Freshmen

See more detailed information under the Admission Information section of this catalog.

Transfer Students

Included in this category are applicants who received credit for college-level work at any regionally accredited college, university, or technical school. Applicants cannot have been dismissed, excluded, or suspended from any other regionally accredited institution within the past twelve months.

Generally, admission is offered to those applicants who meet the following criteria:

• A cumulative grade point average of 2.25 or better for all college-level credit attempted.
• Good standing at the last regionally accredited college or university attended.
• Students who do not meet the cumulative grade point average of 2.25 as stated above, may be eligible for provisional admission status.

Undergraduate Transfer and Equivalency Credit Policies

The following policies concern academic credit transferred from other regionally accredited institutions of higher education and courses taken in other units and at other locations within the University.

• Semester credits transfer into the University on a one-for-one basis. Each quarter hour credit is awarded 2/3 of a semester hour of credit. Credits taken in any school or college of the University are recognized in all other schools and colleges of the University.
• To fulfill any science general education requirement, transferred courses must include a laboratory component.

Advanced Placement, CLEP, and International Baccalaureate Credit

Students who take Advanced Placement (AP courses at the high school level and complete the examinations administered by the Educational Testing Service are awarded credit based on the scores and course equivalent(s), as determined by the appropriate Mercer academic department for each exam. No credit may be awarded for scores of 1 or 2. Applicants should request that an official score report from The College Board be sent to the Office of the Registrar.

Credit is also awarded for examinations administered by the College Level Examination Program (CLEP). Credit is awarded for scores of 50 or higher on the general and/or subject exams. CLEP credit will not be awarded if a student has already taken the equivalent college-level course.

The International Baccalaureate Program is an internationally recognized curriculum that is taught at numerous high schools in the United States, Canada, and other countries. Mercer awards credit for scores of 5, 6, or 7 on the higher-level examinations of the International Baccalaureate Program. Score reports should be included with the student's final high school transcripts or provided by the International Baccalaureate Office.

CLEP credit for courses in the major areas must be approved by the faculty of the academic discipline concerned. An official transcript from the College Entrance Examination Board must be provided in order for the CLEP credit to be accepted as trans-
Credit by Examination

Departmental Challenge Examinations: Credits may be awarded upon the successful completion of examinations developed and administered by the departments of the College of Continuing and Professional Studies with the approval of the associate dean or dean.

1. To be eligible to apply for a departmental challenge examination, a student must be actively enrolled in the semester in which the examination is to be taken or the learning experiences are evaluated. The student must submit an application to the appropriate program coordinator who will forward the request for approval to the department chair. The chair will forward the request to the dean’s office for approval.

2. Students must pay the appropriate fee to the Bursar's Office prior to sitting for the exam. A non-refundable administrative fee of $250.00 is assessed for each examination taken. If a student fails to achieve a passing score and requests to take the exam again, an additional fee will be assessed. Only the dean may waive the examination fee. A different exam will be administered for re-takes.

3. The chair will designate a faculty member to compile the examination questions. The chair will approve the exam prior to administration, after which the chair will designate a person to monitor the exam. Results will be forwarded to the dean’s office which will in turn forward it to the registrar. Application forms are available in the Office of the Registrar or at the Regional Academic Centers.

4. Students will receive a grade of Satisfactory or Unsatisfactory for the examinations. A satisfactory score must be equivalent to C level work or higher. The grade will not carry quality points and therefore will not affect the cumulative grade point average. Credit earned through a departmental challenge examination will be posted to the permanent academic record in the transfer credit area. This credit will carry the annotation that identifies it as credit-by-examination. An “unsatisfactory” grade will not be reflected on the student’s transcript.

Satisfactory- Unsatisfactory Grading Option

Students seeking an undergraduate degree in the College of Continuing and Professional Studies (regardless of grade average or year at Mercer) are permitted to take a maximum of two courses (6 credit hours) per academic year on a satisfactory-unsatisfactory basis, in addition to those courses graded on a non-optional satisfactory-unsatisfactory basis, with the following restrictions:

1. From the list of general education requirements that are applicable to a student’s undergraduate major, area of concentration, or minor, a student may take no more than 6 total credit hours on an S/U basis.

2. Students must declare the satisfactory/unsatisfactory grade option by the end of the drop-add period and cannot change it after that time.
3. Courses originally taken on a letter grade basis may not be repeated on a satisfactory-unsatisfactory basis.

Each degree program may have more restrictive policies concerning courses graded on a satisfactory-unsatisfactory basis; such restrictions are included in the information concerning each major.

A grade of S earns credit hours but does not affect the grade point average; a grade of U does not earn credit hours, nor does it affect grade point average.

Class Attendance

College of Continuing and Professional Studies students are expected to attend all scheduled classes and field events. Since absence from class may have an adverse effect upon the student’s grade, each instructor is expected to outline the attendance requirements at the beginning of the course and to include these requirements in the syllabus given to the student. If stated in the syllabus, faculty members have the discretionary authority to assign the student an F because of excessive absences. However, the authority of academic departments to set standardized attendance policies is not abridged.

Course Load

In the College of Continuing and Professional Studies, the maximum load in which an undergraduate student may enroll without approval of the advisor or dean is 12 credits per semester or 6 credits per eight-week session. Students wishing to take 15 hours per semester may do so with the permission of the advisor and may take more than 15 hours only with the approval of the dean, associate dean, assistant dean, or dean’s representative. Students requesting an overload must complete the overload request form.

Declaration of a Major

Students should file a Declaration of Major Form with the registrar prior to completing 60 semester hours. Forms for declaring a major may be found at the Registrar’s Office and the Regional Academic Centers. Declaring a major in the college requires the approval of an advisor or program coordinator.

College of Continuing and Professional Studies

General Education Requirements

General Education core requirements must include at least one course (3 credit hours) in each of the six broad categories listed below, and sum to at least 30 hours. Each school/college may select its own general education requirements from among the list of approved courses in each category and may choose to require more than the minimum number of hours and courses. Individual schools/colleges may also include additional college core requirements. Students should consult the requirements of their respective college to determine which courses are needed for graduation.

Communication (both written and oral communication competencies in English must be addressed): 12 hours

- Written Communication: LBST 175; LBST 180
- Oral Communication: COMM 171
- Other Communication: ENGL 300; INSY 102; LBST 275; LBST 280

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Religion 3 hours
RELG 110; RELG 120; RELG 115; RELG 220; RELG 225; RELG 356

Humanities/Fine Arts 9 hours
Humanities: COMM 251; HIST 101; HIST 102; HIST 201; HIST 202; HIST 200; HIST
210; HIST 220; HIST 366; HIST 367; HIST 368; LITR 115; LITR 207; LITR 247; LITR
277; LITR 334; SCLT 201;
Fine Arts: ARTH 101; COMM 104; COMM 205; LBST 250; LBST 255; MUSC 150

Behavioral/Social Science 3 hours
ORGL 210; PSYC 111; SOCI 111

Quantitative Reasoning 6 hours
MATH 129; MATH 130; MATH 140; MATH 160; MATH 220

Scientific Reasoning (including a lab)
BIOL 101; BIOL 105; ENVS 215; PHYS 106; PHYS 220; SCIE 100; SCIE 215; SCIE
250

Additional Requirement 3 hours
LBST 302, 303, 305 and SCLT 304

College of Continuing and Professional Studies
General Education Vision Statement

The College of Continuing and Professional Studies seeks to prepare citizens for the
21st century. This vision of general education is grounded in the university-wide aim of
enabling students “to lead richer, fuller lives of citizenship in a world where different cul-
tures, social institutions, and technologies intersect in multiple and diverse ways.”
Achieving this broad aim requires fostering capacities for intellectual growth, cultural
understanding, civic responsibility, and moral discernment, and more particularly requires
that citizens, in cross-cultural/global settings, be able to:

I. Interpret the worlds of meaning constituted by texts, practices, and artifacts;

II. Explain how the world works using analytic and systemic reasoning;

III. Communicate in an informed manner in various public squares and spheres;

IV. Engage issues of ethics and social justice across cultures and disciplines.

Students will do the following to accomplish the general education I—IV out-
comes:

I. Interpretation and Citizenship

Students will interpret various texts, practices, and artifacts that constitute the
world by:

1. Practicing recursive and reflective “close reading” of texts, practices, and artifacts
to develop an interpretation supported by details and a consideration of the work
as a whole;

2. Explaining similarities and differences among texts, practices, or artifacts in rela-
tion to other texts, practices, or artifacts;
3. Articulating the meaning of a text, practice, or artifact in relation to theories of interpretation;

4. Mapping a text, practice, or artifact in relation to a field or multiple fields of study.

5. Engaging in dialogue with a text, practice, or artifact in relation to selves/others.

II. Explanation and Citizenship

Students will use analytic and systemic reasoning to explain the world empirically, experimentally, and mathematically by:

1. Using and critiquing scientific methods while demonstrating an understanding of the difference(s) among fact, scientific law, theory, and hypothesis;

2. Using mathematical terminology, notation, and symbolic processes;

3. Designing and implementing a multi-step mathematical process, appropriately employing mathematical and technological tools, to solve problems and assess the reasonableness of results within different contexts, including the human as well as natural world;

4. Practicing experimental/observational science by collecting, analyzing, and interpreting empirical data;

5. Analyzing observed phenomena within the human and natural world through the use of qualitative and quantitative scientific reasoning;

6. Analyzing underlying concepts of analytic and systemic reasoning within different contexts including the human and natural world.

III. Communication and Citizenship

Students will communicate in an informed manner in the public squares and spheres through which they engage the world by:

1. Using communicative practices (including, but not limited to, reading/writing, listening/speaking, verbal/non-verbal, or using/designing digital communication) as recursive, reflective processes of substantive revision;

2. Exploring and discussing how different modes of communication embody different ways of relating to others;

3. Demonstrating consideration of context, audience, and purpose in the focus of the assigned communicative task(s).

4. Demonstrating consistent use of important conventions particular to a specific discipline and/ or communicative task(s), including organization, content, presentation, and stylistic choices;

5. Articulating specific positions (perspectives, theses/hypotheses) that take into account the complexities of an issue and that acknowledge others’ points of view.

6. Articulating conclusions and making persuasive arguments that are logically tied to a range of information, including opposing viewpoints, and in which related outcomes are identified clearly;
7. Using research to develop ideas, ensuring that information is taken from a source (or sources) with enough interpretation/evaluation to develop a coherent analysis or synthesis in which viewpoints of experts are subject to questioning.

IV. Engagement and Citizenship

Students will engage issues of ethics and social justice across cultures and disciplines by:

1. Interpreting ways of seeing ourselves with others in communicative or social actions;
2. Explaining differences in access to power and citizenship among social groups;
3. Communicating diverse perspectives in a coherent and knowledgeable way;
4. Articulating how one might act ethically and responsibly in light of what one has learned.

General Education Structure

Successful completion of courses listed below will enable students to accomplish the general education I—IV outcomes.

Total hours: 39

Next to each outcome are the required hours to be completed for that outcome.

Outcome I. Interpretation and Citizenship: 12 hours

To be able to situate an interpretation within and across fields of study, students shall successfully complete courses in a variety of areas. Each course counted toward general education requirements in Interpretation and Citizenship must have a different prefix, one of which must be RELG, and at least one course must be taken from each of the following four areas:

- **Texts** (What does the written or spoken text say, and how does it say it?):
  - LITR/RELG 115 Readings in World Literature, Religion, and Citizenship
  - LITR 207 Topics in World Literature (prerequisites LBST 175/180)
  - LITR 247 Topics in British Literature (new title) (prerequisites LBS 175/180)
  - LITR 277 Topics in U.S. Literature (prerequisites LBST 175/180)
  - LITR 334 Forms and Figures of Literature (prerequisites LBST 175/180)
  - RELG 120 Introduction to Old Testament
  - RELG 130 Introduction to New Testament
  - SCLT 201 Search for Meaning (prerequisites 175/180)

- **Practices** (How are socio-cultural practices developed, and what do they mean?):
  - COMM 251 Communication and Society (prerequisites LBST 175/180)
  - HIST 101 Civilization of the Western World I
  - HIST 102 Civilization of the Western World II
  - HIST 201 The United States from Colonization to 1877
  - HIST 202 The United States from 1877 to the Present
  - HIST 200 Topics in World History (prerequisites LBST 175/180)
HIST 210 Topics in American History (prerequisites LBST 175/180)
HIST 220 Topics in European History (prerequisites LBST 175/180)
HIST 366 The Civil War and Reconstruction (prerequisites LBST 175/180)
HIST 367 The South after Reconstruction (prerequisites LBST 175/180)
HIST 368 Georgia History (prerequisites LBST 175/180)
RELG 225 Religion in the United States (prerequisites LBST 175/180)

- Artifacts (What do material/aural/visual cultural objects mean, and how do they mean it?)
  ARTH 101 Art Appreciation
  COMM 104 Understanding Theatre
  COMM 205 Understanding Cinema (prerequisites LBST 175/180)
  MUSC 150 Music Appreciation

- Connections (How are texts, practices, and artifacts connected, and how do we interpret their inter-relations?)
  LBST 250 Arts and Ideas I: Ancient and Medieval Culture (prerequisites LBST 175/180)
  LBST 255 Arts and Ideas II: Modern Culture (prerequisites LBST 175/180)
  RELG 110 Introduction to Religion
  RELG 220 World Religions (prerequisites LBST 175/180)
  RELG/SOCI 356 Sociology of Religion (prerequisites LBST 175/180)

Outcome II. Explanation and Citizenship: 12 hours
To be able to situate an explanation within and across fields of study, students shall successfully complete courses in a variety of areas. At least one course must be taken in each of the following areas:

- Scientific Method: (How do we demonstrate the validity of an explanation?)
  SCIE 100 Methods of Scientific Investigation (prerequisite MATH 120)

- Axiomatic Explanation: (How do we logically describe the ordering of relationships in a system, and what are the consequences--theorems--that result from different mathematical orders?)
  MATH 129 Modeling Function with Graphs and Tables (prerequisite MATH 120 with a grade of C or better, or adequate mathematics proficiency assessment score)
  MATH 130 Topics in Precalculus (prerequisite MATH 120 with a grade of C or better, or adequate mathematics proficiency assessment score)
  MATH 140 Applied Mathematics (prerequisite MATH 120 with a grade of C or better, or adequate mathematics proficiency assessment score)
  MATH 160 College Geometry (prerequisite MATH 120 or consent program coordinator)
  MATH 220 Applied Statistical Methods (prerequisite MATH 120 with a grade of C or better, or adequate mathematics proficiency assessment score, or consent of program coordinator)
• Explanations of the Natural World (How do we explain the workings of the natural world in such a way that we can move toward making reasonable predictions about what will happen?):
  
  BIOL 101 Introduction to Biology and Evolution (prerequisite SCIE 100)
  BIOL 105 Life Forms and Functions (prerequisite SCIE 100)
  ENVS 210 Physical Aspects of the Environment (prerequisite SCIE 100)
  ENVS 215 Environmental Impacts and Living Systems (prerequisite SCIE 100)
  PHYS 106 Earth Systems Science (prerequisite SCIE 100)
  PHYS 220 Astronomy and the Universe (prerequisite SCIE 100)
  PHYS 225 Meteorology (prerequisite SCIE 100)
  SCIE 215 Life Systems (prerequisite SCIE 100)
  SCIE 220 Physical Systems (prerequisite SCIE 100)
  SCIE 250 Applied Forensic Criminalistics (prerequisite SCIE 100)

• Explanations of the Human World (How do we explain the interactions of humans in such a way that we can move toward making reasonable predictions about what will happen?):
  
  ORGL 210 Foundations of Leadership
  PSYC 111 Introduction to Psychology
  SOCI 111 Introduction to Sociology

Outcome III. Communication and Citizenship: 12 hours

To be able to communicate effectively in various public squares and spheres, students shall successfully complete the courses listed in “Public Square”, “Public Sphere”, and one course from “Public Square and/or Sphere”:

• Public Square: (How do we effectively communicate with fellow citizens in the public square?)
  
  COMM 171 Introduction to Public Speaking

• Public Sphere: (How do we effectively communicate with fellow citizens in the public sphere?)
  
  LBST 175 Academic Writing I
  LBST 180 Academic Writing II (prerequisite C or better in LBST 175)

• Public Square and/or Sphere (including digital communication): (How do we continue to refine our effective participation in public squares and spheres?)
  
  ENGL 300 Advanced Essay Writing (prerequisites LBST 175/180)
  INSY 102 Introduction to Digital Communication (prerequisite Basic keyboarding skills or equivalent)
  LBST 275 Argument: Social Thought and Citizenship (prerequisites LBST 175/180)
  LBST 280 Argument: Public Discourse and Citizenship (prerequisites LBST 175/180)

Outcome IV. Engagement and Citizenship: 3 hours

To be able to integrate the practices of interpretation, explanation and communication while articulating how best to act in light of what one has learned, students shall successfully complete one of the following courses:

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FOUNDATIONS FOR LIBERAL STUDIES (FDLS)

The foundations for liberal studies courses are specifically designed to provide instruction in the strategies and techniques necessary for orientation, adjustment, participation, and success in an academic program by students making their initial entry into a college program, and for students who may have had some prior college work but who have not actively participated in a college program in the last two years.

Five courses comprise the foundations for liberal studies:

FDLS 110. The Culture of the University
FDLS 115. Mathematics, Problem-Posing, and Culture (*students enrolled in FDLS 115 must receive a grade of C or better in order to register for MATH 120.*)
*FDLS 130. Language and Communication (*students enrolled in FDLS 130 must receive a grade of C or higher to register for LBST 175 and 180.*)
FDLS 150. Principles of Self-Renewal
FDLS 170. Fundamentals of Research Methods

FDLS 110, 115, and 130 are designed to be taken at the onset of the student's academic work at Mercer University. Students may take these courses only within the first academic year in the college or with permission of the department chair or a College of Continuing and Professional Studies administrator. The Director of Admissions and the Academic Standards Committee require some entering students to enroll in and successfully complete one or more of the foundation courses as part of their admissions process, specifically, provisionally admitted students, and all international students.

DEPARTMENT OF COUNSELING AND HUMAN SCIENCES

Arthur J. Williams, Chair/Professor
Priscilla Danheiser, Thomas E. Kail, W. David Lane, Laurie L. Lankin, and Kyra L. Osmus, Professors
Marna L. Burns, Diane M. Clark, and Kenyon C. Knapp, Theresa Reese, and Karen D. Rowland Associate Professors
Caroline M. Brackette, Kevin A. Freeman, Steve N. Hamilton, Kristina Henderson, Gail W. Johnson, Donald B. Redmond, Assistant Professors
Sara J. Overstreet, Instructor

Mission Statement

The Department of Counseling and Human Sciences offers an undergraduate program in human services, and minors in human services and applied psychology in the Regional Academic Centers. Master's degree programs in rehabilitation counseling, clinical mental health counseling and school counseling, an educational specialist degree program in school counseling, and a doctorate degree program in counselor education
and supervision are offered on the Atlanta campus. A Master's degree in Human Services is offered in Henry County.

The Counseling and Human Sciences Department maintains a commitment to student learning:

- Through effective teaching, service, and research.
- By striving to facilitate critical thinking and a life-long interest in learning.
- By establishing an environment of intellectual and spiritual freedom that encourages compassion, understanding, and responsibility.
- By offering a comprehensive set of graduate and undergraduate programs to meet the needs of students interested in the fields of applied psychology, clinical mental health counseling, counselor education and supervision, human resources administration and development, human services, rehabilitation counseling, and school counseling.

**Department Goals**

- To create an environment for the development of critical thinking skills which contribute to education as a life-long process.
- To develop a knowledge base and skills that enable students to interact in a diverse, technologically complex society by emphasizing the relationship between theory and practice.
- To cultivate a community of learning characterized by high ethical standards and an understanding of diversity.
- To provide and promote academic programs that will respond effectively to professional communities.
- To provide and encourage opportunities for faculty development in consultation, teaching, service, and research.

**HUMAN SERVICES**

Marna L. Burns, **Program Coordinator/Associate Professor**  
Priscilla Danheiser, Laurie Lankin, and Kyra L. Osmus, **Professors**  
Steve N. Hamilton, Kristina Henderson, and Gail W. Johnson, **Assistant Professors**  
Sara J. Overstreet, **Instructor**

**Mission Statement**

Consistent with the mission of Mercer University and the College of Continuing and Professional Studies, the Human Services Program offers undergraduate learning opportunities for adults who seek service roles in their communities, the skills and knowledge for making a difference, and lives that have meaning and purpose.

**Student Learning Outcomes**

Upon completion of the program of study in human services, students will be prepared as professionals who:
• Demonstrate the ability to respect and work with clients in a nonjudgmental manner.
• Demonstrate the ability to work with clients in a moral and ethical way.
• Demonstrate competence in using the best practices of the profession, with an emphasis on client-centered mental health practices, case management skills, and problem-solving.

Human Services is an interdisciplinary study that prepares students to work as generalists in the field of social services. The human services professional is dedicated to the goal of helping clients become self-sufficient through teaching problem-solving, using case management skills, and using client-centered mental health practices. Human services majors take 30 hours of core classes for the major and select one of three 15 hour concentrations (mental health, social services, or substance abuse services), each designed to help the student focus on a career of service delivery in specific kinds of settings.

A copy of the Human Services Handbook, which contains information about admissions, continuation, completion, and dismissal standards, is available from the center coordinator or faculty advisor.

HUMAN SERVICES
B.S.S.S. Degree
120 Semester Hours

Human services majors take 30 hours of core classes for the major and select either a mental health, social services, or substance abuse services concentration.

Requirements*
Prerequisites
PSYC 111. Introduction to Psychology
SOCI 111. Introduction to Sociology

General Education Requirements ........................................ 39 hours

Core in Major ................................................................. 30 hours
HSRV 202. Introduction to Human Services
HSRV 230. Introduction to Interpersonal Relations
HSRV 275. Field Services Practicum
HSRV 306. Research Methods for Social Sciences
HSRV 370. Generalist Case Management
HSRV 401. Multicultural Issues and Professional Practice
HSRV 475. Human Services Internship
HSRV 476. Human Services Internship
PSYC 227. Lifespan Development
PSYC 365. Current Psychotherapies

A. Mental Health Concentration ....................................... 15 hours
   HSRV 330. Conflict Resolution
   PSYC 225. Prenatal through Adolescent Development
   or PSYC 226. Adult Development
   PSYC 360. Psychopathology
PSYC 361. Group Process and Practice
SOCI 333. Social Psychology

B. Social Services Concentration .................................15 hours
  HSRV 340. Social Welfare Policy
  HSRV 380. Grantmaking for the Social Services
  INSY 387. Social Services and Public Safety Information Systems
  ORGL 355. Leadership in Nonprofit Organizations
  SOCI 200. Social Problems

C. Substance Abuse Services Concentration ....................15 hours
  HSRV 311. Substance Abuse
  HSRV 316. Methods of Substance Abuse Treatment
  HSRV 330. Conflict Resolution
  PSYC 225. Prenatal through Adolescent Development
  PSYC 361. Group Process and Practice

The Human Services core plus the Substance Abuse Services course of study meet the Level II content and college field experience standards of the Georgia Addiction Counselors Association.

Electives: .................................................................36 hours
TOTAL .................................................................120 semester hours

*Students must earn a “C” or better in the courses in the General Education Communication and Citizenship area to continue in the human services major.

Grade Requirements

A student seeking a major in human services must maintain a cumulative grade point average of 2.75 in the courses required in the major to qualify for graduation. A student may not have a grade lower than a C in any course required for the major and in the communication area of the general education core. The S/U grading option may not be elected for any required course in the major, other than the field services practicum and the internship.

Field Services Practicum

HSRV 275: Human Services Practicum is a 3 credit hour, semester long, sophomore level course designed to provide the student with the opportunity to gain foundational experience in a practical Human Services setting. At the end of the Human Services Practicum experience students will have completed 120 contact hours at one human services agency in addition to 15 hours comprised of meetings with faculty internship supervisors, journaling, and written assignments. Students will take the Field Services Practicum in conjunction with or in the semester following taking HSRV 202: Introduction to Human Services.

Students who can document 120 volunteer or work hours in one or more Human Services organizations may, with the advice of their faculty advisor, substitute a course for the Field Services Practicum.

Students should get a copy of the HSRV 275: Field Services Handbook and the Waiver Form from the center coordinator or the faculty advisor.
Internships

Students should get a copy of the Internship Handbook, which includes both the needed forms and a detailed account of the requirements, from their center coordinator or faculty advisor.

A student must have senior status before applying to take the human services internship. Prior to the deadline published in the internship handbook/syllabus, the student must have the internship site approved by his/her faculty advisor.

Internships will be completed during two sessions of the fall, spring, or summer semesters. Students must complete 6 credit hours of human services internship. Students may take a maximum of 9 internship hours while earning their undergraduate degree. Students will be required to take HSRV 475 and 476, each of which is three credit hours.

A 6 credit hour internship requires 15 hours per week at the internship site during fall and spring semesters and 20 hours during summer, or a total of 240 hours at the internship site during the semester. A 3 credit hour internship will last 8 weeks and require 15 hours per week at the internship site, or a total of 120 hours at the internship site. Exceptions to the above may be made only with the approval of the student's faculty advisor.

MINORS
Human Services
18 Semester Hours

Requirements

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Human services courses used for a student's major may not be used toward a human services minor. Six credit hours of 300-400 level courses must be completed at Mercer University.

Applied Psychology
18 Semester Hours

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Psychology Minor Student Learning Outcomes

Upon completion of the Minor in Psychology, students will be able to:

1. Demonstrate an understanding of psychological research and assessment methods.
2. Identify prominent psychological theories.
3. Demonstrate an understanding of the basics of life-span development.

Psychology courses used for a student's major or to meet general education requirements may not be used toward a psychology minor. Six credit hours of 300-400 level courses must be completed at Mercer University.
Leadership is the ability to inspire confidence and support among the people who are needed to achieve organizational goals. As such, the mission of the Department of Leadership Studies is to help students learn to think more effectively as leaders. To achieve this goal, students generate and evaluate empirical evidence while considering theoretical perspectives of the discipline. Students actively engage with a rigorous academic program that includes comprehensive coursework, leadership projects, internships, and student-faculty research. Ultimately, and in an ethical manner, our students will contribute to the knowledge base of leadership and apply leadership principles to everyday life.

The Department of Leadership Studies offers major programs in organizational leadership, public safety leadership, and human resources administration and development, and minors in public safety and human resources administration and development in the Regional Academic Centers. The undergraduate major in human resources administration and development is offered in Douglas and Henry counties. The undergraduate majors in organizational leadership and public safety leadership are offered in the Regional Academic Centers and on the Atlanta Campus. The undergraduate major in public safety leadership is also offered in Newnan and online. A Master of Science degree program in organizational leadership is offered on the Atlanta Campus and in Henry County. A Master of Science degree program in public safety leadership is offered on the Atlanta campus and in Henry County.

Student Learning Outcomes

Upon completion of a major in the Department of Leadership Studies, students will be able to

- Conceptualize and rework problems, and to generate solutions to those problems that open up new worlds of knowledge.
- Analyze and define issues.
- Develop an appreciation for multiple view points.
- Generate well crafted arguments.
- Find useful information, ideas, concepts, and theories, to synthesize them and build on them, and to apply them in the workplace as well as personal life.
- Analyze options and outcomes for decisions in terms of their values and effects and to make decisions that are rational, legal, and ethical.
- Read, write, and speak effectively; make presentations that are persuasive and engaging; and argue to powerful effect.
- Think deeply about their lives, their goals, and the importance of learning to learn in meeting leadership challenges by becoming lifelong learners.
Department Goals

- To develop the capacity for critical thinking related to analytic and critical written expression and effective verbal communication.
- To encourage professionalism and opportunities for undergraduate participation in leadership, which allows for meaningful participation in professional events and activities of their discipline.
- To encourage the development of attitudes and predispositions among students that contributes to effective and responsible leadership and citizenship and to foster healthy maturation and self-growth more generally.
- To provide the opportunity for engagement with classic and contemporary knowledge, issues, research, questions, and problems related to leadership effectiveness in specific professions.
- To develop ethical reasoning related to leadership.

Human Resources Administration and Development

Laurie L. Lankin, Program Coordinator/Professor
Lynn W. Clemons and Richard R. Bohannon, Associate Professors
Kelly L. Jones, Instructor

Mission Statement

The Bachelor of Applied Science in Human Resources Administration and Development is designed to offer students in the Regional Academic Centers a career path in human resources functions in such workplaces as government and non-profit agencies, corporate organizations, health care facilities, and adult educational institutions. The major will ground student learning with an understanding of human behavior, particularly as related to work, and will provide them with exposure to the skills and competencies which will allow them to carry out essential human resources functions which can benefit both individuals and organizations. The structure of the major combines a broad liberal arts foundation, a comprehensive set of human resources core courses, and the choice of a specialization in either Administration or Training and Development. The foundation in psychology, sociology, communication, and critical thinking will assist students in applying research in the field to diverse populations and settings. The coursework is designed to meet the competencies deemed crucial for effectiveness in the field.

Student Learning Outcomes

Upon completion of the program of study in human resources administration and development, students will be able to demonstrate:

- Effective writing, speaking, critical thinking, and analytic skills.
- An understanding of human behavior, active listening, workplace-human interaction, and an appreciation of diversity and multicultural issues.
- Knowledge of the basic principles of human resource administration, training and development components, program evaluation, and organizational development and change.
HUMAN RESOURCES ADMINISTRATION AND DEVELOPMENT

B.A.Sc. Degree

120 Semester Hours

Requirements

Prerequisites*

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Electives. ................................................................. 36 hours

TOTAL ................................................................. 120 semester hours

* Students must have completed COMM 171, INSY 102, and LBST 175/180 with a “C” or better to take required courses. All courses in the major must be taken for a letter grade and must be passed with a “C” or better.

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Grade Requirements

A student seeking a major in human resources administration and development must maintain a cumulative grade point average of 2.5 in the courses required in the major to qualify for graduation. A student may not have any grade lower than a C in any course required for the major. The S/U grading option may not be elected for any required course in the major other than the Capstone Experience.

Minor in Human Resources Administration and Development

18 Semester Hours

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ORGANIZATIONAL LEADERSHIP

Richard R. Bohannon, Program Coordinator/Associate Professor
Thomas E. Kail, Professor
Lynn W. Clemons, Associate Professor
Gail W. Johnson and Kevin B. Williams, Assistant Professors

Organizational Leadership

B.A.Sc. Degree

120 Semester Hours

The Bachelor of Applied Science (B.A.S.) in Organizational Leadership is offered at the Regional Academic Centers in Douglas County, Henry County, and on the Atlanta and Macon Campuses. The Bachelor of Applied Science in Organizational Leadership is designed for mid-career adult learners who have a minimum of four years of full-time work experience.

No more than 25% of the total number of units for the Organizational Leadership Program can consist of business or business related course work. A cumulative GPA of 2.5 (on a 4.0 system) on all work attempted is required. Students without the 2.5 GPA may be provisionally admitted to the program.

Purpose of the Degree

The purpose of the Bachelor of Applied Science in Organizational Leadership degree is to prepare mid-career working adults to serve effectively in leadership positions and roles. An integral component of the organizational leadership undergraduate degree program is the emphasis on learning experiences that integrate theory and practice and provide adult learners with the opportunity to apply classroom learning to their working lives.

Program Goals

- Broaden the student’s knowledge and understanding of the current facets of organizational leadership.
- Facilitate professional growth by helping students understand organizational culture.
• Develop students’ conceptual and diagnostic skills to lead planned organizational change.

• Focus on organization behavior and the leadership dimensions of attitude, personality, perception, learning, roles, norms, and techniques for leading effective teams.

• Promote development of interpersonal relationships and effective oral and written communications.

• Encourage development of religious, ethical, and spiritual values and perspectives within the framework of leadership roles and practices.

**Learning Outcomes**

In addition to meeting Mercer University’s general education practical competencies, graduates of the organizational leadership degree program will be able to:

• Demonstrate effective problem-solving and conflict resolution strategies.

• Demonstrate goal setting techniques.

• Apply understanding of follower motivation.

• Demonstrate effective interpersonal communication and leadership skills.

• Apply research and statistical techniques to improve problem solving and decision making.

• Encourage and support human resource programs for recruitment, development, and retention.

• Articulate a personal philosophy of leadership and develop strategies to lead by example.

**Curriculum**

The interdisciplinary social science focus of the Organizational Leadership program provides mid-career professionals with an understanding of leadership practices in the 21st century. Courses provide a practical approach to leadership and the implementation of change in a world that is increasingly interconnected. Students may not earn any grades lower than C in any courses in the major and may not take any course on an S/U basis. Students must attain an overall grade point average of 2.5 to qualify for graduation.

**B.A.Sc. Degree Requirements**

**General Education Core and Electives** .................................................. 81 hours

**Major Requirements** ................................................................. 39 hours

- HRAD 245. Introduction to Human Resources
- ORGL 210. Foundations of Leadership
- ORGL 315. Effective Communication for Leadership
- ORGL 320. Human Behavior in Organizations
- ORGL 330. Budgeting for Nonfinancial Leaders
- ORGL 335. Contemporary Global Issues
- ORGL 350. Values, Ethics, and Leadership Practice
- ORGL 355. Leadership in Nonprofit Organizations
ORGL 380. Applied Research Methods
ORGL 445. Dimensions of Servant Leadership
ORGL 460. Strategic Leadership
ORGL 470. Organization Development and Change
ORGL 475. Advanced Leadership Philosophy and Practice

Total Requirements .......................... 120 semester hours

PUBLIC SAFETY LEADERSHIP

V. Lynn Tankersley, Program Coordinator/Associate Professor
Richard Martin and Stephen E. Ruegger, Associate Professors
Charles Weston, Senior Lecturer

Mission Statement

The Bachelor of Science in Public Safety Leadership degree is designed to provide students a strong foundation of knowledge regarding the various public safety entities including: law enforcement, corrections, the courts, homeland security and emergency response. The degree is targeted towards adult learners who may or may not be working in the field of public safety and provides students the opportunity for service-based learning. In addition, the coursework assists students in understanding how science and technological advances have aided in the detection and apprehension of deviants and in the development of critical thinking skills regarding important issues in public safety. Finally, the degree aims to develop students’ leadership skills and abilities to communicate effectively and efficiently in various high-risk situations. Public safety majors take 18 hours of core classes for the major and select one of three 24 hour concentrations (criminal justice, homeland security, or emergency services), each designed to help students meet the competencies deemed crucial for effectiveness in the field. Students in the Emergency Services track must be currently certified under the National Registry of Emergency Medical Technicians.

Student Learning Outcomes

Upon completion of a program of study in public safety leadership, all students will be able to:

• Distinguish how the various components of the public safety system interact
• Develop and defend positions on current issues in public safety
• Dramatize effective interpersonal communication and leadership skills
• Carry out a research project
• Solve ethical dilemmas
• Assess, construct, and critique options and solutions to crisis situations

In addition to the general degree outcomes, students within the criminal justice track will be able to:

• Evaluate and apply theories of criminal behavior
• Describe the nature and extent of diversity in relation to crime
• Demonstrate knowledge and understanding of how technology impacts criminal behavior and the apprehension of criminals
• Demonstrate a basic understanding of how scientific knowledge assists in explaining deviance
In addition to the general degree outcomes, students within the homeland security track will be able to:

- Demonstrate knowledge and understanding of how agencies can work together to coordinate responses to security threats
- Evaluate and apply theories of criminal behavior
- Describe the nature and extent of diversity in relation to crime
- Demonstrate knowledge and understanding of how technology impacts criminal behavior and the apprehension of criminals

In addition to the general degree outcomes, students within the emergency services track will be able to:

- Demonstrate effective problem-solving and conflict resolution strategies
- Demonstrate an understanding of human behavior, active listening, workplace-human interaction, and an appreciation of diversity and multicultural issues

Public Safety Leadership

B.S. Degree

120 Semester Hours

Requirements*

Prerequisites

- PSYC 111. Introduction to Psychology
- SOCI 111. Introduction to Sociology

General Education Requirements ..........................................................39 hours

Content Studies ..................................................................................18 hours

Core in Major

- ORGL 210. Foundations of Leadership
- ORGL 315. Communication for Effective Leadership
- ORGL 370. Intercultural Communication
- ORGL 380. Applied Research Methods
- PSFT 435. Ethics and Public Safety
- PSFT 470. Field Experience (not required for the Emergency Services track)
- PSFT 498. Senior Seminar

A. Criminal Justice Track ...........................................................................24 hours

- CRJS 260. Introduction to Criminal Justice

And 7 more from the courses listed below:

- CRJS 305. Community Policing
- CRJS 325. Criminal Law
- CRJS 330. Criminal Procedure
- CRJS 345. Forensic Behavior
- CRJS 350. Theoretical Forensic Criminalistics
- CRJS 359. The Judicial Process
- CRJS 360. Criminology
- CRJS 366. The Correctional Process
- CRJS 390. Special Topics
INSY 391. Computer Privacy, Ethics, Crime and Society
PSFT 390. Special Topics in Public Safety

B. Homeland Security Track.................................................................24 hours
PSFT 365. Introduction to Homeland Security and Emergency Management
And 7 more from the courses listed below:
CRJS 325. Criminal Law
CRJS 330. Criminal Procedure
CRJS 345. Forensic Behavior
CRJS 350. Theoretical Forensic Criminalistics
CRJS 359. The Judicial Process
INSY 391. Computer Privacy, Ethics, Crime and Society
ORGL 330. Budgeting for Nonfinancial Leaders
PSFT 370. Terrorism
PSFT 375. The Effects of Disaster on Society
PSFT 380. Intelligence Gathering and Dissemination
PSFT 390. Special Topics in Public Safety

C. Emergency Services (applicants must be NREMT Certified)..................27 hours
HRAD 250. Introduction to Training and Development
INFM 205. Survey of Health Informatics
LBST 205. Introduction to Technical Writing
ORGL 330. Budgeting for Nonfinancial Leaders
POLS 100. Government in America
or POLS 200. Government in the State and Local Levels

Students must take 4 more courses from the following list:
HRAD 245. Introduction to Human Resources
HRAD 315. Workplace Law & Relations
HRAD 350. Principles of Adult Learning & Development
HRAD 365. Instructional Design and Delivery Strategies I: Materials Development
HRAD 375. Instructional Design and Delivery Strategies II: Organizing Training
HRAD 385. Instructional Design and Delivery Strategies III: E-learning
HSRV 340. Social Welfare Policy
HSRV 415. Older Adults in the 21st Century
ORGL 320. Human Behavior in Organizations
ORGL 335. Contemporary Global Issues
ORGL 470. Organization Development and Change

Electives. ..............................39 hours (36 hours for Emergency Services Track)
TOTAL ................................................................. 120 semester hours

* Students must earn a “C” or better in LBST 180 to enter or continue in the public safety leadership major.

NOTE: Public Safety Leadership majors who have less than two years of professional experience in the public safety field must take 3 credit hours of PSFT 470. The student’s advisor will determine the applicability of this requirement. An additional 3 hours of PSFT 470 may be taken as an elective. Students with two or more years of professional experience in public safety may take PSFT 470 as elective hours to a maximum of 6
credit hours. All students must have junior status to be eligible to apply for PSFT 470. It is the student's responsibility to find a field experience site. At least 8 weeks prior to beginning the semester in which the field experience is planned, the student must have the site approved by his/her faculty advisor. Field experience may be done in the fall and spring semesters or during summer session 1. PSFT 470 requires 15 hours per week at the field experience site. Exceptions to the above may be made only with the approval of the student's faculty advisor.

**Grade Requirements**

A student seeking a major in public safety leadership must maintain a cumulative grade point average of 2.5 in the courses required in the major to qualify for graduation. A student may not have any grade lower than a C in any course required for the major. The S/U grading option may not be elected for any required course in the major other than PSFT 470.

**MINORS**

**Public Safety**

**18 Semester Hours**

**Requirements**

- CRJS 260 or PSFT 365  
- 5 public safety/criminal justice courses ...................................................... 18 hours

Criminal Justice or public safety courses used for a student's major may not be used toward a public safety minor.

**Digital Forensics**

**18 Semester Hours**

**Requirements**

- CRJS 375. Criminal Investigation  
- CRJS/INSY 391. Computer Privacy, Ethics, Crime and Society  
- DGTF 390. Digital Forensics I  
- DGTF 490. Digital Forensics II  
- INFM 120. Introduction to Computer Systems  
- INFM 210. Programming Concepts for Informatics

**DEPARTMENT OF LIBERAL STUDIES**

Fred Bongiovanni, Chair/Professor
Duane E. Davis and J. Colin Harris, Professors Emeriti
Margaret H. Eskew and Ian C. Henderson, Professors
J. Thompson Biggers, Timothy D. Craker, Karen O. Lacey, Clinton W. Terry, and Andrea L. Winkler, Associate Professors
Wesley Nan Barker, Steven J. Miller, and Melanie R. Pavich, Assistant Professors

**Mission Statement**

The Department of Liberal Studies continues the tradition of Jesse Mercer by making a liberal arts foundation for professional and personal development accessible to working
adults throughout Georgia. The purpose of a liberal arts education is not only to free students from the constraints of any one particular religious, academic, or professional perspective, but also to free them for fuller and richer citizenship in a world in which different cultures, social institutions, and technologies interconnect in multiple and changing ways.

Department Goals

The department is committed to:

- Providing a learning environment that is personal, challenging, respectful, and supportive of each student’s academic goals.
- Assisting students in the refinement of their thinking, writing, and speaking skills.
- Providing a liberal arts foundation/connection to the professional programs offered in the Regional Academic Centers.
- Providing students with the opportunity to develop, in conjunction with an academic advisor, a liberal studies major concentrating on one or two areas of study.
- Enabling students to gain the personal and academic resources to serve them as life-long learners.
- Fostering a perspective that will nurture responsible vocation, relationships, and citizenship, both locally and globally.
- Experience a creative, supportive, challenging, and respectful learning environment.

Student Learning Outcomes

Through work in the department’s courses, students will:

- Demonstrate refinement in thinking and communication skills.
- Demonstrate an understanding of the various dimensions of the liberal arts tradition and the connection of that tradition to their specific vocational goals.
- Demonstrate an ability to apply the results of their particular study to a perspective for continued learning.
- Reflect a maturing perspective toward their various life roles and toward local and global citizenship.

LIBERAL STUDIES MAJOR

B.A. Degree

The Bachelor of Arts degree with a Liberal Studies major provides a challenging learning opportunity for those students who want a bachelor’s degree based upon a strong liberal arts foundation for their personal and professional development. Students in the Bachelor of Arts in Liberal Studies program come from every age group and every life situation. All students in the Liberal Studies program share an eagerness to advance their understanding of the world and develop the tools they need to reach their life goals.

The Bachelor of Arts degree in Liberal Studies degree provides an individualized program of study that combines a common liberal studies core with individualized concentrations in selected courses and fosters students’ ability to think critically and construc-
tively in relation to their self-chosen academic goals. While this degree allows students to propose their own programs of study, it broadens their academic perspectives by emphasizing interdisciplinary study as a method of comprehension and understanding. Students who wish to focus their studies in the liberal arts will find a variety of options for designing a program consistent with their personal and professional interests. Students who bring with them previous academic work may find that with this program they are able to complete their studies in good fashion by combining their work in various fields.

Students interested in pursuing the Liberal Studies major should first contact the chair or a faculty member of the Liberal Studies Department. Following a preliminary consultation, an advisor will be assigned. The advisor and the student will develop a proposal for the specific content and direction of the program. The program of study is subject to the approval of the Liberal Studies Department. Once approved, the program statement will be filed with the Registrar's office with the standard Declaration of Major form and will become the official statement of the student's program. Modifications in the approved plan, due to schedule limitations or curricular changes, may be made with the approval of the department chair or advisor.

The Bachelor of Arts degree in Liberal Studies degree focuses on several general student learning outcomes that are consistent with all of the individualized programs of studies. As specific programs of study are developed for each student, additional student learning outcomes may be specified by a student's degree program advisor. Upon the completion of the degree, the successful student should be able to:

- Read and write effectively and clearly in a variety of academic formats that demonstrate well developed and connected patterns of thought.
- Listen and speak effectively and clearly in a variety of settings that demonstrate well developed and connected patterns of thought.
- Think critically and apply critical thinking skills in academic learning experience grounded in the liberal arts tradition.
- Create an effective interdisciplinary synthesis between their selected concentrations and required Liberal Studies courses (LBST 210, LBST 350, LBST 250 or 255, LBST 275 or 280 and LBST 498).
- Understand and interpret the themes and issues associated with their areas of concentration.
- Analyze and construct arguments based on evidence and the work and interpretations of other sources.
- Engage in research and critical analysis across disciplines.

All students pursuing this major must take five specific core courses: LBST 210 – The Idea of the University, LBST 250 -- Arts and Ideas of Traditional Cultures or LBST 255 -- Arts and Ideas of the Emerging Modern World (students choose one) LBST 275 -- Argument: Social Thought and Citizenship or LBST 280 -- Argument: Studies in Public Discourse (student choose one), LBST 350 – Critical Theory and Liberal Studies and LBST 498 Liberal Studies Capstone. Beyond these five courses, students will develop, in consultation with an advisor, a program of study involving two concentrations of four courses (12 semester hours) each or one concentration of eight courses (24 semester hours). Students selecting the two concentration option must complete a minimum of two courses (6 credit hours) in each concentration in the college. Students selecting the one concentration option must complete a minimum of four courses (12 credit hours) in that concentration in the college. During the final term in residence, students will enroll in LBST 498 – Liberal Studies Capstone seminar team taught by members of the faculty.
over the course of a full semester. During the seminar, the synthesizing essay will be completed.

LIBERAL STUDIES MAJOR

B.A. Degree

120 Semester Hours

General Education Requirements ............................................ 39 hours
Major Requirements ........................................................ 39 hours

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Required Concentrations (24 hours)

In addition to the core course requirements listed above, all Liberal Studies students may in consultation with their advisor develop a program of study in any of the three areas of study listed below. Students may select either two concentrations or the one concentration

A. **Humanities** - Students may choose two of the following areas of concentration for the two concentration option (12 hours per concentration) or one area of concentration for the one concentration option (24 hours)

   - Communication Studies
   - Historical Studies
   - Literary Studies
   - Religious Studies

B. **Interdisciplinary Studies** – Students may choose two of the following areas of concentration for the two-concentration option (12 hours per concentration) or one area of concentration for the one concentration option (24 hours)

   - American Studies
   - Religion and Society
   - Education and Society
   - Literature and Society
   - History and Society
   - Rhetorical Studies
   - Language Arts
   - Social Studies
   - Women’s and Gender Studies

C. **Individualized Studies** – In consultation with an advisor, a student may propose a program of study in a concentration not included in A or B above. This concentration may be either a 12 hour concentration to be combined with a concentration in A or B or a single 24 hour concentration. (12 or 24 hours)
D. Students may also choose concentrations in Mathematics or Science offered and approved by the College’s Mathematics, Science, and Informatics Department.

Electives .......................................................... 42 hours

TOTAL ......................................................... 120 semester hours

Grade Requirements

A student seeking a major in liberal studies must maintain an overall cumulative grade point average of 2.5 for all courses (core and concentration courses) required in the major to qualify for graduation. The S/U grading option may not be elected for any required courses in the major.

Bachelor of Liberal Studies
Individualized Major/Liberal Studies (Douglas County, Henry County, and Macon)
Effective July 1, 2012, no new applicants will be accepted into this program

MINORS
Communication
18 Semester Hours

Communication Studies Minor Student Learning Outcomes
The student who completes a minor in Communication Studies will be able to:

1. Describe in detail the human communication process.
2. Describe and explain in detail a model of human communication.
3. Apply that model to various contexts; interpersonal, organizational, working groups depending on which courses they have completed.

Students should select 18 hours of 200 level or above from communication courses not counted as general education requirements or as requirements in their major.

Historical Studies
18 semester hours

Historical Studies Student Learning Outcomes

A student who completes a minor in historical studies will be able to:

1. apply historical reasoning to study of study of political, cultural, religious, social, economic, or ideological topics in history
2. explain historical change and continuity.
3. develop a clear argument using recognized historical methods
4. interpret and use primary sources.

Students should select 18 hours of 200 level or above from history courses not counted as general education requirements or requirements in their major.
Literary Studies
18 Semester Hours

Literary Studies Minor Student Learning Outcomes

The student who completes the minor in Literary Studies will be able to develop the habits of mind of readers of literature through:

1. Reading (and re-reading) carefully and critically, paying attention to patterns and themes that emerge as well as to the language and form of the work.
2. Formulating questions and responses to what you read.
3. Making connections to other texts and contexts.
4. Asking how various forms of literature, in their historical contexts, reflect and shape the ways we imagine ourselves with others.

Students should select any 18 hours of 200 level or above, including at least 6 hours at the 300 or above level listed in the English or Literature subject area that are not counted as general education requirements or as requirements in their major.

Religious Studies
18 Semester Hours

Religious Studies Minor Student Learning Outcomes

A student who completes a minor in religious studies will be able to:

1. Compare and contrast different methodological approaches to understanding religion.
2. Demonstrate competency in the critical reading and interpretations of religious texts and representations.
3. Delineate the key features of a religious tradition and discuss how they interact for adherents to that religious tradition.
4. Describe the way in which lived religion as practiced in everyday life affects the social relationship of individuals in either historical or contemporary contexts.
5. Develop written and oral communication skills for the study of diverse religious traditions that demonstrate balanced and unbiased analysis.

Students should select any 6 courses from the religious studies area or, with departmental approval, related or special topics courses, in addition to those counted in the general education requirements and those of their major.
DEPARTMENT OF MATHEMATICS, SCIENCE, AND INFORMATICS

Colleen P. Stapleton, Chair/Associate Professor
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Vikraman Baskaran, Greg A. Baugher, Gary W. Blome, and Sabrina L. Walthall, Assistant Professors
Kelly L. Jones, Instructor

Mission Statement

The Department of Mathematics, Science, and Informatics is committed to fostering a learning environment in which the teaching of mathematics, science, and informatics at the undergraduate level contributes to the development of critical thinking and problem solving skills. In this environment, students are encouraged to apply their new understanding of life, physical, and information science processes to practices in their chosen professions. The department offers courses at Mercer’s Regional Academic Centers and on the Cecil B. Day Campus in Atlanta.

The Department offers a Bachelor of Science degree in Informatics with concentrations available in the following tracks: Health Information Technology, Web Development and Human-Computer Interaction, or General Informatics. The Department also offers a minor in Informatics and collaborates with the Public Safety Leadership program to offer another minor in Digital Forensics.

Department Goals

Students will be exposed to a learning environment that is structured to allow them access to multiple resources inside and outside of the classroom. The department is committed to fostering a learning environment that will:

• Encourage students to open up to new and positive experiences with mathematics, science, and informatics, and to refine students’ abilities to express themselves precisely, so they may make significant contributions in their workplace, community, and in the world.

• Provide students with the opportunity to reshape their perspectives about mathematics and science, and to emphasize the importance of mathematics, science, and informatics in the world.

• Guide students to engage in, learn, and apply knowledge by keeping them focused, helping them with their study, communication, and learning skills, and providing them with clear directions.

• Offer an undergraduate education based upon a strong liberal arts foundation with emphasis on the centrality of mathematics, science, and informatics.

• Require students to demonstrate an understanding of the processes involved in applying mathematics, science, and informatics to problems and opportunities encountered in practical, professional, and social contexts.
• Enable students to express mathematical, scientific, and informatics reasoning in meaningful ways, clearly conveying relevant ideas and concepts.

• Permit students to develop life-long interests in mathematics, science, and informatics while comprehending the impact of these disciplines on citizenship, the environment, and society.

• Respond to changes in K-12 curriculum in the State of Georgia.

INFORMATICS
Feng Liu, Program Coordinator/Associate Professor
Kenneth W. Revels, Associate Professor
Vikraman Baskaran and Gary W. Blome, Assistant Professors
Kelly L. Jones, Instructor

Mission Statement
The Bachelor of Science in Informatics offers students the opportunity to study how information is effectively processed within the context of various academic disciplines and practical vocations. The major includes a common core of 33 hours plus one of the three alternative tracks with 15 hours each. These tracks are Health Information Technology, Web Development and Human-Computer Interaction, and General Informatics. Students who complete this program will acquire a liberal arts education consistent with the goals and traditions of Mercer University, as well as solid preparation for a career in the increasingly vital discipline of informatics.

Student Learning Outcomes
Informatics Program:
• Identify the theory of informatics.
• Identify the practice of informatics.
• Apply data structures and algorithms to solve informatics problems.
• Create software designs that relate to relevant areas of the curriculum.

Track A (Health Information Technology):
• Make decisions relevant to the health professions.
• Employ techniques useful in the management of medical data.
• Communicate effectively to implement technical knowledge.

Track B (Web Development and Human-Computer Interaction):
• Employ user-centered system interface design principles.
• Develop platform independent informatics applications.
• Analyze human-computer interactions to create optimally usable software packages.

Track C (General Informatics):
• Employ informatics operations using computer technology.
• Apply basic informatics principles in a variety of disciplines.
• Demonstrate interdisciplinary perspective embracing different aspects of the university curriculum.
Informatics

B.S. Degree

120 Semester Hours

General Education Requirements*  **  ***  .............................................. 39 hours

Core in Major ................................................................. 33 hours

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Electives .............................................................. 33 hours

TOTAL ................................................................. 120 hours

*All Informatics majors must complete MATH 130 to fulfill degree requirements.
**All Informatics majors in the Health Information Technology track must complete SCIE 230 to fulfill degree requirements.
***All Informatics majors in the Web Development and Human-Computer Interaction track must complete PSYC 111 to fulfill degree requirements.

**Minor in Digital Forensics**

18 Semester Hours

**Digital Forensics Minor Student Learning Outcomes**

Students completing a minor in Digital Forensics will be able to:

1. Define the discipline of Digital Forensics and contextually relate it to their major field of study.
2. Describe techniques and procedures required to investigate, secure, and document digital evidence related to criminal activity.

- INFM 120. Introduction to Computer Systems
- INFM 210. Programming Concepts for Informatics
- CRJS 375. Criminal Investigation
- CRJS/INSY 391. Computer Privacy, Ethics, Crime and Society
- DGTF 390. Digital Forensics I
- DGTF 490. Digital Forensics II

**Minor in Informatics:**

18 Semester Hours

- INFM 110. Introduction to Informatics
- INFM 322. Introduction to Multimedia and Web Design Tools

Four additional courses in INFM/INSY at the 200 level or above.

Students completing a minor in Informatics will be able to:

1. Define the discipline of Informatics and contextually relate it to their major field of study.
2. Describe and employ techniques available for the acquisition, storage, and processing of data in their major discipline.
3. Define information within their major disciplinary context and demonstrate how it may be created and transmitted by processing discipline-relevant data.

**BRIDGE PROGRAM FOR INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS**

The Bridge Program at Mercer University assists international students in further developing the mathematics, communication, and written skills needed for university-level course work. Classes are offered on the Cecil B. Day Campus in Atlanta through the College of Continuing and Professional Studies. Undergraduate students who are accepted conditionally into a Mercer program or a prospective graduate student who needs additional language instruction can take courses through the Bridge Program. Students enrolled in the program must complete all of the following requirements:

1) Assessment of mathematics proficiency is accomplished through use of an online assessment tool to determine the level of functional knowledge in algebra and pre-calculus, including analytic trigonometry. Based on the results of the proficiency assessment exams, students may be exempt from taking one or more of the following courses:
• MATH120. Basic Algebra
• MATH130. Topics in Pre-calculus
• MATH150. Analytic Trigonometry*

*Exception may apply for certain majors.

For additional information, please contact the Bridge Program advisor through the Office of the Dean (678) 547-6028.

2) Students enrolled in the Bridge Program must also complete the following courses:

• FDLS110. The Culture of the University
• FDLS130. Language and Communication*
• ENGL100. Critical Thinking, Reading, and Writing
• COMM171. Introduction to Public Speaking

*Students enrolled in FDLS 130 must receive a grade of C or higher in order to register for LBST 175 and LBST 180.

The Bridge Program provides quality instruction by faculty members with expertise in teaching English as a second language. Emphasis is placed on critical thinking, oral presentations, writing skills, problem solving, and contextual scientific reasoning.

Additionally, students gain an appreciation for flexible and creative scheduling of courses allowing them to develop a stronger presence at Mercer University. Therefore, students will benefit from engaging native speakers of the English language in both the academic and popular cultures.

Additional requirements may apply as determined by individual colleges/schools at Mercer University.

COURSES OF INSTRUCTION

ART AND ART HISTORY (ARTH)

ARTH 101. Art Appreciation (3 hours)
Students in ARTH 101 will explore, question, analyze, and interpret works of art as they engage and study work of various artistic periods arising from a variety of cultures, and develop a general knowledge of the historical periods and events pertinent to the study.

ARTH 201. Survey of Western World Art I (3 hours)
This course involves a chronological survey of Prehistoric, Egyptian, Ancient Near East, Mediterranean World, and Medieval art. Students will be exposed to the personal and social functions of art as well as the basic styles.

ARTH 202. Survey of Western World Art II (3 hours)
This course involves the chronological survey of Renaissance, Manneristic, Baroque, Rococo, and Modern art. Students will also be exposed to the personal and social functions of art as well as the basic styles.

BIOLOGY (BIOL)

BIOL 101. Introduction to Biology and Evolution (3 hours)
Prerequisite: SCIE 100 or equivalent.
Key features and processes that characterize and unite living things are examined by way of six major themes: acquisition and use of energy in individuals and communities; cellular machinery and synthesis of proteins; DNA information flow between generations
(genetics); homeostasis and regulation; specialization in cells, tissues, organ systems and organisms; and, processes at work in evolution. An integrated lecture/laboratory course. Laboratory fee.

BIOL 105. Life Forms and Functions (3 hours)
Prerequisite: SCIE 100 or equivalent.
An overview of organismal development in form and function over more than 3.5 billion years of evolutionary time. Key characteristics of some of the major taxonomic groups belonging to six recognized kingdoms are discussed – ranging from primitive bacteria to modern plants and animals. Adaptations required for specific modes of living, and the new opportunities for speciation and diversification that this process would yield, are the basis for an examination of the dynamic relationship between biological form and function. An Integrated lecture and laboratory course. Laboratory fee.

BIOL 245. Human Anatomy and Physiology I (4 hours)
Prerequisite: BIOL 101.
Students will study human anatomy as it relates to allied health professionals. Students will identify the vocabulary, overview the basic components of cells and tissues, and study how cells group and differentiate into specialized tissue. Topics will include the anatomy and physiology of the integumentary system, skeletal system and bones, muscular system and muscles, joints, and nervous system, as well as genetics and genomics. Students will carry out microscopy and dissections. Laboratory fee.

BIOL 246. Human Anatomy and Physiology II (4 hours)
Prerequisite: BIOL 245.
Students will study the comprehensive structure and function of the human body, the mechanisms for maintaining homeostasis within the body and their interrelationships at the cellular and organismal levels of biological organization. Topics include the cardiovascular, circulatory, digestive, endocrine, immune, lymphatic, respiratory, urinary and reproductive systems, as well as metabolism, fluids and electrolytes, and acid-base balance. Students will carry out microscopy and dissections. In this course, students will build on materials emphasized in Human Anatomy and Physiology I. Laboratory fee.

BIOL 256. Microbiology for Allied Health (4 hours)
Prerequisite: BIOL 245.
Students will study fundamental microbiology principles related to allied health including: basic culture and staining techniques, cellular metabolism, microbial control measures (sterilization, disinfection, and antimicrobial therapy), and basic concepts of immunology. Emphasis will be placed on the study of various pathogenic microorganisms and the human diseases they cause. Laboratory fee.

BIOL 390. Special Topics in Life Science (3 hours)
Prerequisite: consent of department chair.
A study of some significant topic in the life sciences which is not available through other program offerings. Laboratory fee may apply.

COMMUNICATION (COMM)

COMM 104. Understanding Theatre (3 hours)
Students will study the characteristics and practices of the theatre from the perspective of our experience of theatre as audiences engaged with a cultural, dynamic cultural art form. Students will practice "close reading" by examining and contextualizing selected plays/productions.
COMM 171. Introduction to Public Speaking (3 hours)
Students will study and practice the basic strategies and skills necessary for preparing and delivering effective oral presentations applicable to a variety of contexts and relevant to career development and responsible citizenship. Major emphasis will be placed on topic selection, audience analysis, message organization, language and argument development, and delivery skills. Students will also learn to be critical consumers of public oral discourse through the study and practice of effective listening, basic argument construction, and basic rhetorical criticism.

COMM 205. Understanding Cinema (3 hours)
Prerequisites: LBST 175, 180, or equivalent.
Students will study the characteristics and practices of cinema as an international language from the perspective of our experience of film as audiences engaged with a dynamic cultural art form. Students will practice "close reading" by examining and contextualizing selected films from around the world.

COMM 240. Popular Cultural Forms and Society (3 hours)
(Cross-listed as SOCI 240)
Prerequisites: LBST 175, 180 or equivalent; PSYC 111 or SOCI 111.
An analysis and interpretation of popular forms of culture and communication. Emphasis will be placed on understanding the ways that everyday behavior and artifacts are imbued with cultural meanings that transcend functional purpose. Case studies will vary but special attention may be paid to such topics as fashion, popular music, Hollywood movies, and popular genres of literature (science fiction, mystery, or romance).

COMM 251. Communication and Society (3 hours)
Prerequisites: LBST 175, 180, or equivalent.
Students will examine the role that communication has played in the transformation of society. Beginning with the work of Walter Ong, students will trace the impacts of oral, written, print, and electronic technologies on ancient, medieval, and modern society. This history is used to suggest how contemporary technologies will change the ways in which we organize ourselves and communicate.

COMM 253. Gender Relations (3 hours)
(Cross-listed as SOCI 253)
Prerequisites: LBST 175, 180 or equivalent; PSYC 111 or SOCI 111.
Students will study the relationships between males and females, examining the ways in which gender relationships both reflect cultural views of gender (roles and stereotypes) and shape individual gender identities and behaviors in particular social contexts (families, schools, media, the workplace, and other institutions).

COMM 255. Virtual Working Group Communication (3 Hours)
Prerequisites: LBST 175, LBST 180, INSY 102, or equivalent.
Students will demonstrate an ability to work cooperatively in group settings without face to face contact. Students will demonstrate an understanding of the pitfalls that can hinder group process and an ability to work with various tools that facilitate remote group performance.

COMM 260. Interpersonal Communication (3 hours)
Prerequisites: LBST 175, 180 or equivalent.
The study of the theory and skills relevant to interpersonal communication. Major emphasis will be given to the development and deterioration of interpersonal relationships and the role that communication plays in these processes. The course investigates verbal and
nonverbal communication, perception, and personal disposition toward communication in the interpersonal context.

**COMM 265. Working Group Communication** (3 hours)
Prerequisites: COMM 171; LBST 175, 180 or equivalent.
Students will examine the formation and development of groups in the workplace or community. Particular emphasis is given to communication as the process by which group performance can be either enhanced or inhibited. Attention is given to group formation, composition, and development. The establishment of roles, norms, and conflict will be explored, with special attention given to group leadership and group presentations.

**COMM 270. Communication for Business and the Professions** (3 hours)
Prerequisites: COMM 171; LBST 175, 180 or equivalent.
Students will be introduced to the various forms and types of communication used by modern organizations. Written and oral communication theory will suggest strategies appropriate for effective communication in business and professional settings (report and memorandum/letter writing, interviewing, group decision-making, and presentations). Students will be given a combination of lectures and projects that will ultimately take the form of a final report and presentation.

**COMM 309. Communication and Information Theory** (3 hours)
Prerequisites: COMM 171; LBST 175, 180 or equivalent.
A survey of literature that forms the theoretical basis for understanding human and machine communication. Students will study communication theories which are relevant to understanding information exchange (both verbal and nonverbal) and relational communication in a range of contexts.

**COMM 320. Advanced Interpersonal Communication** (3 hours)
Prerequisites: COMM 171 or consent of program coordinator; LBST 175, 180 or equivalent.
A study of the theories of interpersonal communication with an emphasis on the application of relevant principles to our everyday life. Students will study transactional communication as learned, patterned and contextual, and as multifunctional and multi-channeled behavior. Major emphasis will be placed on how modern communication technology is changing traditional patterns of interaction.

**COMM 325. Nonverbal Communication** (3 Hours)
Prerequisites: LBST 175, LBST 180, COMM 171, or equivalent.
Students will develop an understanding of the role and importance of nonverbal communication in social interaction. They will learn and apply methods of understanding nonverbal communication to various social situations.

**COMM 330. Elements of Persuasion** (3 hours)
Prerequisites: COMM 171; LBST 175, 180 or equivalent.
Students will study persuasive strategies, goals, and effects within interpersonal, group decision-making, political, commercial, and mass communication contexts. Emphasis is on critical analysis of political and advertising campaigns and appeals, as well as the impact of new communications technologies on persuasion. Students will learn to be responsible, critical consumers and ethical practitioners of persuasion.

**COMM 340. Public Relations** (3 hours)
Prerequisites: LBST 175, 180 or equivalent.
Students will examine communication theories and techniques of message preparation necessary to support effective organizational promotion to advance short- and long-term organizational goals. Special emphasis will be placed on the effectiveness of existing campaigns, as well as developing strategies for future organizational promotional campaigns, including those that respond to crisis situations.

**COMM 345. Mass Media and Society** (3 hours) *(Cross-listed as SOCI 345)*
Prerequisites: LBST 175, 180 or equivalent; PSYC 111 or SOCI 111.
Students will critically analyze the impacts and effects of mass media on contemporary society. Special attention will be given to the impact of media on social roles and relationships.

**COMM 350. Organizational Communication** (3 hours)
Prerequisites: LBST 175, 180 or equivalent.
A focus on communication theory, strategies and skills in modern organizations. Emphasis is on examining organizational climate and culture, communication process and flow in organizations, intra-organizational conflict, types of leadership and group decision-making, and the implementation of change within the organization. Students will conduct a detailed analysis of an existing organization.

**COMM 359. Instructional Communication** (3 hours)
Prerequisites: LBST 175, LBST 180, COMM 171, or equivalent.
Students will be able to demonstrate an understanding of the dominant theories of Instructional Communication. They will be able to describe the process through which the theories have been developed and tested and the ways in which they can be applied to their professional experience.

**COMM 370. Intercultural Communication** (3 hours)
Prerequisites: LBST 175, 180 or equivalent.
A cross-disciplinary study of communication issues which arise when cultures come into contact with each other. Conducted as a seminar, the specific area to be covered is the mechanism through which cultures exchange with each other. Students will investigate ways in which communication facilitates cultural contact and ways in which it inhibits contact. Cultural differences in communication style and content will be analyzed.

**COMM 390. Special Topics in Communication** (1-3 hours)
Prerequisites: consent of advisor; LBST 175, 180 or equivalent.
Students will study some significant topic in communication which is not available through other program offerings. A maximum of 6 credit hours in English or Communication special topics may be selected by students seeking a Communication concentration.

**COMM 395. Independent Directed Study in Communication** (1-3 hours)
Prerequisite: consent of advisor.
Students will study an area or subject not normally found in established courses, or a special study that allows the student to explore in greater detail a topic raised in established Communication courses.

**COMM 475. Communication Internship** (3-9 hours)
Prerequisites: senior status and consent of advisor.
The internship program is designed to provide the student with an opportunity to apply academic training in practical communication settings. Requests for internships must be made in advance and approved by the Communication Program Coordinator.
Communication internships are available only to students with communication concentrations. A maximum of 3 credit hours may be applied to the concentration. An additional 6 credit hours of internship may be counted as other electives. Note: Grade of Satisfactory or Unsatisfactory. Special Fee.

CRIMINAL JUSTICE (CRJS)

CRJS 260. Introduction to Criminal Justice (3 hours)
Prerequisites: LBST 175, 180 or equivalent.
Students will be provided an overview and analysis of the major components of the criminal justice system. Criminal law, law enforcement, the judicial and correctional processes, and probation and parole will be examined. The historical basis for the United States’ criminal justice system, as well as emerging trends in the concept and practices of the criminal justice profession will be studied. In addition, students will examine the implication of these topics to criminal justice and foster critical thinking skills during the formulation of recommendations regarding each issue. Career opportunities in the field of criminal justice will be emphasized.

CRJS 305. Community Policing (3 hours)
Prerequisites: LBST 175, 180 or equivalent.
Students will learn about the philosophy of community policing as it permeates the entire police department. Students will pay particular attention to: community policing as an organizational strategy, problem-solving approaches within community and problem oriented policing, and comparing community policing philosophies with reactive and proactive policing.

CRJS 325. Criminal Law (3 hours)
Prerequisites: LBST 175, 180 or equivalent.
Students in this course will examine substantive criminal law in the courts of the United States, emphasizing law, defense, evidence, and criminal responsibility. Included is a study of the essential elements that constitute criminal offenses by state and federal statutes. There is also a survey of crimes and procedures for social control, general principles of excuses and defenses, and an examination of all major felony crimes. Emphasis is on the substantive area of law.

CRJS 330. Criminal Procedure (3 hours)
Prerequisites: LBST 175, 180 or equivalent.
Students in this course will explore the Bill of Rights, especially the Fourth, Fifth, Sixth, Eighth and Fourteenth Amendments, as they relate to public safety and law enforcement. Emphasis is on the evolution of constitutional criminal procedure through the development of case law and resulting selected state and federal statutes and court decisions governing the admissibility of evidence. Evidence and its admissibility will be reviewed in light of procedural considerations affecting arrests, searches, and seizures. Procedural concepts of arrest search and seizure are also discussed.

CRJS 350. Theoretical Forensic Criminalistics (3 hours)
Prerequisite: consent of program coordinator.
Theoretical Forensic Criminalistics examines the role of science in the criminal justice system. The course will provide instruction and knowledge regarding forensic criminalistics.
tics including physical evidence; organic and inorganic analysis; hairs, fibers and paint; forensic toxicology, arson and explosives; serology and DNA; fingerprints, firearms and other impressions; document and voice examination. This course must be taken concurrently with SCIE 250 Applied Forensic Criminalistics.

CRJS 359. The Judicial Process (3 hours)
Prerequisites: LBST 175, 180 or equivalent.
Students will study criminal procedure, case analysis, and the mechanics of the municipal, state, and federal judicial systems. The interaction of criminal law, judicial decision-making, and the administration of justice will be emphasized.

CRJS 360. Criminology (3 hours)
Prerequisites: LBST 175, 180 or equivalent.
Criminology is an analysis of the major theories of criminal behavior, the nature and types of crime, and the relationship between crime and society. Emphasis will be placed on the scientific approach to studying the criminal offender.

CRJS 361. Criminal Offender (3 hours)
Prerequisites: LBST 175, 180 or equivalent.
Students will study in detail the dominant characteristics of criminal offenders defined by the interdisciplinary research and theory on criminal behavior. Emphasis will be placed on violent, property, and white collar offender profiles, including their demographic, social, psychological, class, and cultural elements.

CRJS 362. Issues in Juvenile Delinquency (3 hours)
Prerequisites: LBST 175, 180 or equivalent.
Students will study the nature and extent of juvenile delinquency in contemporary society. Emphasis will be placed on theories of causation of delinquency as well as current and future delinquency trends. The history, organization, and theories related to juvenile gang activity will be explored. Special emphasis will be placed on the Georgia Juvenile Court Code.

CRJS 365. Alternatives to Incarceration (3 hours)
Prerequisites: LBST 175, 180 or equivalent.
Students will explore alternatives to prison. The history, organization, and effectiveness of diversion centers, work release programs, fines, electronic monitoring, house arrest, probation, and parole will be studied. Future trends will be addressed.

CRJS 366. The Correctional Process (3 hours)
Prerequisites: LBST 175, 180 or equivalent.
Students will encounter a thorough examination of the correctional system in the United States. The history, analysis, and evaluation of jails and prisons will be covered. Current practices of punishment, treatment, and reform will be examined. Attention will be given to the practical, legal, and theoretical issues affecting correctional agendas. Future trends will be addressed.

CRJS 368. Victimology (3 hours)
Prerequisites: LBST 175, 180 or equivalent.
Students will study victims of violent, property, and white collar crime. Victim typology, prevention of victimization, and victim treatment are studied. The effects of Victimology on family and acquaintances are examined.

CRJS 375. Criminal Investigation (3 hours)
Prerequisites: LBST 175, 180 or equivalent.
Students will study the practical and scientific methods of crime detection in law enforce-
ment. Emphasis will be placed on special techniques employed in particular kinds of crim-
nal investigation and the legal principles that apply to criminal evidence.

CRJS 380. Forensic Behavior (3 hours)
(Cross-listed as PSYC 380)
Prerequisites: LBST 175, 180 or equivalent; PSYC 360.
Students will examine the aspects of human behavior directly related to the legal process
and testimony, jury decision making, and criminal behavior. The professional practice of
psychology within or in consultation with a legal system will be examined. Profiling, insan-
ity and competency, risk assessment, discrimination, and interrogation and confessions
will be emphasized.

CRJS 390. Special Topics in Criminal Justice (1-3 hours)
Prerequisites: LBST 175, 180 or equivalent.
A significant topic in criminal justice which is not available through other program offer-
ings will be studied in the classroom setting.

CRJS 391. Computer Privacy, Ethics, Crime, and Society (3 hours)
(Cross-listed as INSY 391)
Prerequisites: INSY 102 or INFM 110 or advisor permission; LBST 175, 180 or equiva-
 lent.
Students will examine the real and potential cyber threats faced by both organizations
and individuals who are targeted by computer criminals, vandals, and hackers. Topics
include a survey of “digital ethics,” examination of computer resources and technologies
available to law enforcement personnel, and criminal computer activities.

CRJS 395. Independent Study in Criminal Justice (1-3 hours)
Prerequisites: consent of advisor; LBST 175, 180 or equivalent.
Students will study in an area or subject not normally found in established courses. It may
also allow the student to explore in greater detail a topic raised in established criminal jus-
tice courses.

CRJS 401. Issues in Interpersonal Violence (3 hours)
Prerequisites: LBST 175, 180 or equivalent.
Students will study in detail the dominant characteristics of violent criminal offenders
defined by the interdisciplinary research and theory on violent offenders. Emphasis will
be placed on murder, mass murder, spree murder, serial murder, aggravated assault,
rape, child abuse, and elder abuse.

CRJS 470. Field Experience (3-6 hours)
Prerequisites: LBST 175, 180 or equivalent; junior status, advance request and approval
of both program coordinator and advisor.
Criminal Justice Field Experience is designed to provide the student with an opportunity to
apply academic training in practical criminal justice settings. Field experience will be joint-
ly supervised by college staff and officials of the participating agency. Criminal justice field
experience is open only to public safety leadership majors. Note: grade of satisfactory or
unsatisfactory. Special fee.

CRJS 471. Field Experience (3-6 hours)
Prerequisites: CRJS 470; LBST 175, 180 or equivalent.
This course is designed to provide students with opportunities to continue using the skills
and knowledge developed in CRJS 470. See the CRJS 470 course description for
requirements.

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DIGITAL FORENSICS (DGTF)

DGTF 390. Digital Forensics I (3 hours)
Prerequisites: CRJS 375, CRJS/INSY 391; INFIM 210; LBST 175, 180 or equivalent.
Students will study procedures required to properly discover and secure digital evidence related to criminal activity. Preliminary investigative procedures and crime scene protocols will be given particular emphasis. Laboratory fee.

DGTF 490. Digital Forensics II (3 hours)
Prerequisites: DGTF 390; LBST 175, 180 or equivalent.
Students will study tools and techniques useful in the full recovery and documentation of digital evidence after its discovery and seizure. Laboratory fee.

ENGLISH (ENGL)

LBST 175 and 180 are the composition courses offered by the College of Continuing and Professional Studies. These classes are listed under the heading of “Liberal Studies.”

ENGL 100. Critical Thinking, Reading, and Writing (3 hours)
Students will explore the relationship among oral language, reading comprehension, and writing processes. Students will be taught how to deal with print and oral language phonetically, syntactically, semantically, analytically, and interpretatively. This course is especially recommended for international students.

ENGL 300. Advanced Essay Writing (3 hours)
Prerequisites: LBST 175, 180, or equivalent.
Students will develop their ability to read, interpret, and write essays, and build upon the capacities already acquired. The workshop design uses consistent and focused practice to foster improved student reading and writing; helps individual students recognize, learn, and practice habits that improve writing; and engages student interest through a variety of projects.

ENGL 323. History and Structure of the English Language (3 hours)
Prerequisites: LBST 175, 180, or equivalent.
The history and structure of modern British and American English is traced from Indo-European beginnings through the Anglo-Saxon, Medieval, and Modern period. Emphasis will be placed on present trends in linguistic study.

ENGL 356. Literature of the South (3 hours)
Prerequisites: LBST 175, 180, or equivalent.
A study of literary traditions of the southern region of the United States, this course will examine Southern works of literature in relation to the society those works display, comment upon, and help to shape. Theories and key concepts for examining both the literature and its relationship to the region will be introduced and discussed.

ENGL 390. Special Topics in English (1-3 hours)
Prerequisite: Consent of advisor; LBST 175, 180 or equivalent.
A study of some significant topic in literature which is not available through other program offerings. A maximum of 6 credit hours in English or Communication special topics may be selected by students seeking a concentration in communication or English.

ENGL 395. Independent Study in English (1-3 hours)
Prerequisite: Consent of Advisor.
A study in an area or subject not normally found in established courses, or a special study that allows the student to explore in greater detail a topic raised in established English courses.
ENGL 407. Advanced Topics in World Literature (3 hours)
Prerequisites: LBST 175, 180, or equivalent; one literature course.
This course will focus on an historical period, literary movement, or theme while studying works of literature from the world literary tradition in relation to the diverse world they display, comment upon and help to shape. There will be required supplemental reading, in addition to a substantive research paper that will be required of those taking the course at this level. Theories and key concepts of comparative literature will also be introduced and discussed. (Students who have completed ENGL 407 may enroll in an additional section of ENGL 407 only when a different topic is addressed.)

ENGL 447. Advanced Topics in English Literature (3 hours)
Prerequisites: LBST 175, 180, or equivalent; one literature course.
This course will focus on an historical period, literary movement or theme while studying works of literature from the English literary tradition in relation to the diverse "national" traditions they display, comment upon and help to shape. There will be required supplemental reading, in addition to a substantive research paper that will be required of those taking the course at this level. Theories and key concepts of comparative literature will also be introduced and discussed. (Students who have completed ENGL 447 may enroll in an additional section of ENGL 447 only when a different topic is addressed.)

ENGL 477. Advanced Topics in U.S. Literature (3 hours)
Prerequisites: LBST 175, 180, or equivalent; one literature course.
This course will focus on an historical period, literary movement or theme while studying works of literature from the United States literary tradition in relation to the diverse "national" traditions they display, comment upon, and help to shape. There will be required supplemental reading, in addition to a substantive research paper that will be required of those taking the course at this level. Theories and key concepts of comparative literature will also be introduced and discussed. (Students who have completed ENGL 477 may enroll in an additional section of ENGL 477 only when a different topic is addressed.)

ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCE (ENVS)

ENVS 210. Physical Aspects of the Environment (3 hours)
Prerequisite: SCIE 100 or equivalent.
This course focuses on the nature of the earth's atmosphere, hydrosphere and geosphere. The effects of human activity on these systems are examined through the physical and chemical changes that take place in these systems. Changes produced by mining, farming, industrial manufacturing, waste disposal, natural hazard mitigation, and other practices will be studied. Integrated lecture/laboratory. Laboratory fee.

ENVS 215. Environmental Impacts and Living Systems (3 hours)
Prerequisites: MATH 120 or equivalent; SCIE 100 or equivalent.
Students will examine how many of earth's life forms and ecosystems are being impacted by a pattern of human induced physical and chemical change. An interdisciplinary approach, grounded in biological conservation, toxicology and the principles of environmental sustainability, is taken in a study of direct and indirect causal factors and consequences associated with such impacts as deforestation, pollution and over-exploitation of natural resources. Actual case studies from different parts of the world feature in this integrated lecture and laboratory course. Laboratory fee.

ENVS 390. Topics in Environmental Sustainability (3 hours)
Prerequisites: MATH 120 or equivalent; SCIE 100 or equivalent.
Recommended: ENVS 210 or ENVS 215.
Students will study some significant topic within the interdisciplinary field of environmental science, which is not available through other program offerings, with an emphasis on issues of sustainability. Laboratory fee.

FOUNDATIONS FOR LIBERAL STUDIES (FDLS)

FDLS 110. The Culture of the University (3 hours)
This seminar is designed to introduce new adults-in-college to the history, traditions, protocol, and demands associated with participation in an academic community within Mercer University. The course will include activities designed to assist adults in the process of developing effective skills and strategies for succeeding in college, and will help students access human and technological resources. This class is designed to be taken at the onset of the student's academic work at Mercer University; students may take this course only within the first academic year in the college or with permission of the department chair or associate dean.

FDLS 115. Mathematics, Problem-Posing, and Culture (3 hours)
This seminar will emphasize the importance of mathematical reasoning and affective issues as two interrelated components of problem resolution. This will be accomplished through an examination of case studies and sociocultural forces that influence methods used to select and apply the tools of mathematics in ordinary life and to academic problems. Consideration will be given to how mathematical and computational skills were acquired through prior interactions in community. This class is designed to be taken at the onset of the student's academic work at Mercer University; students may take this course only within the first academic year in the college or with permission of the department chair or associate dean.

FDLS 130. Language and Communication (3 hours)
This seminar will assist participants in developing foundational writing methods and interpretation skills needed for academic writing in the arts and sciences. Specific emphasis will be placed on reviewing writing and reading skills previously acquired and attention will be given to the development of college level expertise in using appropriate grammar, syntax, writing styles, and publication manuals. Students will preview and practice the various forms of writing and reading that will be encountered as an adult pursues a college degree.

FDLS 150. Principles of Self-Renewal (3 hours)
This seminar will present a risk-free environment for participants to explore the principles of self-renewal. Participants will explore the need to integrate life experiences into academic work and examine principles of strategic planning applicable to personal life planning. Opportunities will be provided for participants to identify human traits of self and others, to explore life-directions and options, to acquire strategies for setting achievement goals, and to discover untapped interest and abilities. A variety of self-assessment tools will be used to assist participants to develop career goals and establish a process for reaching these goals.

FDLS 170. Fundamentals of Research Methods (3 hours)
Prerequisite: FDLS 110, 130 or equivalent.
A course that introduces participants to qualitative and quantitative research methods, data collection and analysis techniques, and other documentation procedures necessary for college level research. A review of various approaches to research papers and projects will be presented. Topics will include procedures for developing research questions and hypotheses, identifying relevant sources, compiling bibliographies, outlining, writing,
and editing the reports. The Publication Manual of the American Psychological
Association will serve as the editorial style manual. Participants will complete a research
paper using the skills taught in the course.

GEOGRAPHY (GEOG)

GEOG 301. Geographic Concepts
(3 hours)
Prerequisite: LBST 175, 180 or equivalent.
Geographic Concepts focuses on world and regional geography with an emphasis on dif-
erences in physical and human geography by location. The course also introduces map
and chart reading skills, techniques used in the study of geography, and the basic geo-
graphical concepts and vocabulary necessary for improving geographical knowledge and
awareness.

HISTORY (HIST)

HIST 101. Civilization of the Western World I
(3 hours)
Students will learn the major historical developments of the civilizations of the ancient Near
East and Mediterranean World. On this foundation, students will be able to articulate from a
more extended survey the rise of civilization in Western Europe through the period of the
Reformation. As a result, student will describe the major social, intellectual, religious, and
institutional development of these historical periods.

HIST 102. Civilization of the Western World II
(3 hours)
Students will learn the Civilization of the Western World II as an introductory survey of
major historical trends beginning with the 17th century and continuing to modern times.
Students will be able to narrate the major political, economic, social, and cultural move-
ments in Europe and how those developments affected non-Western areas through inter-
cultural contacts and the establishment of the colonial system.

HIST 200. Topics in World History
(3 hours)
Prerequisites: LBST 175, 180 (or equivalent).
Students will be able to analyze and interpret one or more significant political, cultural,
religious, social, economic, or ideological topics in World history. As a 200 level course,
this course can serve as an introduction to undergraduate study in World history.

HIST 201. The United States from Colonization to 1877
(3 hours)
Students will learn the history of The United States from Colonization to 1877 as an intro-
ductive survey of major trends and events. Students will analyze the continuing struggle
in U.S. history to deal with the inherent tensions between unity and diversity, chaos and
order, liberty and structure.

HIST 202. The United States from 1877 to the Present
(3 hours)
The United States from 1877 to the Present course is an introductory survey of the major
trends and events in the United States from Reconstruction to the present. Particular
attention is placed on the continuing struggle in U.S. history to deal with the inherent ten-
sions between unity and diversity, chaos and order, liberty, and structure.

HIST 210. Topics in American History
(3 hours)
Prerequisites: LBST 175, 180 or equivalent.
Students will learn the issues of one or more significant political, cultural, religious, social,
economic, or ideological topics in American history. As a 200 level course, this course
can serve as an introduction to undergraduate study in American history.
HIST 220. Topics in European History (3 hours)
Prerequisites: LBST 175, 180 or equivalent.
Students will learn the issues of one or more significant political, cultural, religious, social, economic, or ideological topics in European history. As a 200 level course, this course can serve as an introduction to undergraduate study in European history.

HIST 366. The Civil War and Reconstruction (3 hours)
Prerequisites: LBST 175, 180 or equivalent.
Students will learn the issues associated with the political, cultural, religious, social, economic, or ideological upheaval that surrounded the Civil War and Reconstruction in the United States. As a 300 level course, this course can serve as a step toward further work in the study of history at the undergraduate level and as a precursor to graduate work going forward.

HIST 367. The South after Reconstruction (3 hours)
Prerequisites: LBST 175, 180 or equivalent.
Students will learn the issues associated with the political, cultural, religious, social, economic, or ideological upheaval that surrounded the American South since Reconstruction. As a 300 level course, this course can serve as a step toward further work in the study of history at the undergraduate level and as a precursor to graduate work going forward.

HIST 368. Georgia History (3 hours)
Prerequisites: LBST 175, 180 or equivalent.
Students will learn the issues associated with the political, cultural, religious, social, economic, or ideological development of the State of Georgia as an individual entity and as part of the United States. As a 300 level course, this course can serve as a step toward further work in the study of history at the undergraduate level and as a precursor to graduate work going forward.

HIST 390. Special Topics in History (1-3 hours)
Prerequisite: consent of program coordinator.
Special Topics in History is a study of some significant topic in history which is not available through other standard program offerings.

HIST 410. Advanced Topics in American History (3 hours)
Prerequisites: LBST 175, 180, or equivalent; one history course.
Students will learn the issues of one or more significant political, cultural, religious, social, economic, or ideological topics in American history. This course Meets with HIST 210, and It will have additional reading and discussion component and will require a substantive research paper. (Students who have completed HIST 210 may enroll in HIST 410 only when a different topic is addressed.)

HIST 420. Advanced Topics in European History (3 hours)
Prerequisites: LBST 175, 180 or equivalent; one history course.
Students will learn the issues of one or more significant political, cultural, religious, social, economic, or ideological topics in European history. This course meets with HIST 210, and It will have additional reading and discussion component and will require a substantive research paper. (Students who have completed HIST220 may enroll in HIST 420 only when a different topic is addressed.)
HUMAN RESOURCES ADMINISTRATION AND DEVELOPMENT (HRAD)

HRAD 245. Introduction to Human Resources (3 hours)
Prerequisites: COMM 171; INSY 102; LBST 175, 180.
This course serves as an introduction to the field of human resources and to the Human Resources Administration and Development major. It will cover the essential human resources functions within organizations, including job analysis and design, recruitment and selection, performance appraisal, training, safety enforcement, and the basics of compensation and benefits as well as an overview of ethics in the field. The course will serve as a gateway to the HRAD major.

HRAD 250. Introduction to Training and Development (3 hours)
Prerequisites: COMM 171; INSY 102; LBST 175, 180.
Students will learn the basic principles and processes of assessing needs and delivering training for adults in educational settings and the workplace.

HRAD 305. Assessment and Evaluation (3 hours)
Prerequisites: HRAD 245, 250; MATH 220; PSYC 111.
Students will learn how to carry out individual, team, and organizational needs assessments, and how to apply this knowledge to the improvement of human performance. Statistical analysis and review of relevant literature will be used to design and measure the effectiveness of programs.

HRAD 315. Workplace Law and Relations (3 hours)
Prerequisites: HRAD 245; HSRV 230.
Students will learn the law and legal systems related to the workplace. Specific laws and acts covering topics such as disabilities, discrimination, sexual harassment, and other employment issues will be covered. Mediation and conflict resolution strategies will be introduced.

HRAD 335. Employee Compensation and Benefits (3 hours)
Prerequisites: HRAD 245; MATH 220; ORGL 330.
Students will study financial and non-financial methods to compensate employees for their work, as well as examine flexible benefits which can be offered to enhance the workplace. Cost-benefit analyses of strategies will be included.

HRAD 350. Principles of Adult Learning and Development (3 hours)
Prerequisites: COMM 171; INSY 102; LBST 175, 180; PSYC 111.
Students will explore the theory and research of adult developmental stages and issues, particularly as they relate to vocation and life-long learning. Various learning styles will be reviewed and students will determine effective teaching strategies to meet them.

HRAD 365. Instructional Design and Delivery Strategies I: Materials Development (3 hours)
Prerequisites: HRAD 250, 350.
Students will focus on the concepts that lead to effective application of learning theory and training needs to develop comprehensive curricula and to design written, oral, and electronic materials which will deliver instructional objectives.

HRAD 375. Instructional Design and Delivery Strategies II: Organizing Training (3 hours)
Prerequisites: HRAD 365.
Students will apply the theories of learning and adult development to the selection of materials and learning delivery systems which are most effective. Practical aspects of setting up training for individuals and groups will be included.
HRAD 385. Instructional Design and Delivery Strategies III:  (3 hours)
E-learning
Prerequisites: HRAD 365, 375; INFM 322.
Students will apply the theories of learning and adult development to electronic learning systems. Students will be exposed to web-based platforms and learn to adapt materials to electronic media, both totally on-line and as hybrid programs. Laboratory fee.

HRAD 390. Special Topics in Human Resources  (1-3 hours)
Prerequisites: LBST 175, 180; some special topics sections may require other prerequisites.
This course is a study of some significant topic in human resources which is not available through standard program offerings. A maximum of 6 credit hours in human resources administration and development special topics may be selected by students seeking a Human Resources Administration and Development degree.

HRAD 470. Ethics in Human Resources Administration  (3 hours)
Prerequisites: HRAD 245, 315.
Students will examine a variety of ethical issues which can occur in the administration of human resources functions. Special emphasis will be on real-world examples and the establishment of an ethical workplace.

HRAD 495. Capstone Experience  (3 hours)
Prerequisites: All courses in the major; exceptions only with approval of the advisor.
The capstone serves as the culminating experience for students in the major. It will involve the application of learning and skill development provided in the major courses to an actual workplace. Students will be exposed to typical issues which arise in the workplace. Documentation with a time log, journal, paper and project will be required, as well as attendance at meetings and participation in an on-line discussion. In some circumstances, students may be permitted to do a major project showcasing the competencies in the degree in their own workplace or do an alternate project with the approval of the advisor. It is likely this course will be taken in the student's final semester. Note: grade of satisfactory or unsatisfactory. Special fee.

HUMAN SERVICES (HSRV)

HSRV 202. Introduction to Human Services  (3 hours)
The purpose of this course is to examine human services institutions and their delivery systems. Historical, philosophical, and social influences on the human service profession are explored. A survey is made of the field, and vocational choices are clarified.

HSRV 230. Introduction to Interpersonal Relations  (3 hours)
Students will examine methods used to enhance interpersonal relationships. Listening techniques, nonverbal communication, and basic verbal strategies will be studied. An emphasis will be placed on individual relationships in the professional workplace.

HSRV 275. Field Services Practicum  (3 hours)
Prerequisites or Corequisites: LBST 175, 180 or equivalent; HSRV 202 or the introductory course in a related major.
The Human Services Practicum is a semester long, sophomore level course designed to provide the student with an opportunity to gain foundational experience in a practical Human Services setting. Students will also focus on application of the Ethical Standards for Human Services Professionals. At the end of the Human Services Practicum experience students will have completed 120 contact hours at one human services agency. Note: Grade of satisfactory (S) or unsatisfactory (U).
HSRV 306. Research Methods for Social Sciences (3 hours)
Prerequisites: HSRV 202; LBST 175, 180 or equivalent.
Students will be introduced to the basic methods, techniques, and procedures of social scientific research. Emphasis will be placed on both the qualitative and quantitative methods employed in basic and applied social science research.

HSRV 311. Substance Abuse (3 hours)
Prerequisites: LBST 175, 180 or equivalent; PSYC 111 or SOCI 111.
This course is an examination of the current and historical patterns of alcohol and drug use, abuse, and control. Specific emphasis will be given to patterns of usage as well as the types and kinds of programs used by helping agencies and other organizations in the treatment and rehabilitation process.

HSRV 316. Methods of Substance Abuse Treatment (3 hours)
Prerequisites: HSRV 311; LBST 175, 180 or equivalent.
Students will examine the current and historical methods of substance abuse treatment. Treatment goals that support abstinence and the development of a positive personality and lifestyle changes will be reviewed as well as treatment methods, including topics such as coexisting disorders, Cognitive-Behavioral Therapy (CBT), the recovery process, and patient-treatment matching. Specific emphasis will be given to understanding the tendency toward relapse.

HSRV 330. Conflict Resolution and Problem Solving (3 hours)
Prerequisites: HSRV 230; LBST 175, 180 or equivalent.
Students will build on the interpersonal relationship skills learned in HSRV 230. Introduction to Interpersonal Relations. Confrontation, problem solving, goal setting, and evaluation strategies will be explored. Emphasis will be placed on individual and group facilitative relationships in the professional workplace.

HSRV 340. Social Welfare Policy (3 hours)
Prerequisites: HSRV 202; LBST 175, 180 or equivalent.
Social Welfare Policy addresses key issues in the formation of social policy and raises questions about the universal and particular arguments for social welfare programs and processes. Emphasis is placed on the social, political, economic, and cultural context in which policy emerges as well as examining the formation and implementation of social welfare policy at the national, state, local, and agency levels.

HSRV 360. Administration and Supervision (3 hours)
Prerequisite: HSRV 202; LBST 175, 180 or equivalent.
Administration and supervision is a study of the concepts and methods of administration and supervision. Emphasis will be placed on development of techniques related to program planning and evaluation, leadership, staff development, and organizational assessment.

HSRV 370. Generalist Case Management (3 hours)
Prerequisites: HSRV 202 or the introductory course in a related major; LBST 175, 180 or equivalent.
The purpose of this course is to give students a foundation in case management competencies. Topics and functions to be addressed include: historical perspective, models of case management, planning and assessment, coordination of services, and interviewing techniques.

HSRV 380. Grantmaking for the Social Services (3 hours)
Prerequisites: HSRV 202 or the introductory course in another major; LBST 175, 180 or equivalent.
Addressed are key issues in the principles and techniques of the grantseeking and grant-making processes. Topics covered include different types of foundations and grant awards, research options, grant research method, development of program objectives and means, and components of a proposal packet.

**HSRV 381. Advanced Grantmaking** (3 hours)
Prerequisites: HSRV 202, 380; LBST 175, 180 or equivalent.
Students will gain the practical knowledge and skills involved in advanced grantmaking with an emphasis on writing a complete grant and exploring the interrelationships of grantmaking, program planning, and evaluation.

**HSRV 390. Special Topics in Human Services** (1-3 hours)
Prerequisites: HSRV 202; LBST 175, 180 or equivalent.
A significant topic in human services which is not available through other program offerings will be studied in the classroom setting.

**HSRV 395. Independent Study in Human Services** (1-3 hours)
Prerequisite: Consent of advisor.
This course offers study in an area or subject not normally found in established courses or a study that allows the student to explore in greater detail a topic raised in established human services courses.

**HSRV 401. Multicultural Issues and Professional Practice** (3 hours)
Prerequisites: HSRV 202; LBST 175, 180 or equivalent.
This course offers an introduction to multicultural issues and professional practice in the field of Human Services. Emphasis will be placed on populations whose racial, social, cultural backgrounds, physical abilities, or language differ from those of mainstream United States population. Additional emphasis will be placed on the published ethical guidelines for human service providers with emphasis on professional practice.

**HSRV 415. Older Adults in the 21st Century** (3 hours)
Prerequisite or corequisite: LBST 175, 180; PSYC 227 or a 3 semester credit hour course in adult development.
A multidisciplinary perspective on the experience of aging in the 21st century global society. From a foundation of the developmental stages of middle and later adulthood, the course will emphasize the role of the human services professional and agency through the investigation of both the opportunities afforded by and the weaknesses evidenced in the contemporary human services agencies as well as the laws and policies that govern the services that are provided. Service provision to diverse clients will be included.

**HSRV 475. Human Services Internship** (3 hours)
Prerequisites: senior status; advance request; consent of program coordinator; LBST 175, 180 or equivalent.
The human services internship program is designed to provide the student with an opportunity to apply academic training in practical human services settings. Requests for internships must be made in advance and approved by the program director. Internships will be jointly supervised by college staff and officials of the participating agency. Human services internships are open only to human services majors. Note: Grade of satisfactory (S) or unsatisfactory (U). Special fee.

**HSRV 476. Human Services Internship** (1-6 hours)
Prerequisite: HSRV 475.
This course is designed to provide students with opportunities to continue using the skills and knowledge developed in HSRV 475. See the HSRV 475 course description for requirements. Note: Grade of satisfactory (S) or unsatisfactory (U).
### INFORMATICS (INFM)

#### INFM 110. Introduction to Informatics (3 hours)
Prerequisite: INSY 102 or equivalent.
This course includes a definition and survey of the informatics discipline with emphasis on its relationship to computer-based information processing in organizational contexts. It introduces students to problem solving using information technology, information representation, Boolean algebra, propositional logic, relational databases, system design, and newly-developed cutting-edge data management technologies. Students will begin to assess the impact of these approaches on science and society. Laboratory fee.

#### INFM 120. Introduction to Computer Systems (3 hours)
Prerequisites: INFM 110; MATH 130.
Since the computer is the central technological artifact in the study and practice of informatics, this course will introduce the student to the fundamentals of computer architecture and assess the impact that architecture has on informatics as a discipline. Specific attention will be given to popular commercial computer operating systems, network operating systems, and freeware/shareware systems. Laboratory fee.

#### INFM 202. Graphics and Interface Design (3 hours)
Prerequisite: INSY 102 or equivalent.
This course provides an opportunity to develop knowledge and skills required for manipulation of vector and pixel based graphics. It introduces image processing concepts and methods for optimizing the use of graphics and other multimedia components in web applications. As one of the key steps in the production cycle for web design, a prototype will be introduced and completed in high fidelity detail using software tools. Laboratory fee.

#### INFM 205. Survey of Health Informatics (3 hours)
Prerequisites: INSY 102; LBST 175, 180 or equivalent.
A survey of modern information and communication technology in hospital and health-care information systems (HHIS). Students will review scientific techniques and methodologies described in the health informatics literature. Students will explore how HHIS improve the quality and management of hospital health care and clinical processes, as well as security issues related to sharing public health information. Laboratory fee.

#### INFM 210. Programming Concepts for Informatics (3 hours)
Prerequisites: INFM 120; MATH 181.
An introduction to programming language concepts for problem solving, this course introduces the syntax and semantics of several programming languages. Topics include: input/output, variables and data types, expressions and operators, regular expressions, conditional statements, iteration statements, design I (pseudo code), object models, design II (stepwise refinement), functions, and arrays. Laboratory fee.

#### INFM 212. Web Development (3 hours)
Prerequisite: INFM 210.
This course provides an introduction to design and development of applications for the World Wide Web, emphasizing client-side programming with an introduction to server-side programming, including an introduction to the main ideas and tools involved in designing and developing web-based applications. Students will learn to design, build, and publish web applications with special emphasis on hand coding. Laboratory fee.
INFM 225. Health Informatics Standardization (3 hours)
Prerequisite: INFM 210.
This course provides an overview of information and resource sharing technology in the modern public health system, including an introduction to different standards used in the Public Health Information Network and resources available for public health research and data sharing. Emphasis will be placed on the structure and computerization of Electronic Medical Records (EMR) with common standards. Laboratory fee.

INFM 230. Contemporary Programming (3 hours)
Prerequisite: INSY 102 or INFM 110.
This course will introduce students to a currently popular nonprocedural programming language, such as Java. Students will learn to use the subject language in web application development. Laboratory fee.

INFM 301. Issues in Technology Management (3 hours)
Prerequisites: INSY 102 or INFM 110; LBST 175, 180 or equivalent.
Students will examine the impact of computer-based information technology and informatics on both individuals and the organizations in which they work. Various approaches to the direction, planning, and management of computerized information technology will be considered. Students will assess the effect of information technology and informatics on the quality of their personal lives, as well as on their productivity within an organizational context.

INFM 310. Advanced Programming Concepts (3 hours)
Prerequisites: INFM 210; MATH 220.
An introduction to Object-Oriented programming language concepts for problem solving, this course focuses on developing and implementing problem solutions using algorithms. Topics include principles of an algorithm, data structures, and abstract data types. Laboratory fee.

INFM 312. Data Base Design and Informatics (3 hours)
Prerequisite: INFM 310.
An introduction to database design principles that underlie the relational model of data and a consideration of their links to problem-solving and programming logic. Topics include formal query languages, SQL, query optimization, relational database design theory, data mining, and an introduction to visual tools for building database applications. Laboratory fee.

INFM 321. Technology and Culture (3 hours)
Prerequisites: INSY 102 or INFM 110; LBST 175, 180 or equivalent.
This course examines the relationships between culture and technology while emphasizing the impact of information. Students will be exposed to a variety of perspectives and encouraged to think independently about the “Information Age” while applying humanistic principles embodied in the course curriculum to technical aspects of data processing, information delivery, and informatics.

INFM 322. Introduction to Multimedia and Web Design Tools (3 hours)
Prerequisites: INSY 102 or equivalent; LBST 175, 180 or equivalent.
This course introduces basic concepts of multimedia presentation and website design, including use of presentational graphics programs and web design tools as well as an overview of web design processes. Students will use both basic and professional web design tools for text, graphics, webpage layout, website structure and website publishing. Laboratory fee.
INFM 331. Informatics, Expert Systems, and Artificial Intelligence (3 hours)
Prerequisites: INSY 102 or INFM 110; LBST 175, 180 or equivalent; INFM 210.
This course introduces basic concepts underlying artificial intelligence and the design of expert systems while emphasizing the fundamental contextual role of Informatics. Students will explore the philosophical and physiological arguments relating the computer to the human brain, examine various approaches to replicating human decision processes with computing technology, and design a functional expert system. Artificial intelligence and expert systems will be placed in an organizational information processing context and related to Informatics. Laboratory fee.

INFM 332. Client – Server Development (3 hours)
Prerequisites: INFM 212, 312.
This course emphasizes advanced client-server programming and introduces students to server-side administration. Students will acquire the skills necessary to implement efficient client-server communication and create databases for a dynamic web application. Laboratory fee.

INFM 335. Basic Biostatistics, Health Data Processing, and Literature Evaluation (3 hours)
Prerequisites: LBST 175, 180 or equivalent; MATH 220; SCIE 230.
Students will develop an understanding of fundamental biostatistics and the basic procedure of health informatics related research. Students will examine and evaluate published literature in terms of health related statistical data collection, data processing and research design on those data. Statistical programming techniques and contemporary data mining and statistical analysis software packages will be emphasized throughout the course for calculating, interpreting and understanding collected data sets. Laboratory fee.

INFM 345. Research Methods for Health Informatics (3 hours)
Prerequisites: INFM 335; LBST 175, 180 or equivalent.
The course will introduce key methodological approaches employed in health informatics research. Students will have the opportunity to explore and learn about differing theoretical paradigms, techniques, methods and considerations that need to be addressed while designing a health informatics research study. Students will also review some of the methodological issues associated with specific health informatics research designs. Laboratory fee.

INFM 350. Data Communications and Network Systems Design (3 hours)
Prerequisite: INFM 310.
This course provides an overview of basic data communications theory and dominant models of computer networking architecture, including OSI (Open Systems Interconnection) and TCP/IP (Transport Control Protocol/Internet Protocol). Students will learn the operational theory of mid-level access control protocols, including Ethernet and token ring. Laboratory fee.

INFM 351. Comparative Organizational Informatics (3 hours)
Prerequisites: INFM 301, 321, 331.
This course will provide a high-level comparative survey and analysis of how information is processed in different organizational, technological, disciplinary, and cultural contexts. Students will explore the possibility that broadening our perspectives on information processing will increase our decision-making effectiveness.
INFM 372. Human-Computer Interaction and Usability Study (3 hours)
Prerequisites: INSY 102; LBST 175, 180 or equivalent; PSYC 111.
This course explores how people interact with computers during computer operation and software task performance. Students will examine cognitive, physical, and social characteristics that affect how one approaches computer use and apply that knowledge to effective computer system design. Students will work on both individual and team projects to design, implement and evaluate computer interfaces. This course is open to students from all disciplines. Laboratory fee.

INFM 390. Special Topics in Informatics (3 hours)
Prerequisite: Consent of instructor or department chair.
This is the study of some significant topic in any informatics discipline which is not available through some other program offerings.

INFM 395. Directed Study in Informatics (3 hours)
Prerequisite: Consent of instructor or department chair.
This course allows the student to explore, in greater depth, a topic raised in established Informatics courses.

INFM 455. Systems Analysis and Design (3 hours)
Prerequisites: INFM 310 with grade of "C" or above, INFM 312 with grade of "C" or above; LBST 175, 180 or equivalent.
This course provides an introduction to systems design skills required for organizational information engineering. Topics include assessment of information systems performance successes and failures, preparation of preliminary systems analysis documents, and conceptual design of new information systems necessary to meet organizational needs, as well as a strong foundation in systems analysis and design concepts, methodologies, techniques, and tools. Laboratory fee.

INFM 471. Capstone for General Informatics (3 hours)
Prerequisites: All other courses in the General Informatics track; consent of academic advisor.
Students complete their course studies through practical application of concepts and practices by developing a real-time Informatics case project. Laboratory fee.

INFM 472. Capstone for HCI (3 hours)
Prerequisites: All other courses in the Web Development and Human-Computer Interaction track; consent of academic advisor.
Students complete their course studies with the practical application of HCI concepts and practices to a real-time case in Human-Computer Interaction. Laboratory fee.

INFM 475. Capstone for Health Informatics (3 hours)
Prerequisites: All other courses in the Health Information Technology track; consent of academic advisor.
Students complete their course studies with a practical application of concepts, research, and practices, executing the proposal developed in INFM 345. Laboratory fee.

INFORMATION SYSTEMS (INSY)

INSY 102. Introduction to Digital Communications (3 hours)
Prerequisite: Ability to type.
This course is an introduction to popular office automation software, spreadsheet development, database creation, graphic design, electronic presentations, and email communication. Laboratory fee.
INSY 387. Social Services and Public Safety Information Systems (3 hours)
Prerequisites: HSRV 202 or SOCI 111 or advisor permission; INSY 102 or INFM 110 or advisor permission; LBST 175, 180 or equivalent.
Students study information technology's uses in the social services and law enforcement, including its relevance to organizational clients, potential clients, practitioners, administrators, funding providers, and other interested stakeholders. Topics covered will include use of real-time information systems to support organizational operations and service delivery; the "global" information infrastructure used to coordinate and administer human services, law enforcement, and public safety; and an overview of information systems development processes.

INSY 391. Computer Privacy, Ethics, Crime, and Society (3 hours)
(Cross-listed as CRJS 391)
Prerequisites: INSY 102 or INFM 110 or advisor permission; LBST 175, 180 or equivalent.
Students will examine the real and potential cyber threats faced by both organizations and individuals who are targeted by computer criminals, vandals, and hackers. Topics include a survey of "digital ethics," examination of computer resources and technologies available to law enforcement personnel, and criminal computer activities.

LIBERAL STUDIES (LBST)

LBST 175 and LBST180. Writing, Education, and Vocation Seminars
LBST 175 and 180 are linked courses focused on developing the writing skills necessary for college. The writing process is taught within the context of students' personal experience and professional interests, engaging a discussion of the demands of work and culture. Combined, the seminars provide the time needed (two eight week sessions) to practice techniques ranging from writing personal narratives to research papers. Students must register for both courses within the same semester.

LBST 175. Academic Writing I: Education and Experience (3 hours)
Prerequisite: Students must receive a grade of C or higher in FDLS 130 or an adequate writing proficiency score prior to enrollment in LBST 175.
LBST 175 is an interdisciplinary course that emphasizes the communication of ideas while engaging students in critical thinking about the purpose and place of an education, how experience may be an education, and how we turn experience into knowledge. The writing process is emphasized through informal writing-to-learn strategies as well as formal essays, with special attention to academic research. Assignments stress the organization and development of ideas, and the conventions of written English.

LBST 180. Academic Writing II: Vocation and Values (3 hours)
Prerequisite: LBST 175. Students must receive a grade of C or higher in LBST 175 prior to enrollment in LBST 180.
The course continues to focus on developing proficiency in written communication while asking students to think, in an interdisciplinary way, about the intersection of personal vocation and value systems. Building on the work accomplished in LBST 175, LBST 180 focuses the writing process on argument and scholarship techniques such as summary, analysis and evaluation, documentation and citation, culminating in a research paper.

LBST 205. Introduction to Technical Writing (3 hours)
Prerequisites: LBST 175 and 180 or equivalent.
This course introduces students to conventions of technical writing. Students will learn components of text analysis and analyze texts pertinent to their academic programs (for example, public safety, leadership, human resources, human services). Students will gain competency in the construction of technical texts such as incidence reports, manuals, and procedures.

**LBST 210. The Idea of the University** (3 hours)
Prerequisites: LBST 175, 180 or equivalent.
This course introduces the different conceptions of higher education that shape our understanding of the curriculum of a university. Students will read and discuss works which address the roles of concepts such as paideia, the liberal arts, culture, citizenship, Wissenschaft, and globalization in higher education. After considering various "stories" of what a university education consists of, students will be asked to construct an individual degree program and to build their own "stories" about the idea of the university.

**LBST 250. Arts and Ideas I: Ancient and Medieval Culture** (3 hours)
Prerequisites: LBST 175, 180 or equivalent.
Students will identify common themes in the arts and the humanities of Ancient and/or Medieval Culture. The course may be conducted as a survey or with a focus on particular periods, places, artists, or ideas.

**LBST 255. Arts and Ideas II: Modern Culture** (3 hours)
Prerequisites: LBST 175, 180 or equivalent.
Students will identify common themes in the arts and the humanities of Modern Culture. The course may be conducted as a survey or with a focus on particular periods, places, artists, or ideas.

**LBST 275 and LBST 280 Critical Thinking, Writing and Citizenship Seminars**
These courses focus on the analysis and practice of argument. The premise is that citizenship requires an ability to analyze and develop arguments. Designed to augment the academic writing seminars, each of these courses may be taken either as an intermediate-level course in critical thinking and writing, or to fulfill the general education requirement. Students may take one or both of the courses.

**LBST 275. Argument: Social Thought and Citizenship** (3 hours)
Prerequisites: LBST 175, 180 or equivalent.
Students will engage in critique and respond to arguments in primary texts of social thought (from Aristotle to Zizek) that are formative of social, historical, cultural, political, and theoretical perspectives of citizenship. Through close reading and thoughtful analysis of these primary materials, students will demonstrate an ability to participate effectively in argument on the nature of citizenship and civic engagement.

**LBST 280. Argument: Public Discourse and Citizenship** (3 hours)
Prerequisites: LBST 175, 180 or equivalent.
Students will engage in critique and respond to arguments in varied forms of public discourse. Through the study of a wide range of primary materials (including, but not limited to, newspaper accounts, narratives written for a general public, historical documents such as treaties, constitutions, or laws, and cultural artifacts such as film/tv, paintings, or music) that address significant events or issues from different cultural perspectives, students will reflect and write on the different “publics” one may belong to while participating in effective analysis and development of arguments in public discourse.
LBST 302. Studies of Cultures in Contact (3 hours)
Prerequisites: 60 credits; LBST 175, 180 or equivalent.
Students will engage issues of ethics and social justice across cultures and disciplines through a cross-disciplinary study of the issues which arise when different cultures come into contact with each other. Students will also engage each other in a seminar format. The topic of any individual seminar may vary, but in each case students will be asked to synthesize the practices of interpretation, explanation, and communication while articulating how best to act in light of what one has learned. Students taking this course will fulfill their Engagement and Citizenship requirement.

LBST 303. Issues of Justice in a Global Community (3 hours)
Prerequisites: 60 credits; LBST 175, 180 or equivalent.
Students will engage issues of ethics and social justice across cultures and disciplines through a cross-disciplinary study of the global dimension of social ethics. Students will also engage each other in a seminar format. The topic of any individual seminar may vary, but in each case students will be asked to synthesize the practices of interpretation, explanation, and communication while articulating how best to act in light of what one has learned. Students taking this course will fulfill their Engagement and Citizenship requirement.

LBST 305. Globalization & Citizenship (3 hours)
Prerequisites: 60 credits; LBST 175, 180 or equivalent.
Students will engage issues of ethics, social justice, and citizenship that arise as a result of the processes of globalization in a cross-cultural/cross-disciplinary manner. Whether the global changes that are focused on in this seminar are predominately cultural, economic, environmental, health-related, political, social, or technological, students will develop the capacity to reflect on how best to respond to such changes. The topic of any individual seminar may vary, but in each case students will be asked to synthesize the practices of interpretation, explanation, and communication while articulating how best to act in light of what one has learned. Students taking this course will fulfill their Engagement and Citizenship requirement in General Education.

LBST 350. Critical Theory and Liberal Studies (3 hours)
Prerequisites: LBST 175, 180 or equivalent;
Prerequisite or Co-requisite: LBST 210.
This seminar seeks to engage a community of learners across different areas of concentration in a study of the role of critical theory in interdisciplinary study and in the public sphere. Possible topics include, but are not limited to: “Interpreting Meaning,” “Analyzing Power,” and “Interrogating Ethics.”

LBST 390. Special Topics in Liberal Studies (1-3 hours)
Prerequisites: LBST 175, 180 or equivalent.
A cross-disciplinary study of some significant topic in the general area of liberal studies which is not available through other program offerings.

LBST 490. Advanced Reading Seminar (3 hours)
Prerequisites: LBST 175, 180 or equivalent.
Either an interdisciplinary, in-depth study of a single author whose work and writings have focused on globally significant sociological, cultural, historical, and/or scientific issues over the course of time or the study of a work that has provoked critical and creative responses over time. This course is designed for students who wish to pursue the close reading of an author or work while simultaneously broadening their scopes of study to the author and
subject, as well as the intellectual movements influenced and affected by the author or work under discussion. This course may be repeated for credit if it covers a different author or work.

**LBST 498. Liberal Studies Capstone**  
(3 hours)  
Prerequisites: LBST 175, 180 or equivalent, 210, and 350.  
Limited to Liberal Studies majors in the final semester of their program.  
Varying topics will be addressed in an interdisciplinary fashion, with an emphasis on articulating, analyzing, and interpreting the ways we envision ourselves in our everyday practices with others. In this context, students will also share with each other, in a portfolio, the ways in which their chosen fields of inquiry have shaped their sense of themselves in relation to the world around them.

**LITERATURE (LITR)**

**LITR 115. Readings in World Literature, Religion, and Citizenship**  
(Cross-listed as RELG 115)  
(3 hours)  
Students will read and demonstrate a capacity to interpret primary texts in world literature and religion in relation to questions about what it means to be a citizen.

**LITR 207. Topics in World Literature**  
(3 hours)  
Prerequisites: LBST 175, 180, or equivalent.  
"World Literature" names those works of literature that have a life of their own in translation and/or are transcultural or transnational in character. Students will be called upon to demonstrate an ability to interpret such works of literature in relation to the diverse world those works display, comment upon and help to shape.

**LITR 247. Topics in British Literature**  
(3 hours)  
Prerequisites: LBST 175, 180, or equivalent.  
Students will study literature from the British Isles and/or former British colonies, focusing on an historical period, literary movement or theme. This study will include close reading and comparison of texts. Students will articulate meaning and context of those texts orally and in writing, using a variety of theoretical approaches. Students may enroll in additional sections of LITR 247 when different topics are addressed.

**LITR 277. Topics in U.S. Literature**  
(3 hours)  
Prerequisites: LBST 175, 180, or equivalent.  
Students will study literature from the United States, focusing on an historical period, literary movement or theme. This study will include close reading and comparison of texts. Students will articulate meaning and context of those texts orally and in writing, using a variety of theoretical approaches. Students may enroll in additional sections of LITR 277 when different topics are addressed.

**LITR 334. Forms and Figures of Literature**  
(3 hours)  
Prerequisites: LBST 175, 180, or equivalent.  
Students will study a significant literary form or the works of a particular figure of literary history, examining multiple works in relation to the society they display, comment upon and help to shape. This study will include close reading and comparison of texts while introducing key concepts and theories of literary studies. Students will articulate meaning and context of those texts orally and in writing, using a variety of theoretical approaches. Students may enroll in additional sections of LITR 334 when different topics are addressed.
MATHEMATICS (MATH)

MATH 120. Basic Algebra (3 hours)
Prerequisite: adequate mathematics proficiency assessment score or a grade of C or better in FDLS 115.
Students will examine the rules of exponents, algebraic expressions and operations, applications of linear, quadratic, and rational equations, systems of linear inequalities and equations, radicals and radical equations, and elementary relations and functions.

MATH 129. Modeling Functions with Graphs and Tables (3 hours)
Prerequisite: MATH 120 with a grade of C or better, or adequate mathematics proficiency assessment score.
This course provides students with an appreciation of the importance of mathematical modeling in a scientifically-oriented society. This is accomplished by emphasizing the mathematics of life experiences, and hence making mathematical content contextual in nature. The course covers the following topics: Modeling of linear, exponential, polynomial, power, and rational functions using technology (Graphing Calculator) as a leading tool.

MATH 130. Topics in Precalculus (3 hours)
Prerequisite: MATH 120 with a grade of C or better, or adequate mathematics proficiency test score.
This course examines polynomial, rational, exponential, and logarithmic functions with applications. Graphing calculator is required.

MATH 140. Applied Mathematics (3 hours)
Prerequisite: MATH 120 with a grade of C or better, or adequate mathematical proficiency test score.
This course explores a variety of topics in mathematics by investigating how they are related to and used in everyday experiences, with a focus on the development of reasoning skills and problem solving abilities. Topics include sets, numeration systems and number theory, geometry, mathematics of finance and voting, combinatorics, probability, and statistics.

MATH 150. Analytical Trigonometry (3 hours)
Prerequisite: MATH 130.
This course is a “functions” approach to the study of trigonometry. Trigonometric identities and equations, applications of trigonometry, the laws of sines and cosines, and polar and parametric equations will be examined. A graphing calculator is required.

MATH 160. College Geometry (3 hours)
Prerequisite: MATH 120 or consent of program coordinator.
This survey of Euclidean geometry emphasizes constructions, as well as direct and indirect methods of proofs. The course also includes an introduction to solid geometry.

MATH 181. Calculus for the Social and Life Sciences (3 hours)
Prerequisite: MATH 130 with a grade of C or better.
This course examines basic functions and their graphs, limits, continuity, derivatives and their applications, differentiation techniques, and the exponential and logarithmic functions. A graphing calculator is required.

MATH 220. Applied Statistical Methods (3 hours)
Prerequisite: MATH 120, adequate mathematics proficiency assessment score, or consent of program coordinator.
An introduction to basic descriptive and inferential statistics. Topics include measures of central tendency and variability; the binomial, normal, student's t, and chi-square distributions; correlation techniques involving Pearson's r. The emphasis is on applications rather than on mathematical theory.

**MATH 230. Introduction to Abstract Mathematics (3 hours)**

Prerequisite: MATH 181.

Students will examine basic set theory, symbolic logic, and methods of proof, including mathematical induction. Relations, partitions, partial orders, functions, and graphs will also be considered.

**MATH 282. Calculus for the Social and Life Sciences II (3 hours)**

Prerequisite: MATH 181.

The course discusses related rates, applications of the exponential and logarithmic functions, the definite integral, and integration techniques. A graphing calculator is recommended.

**MATH 310. Linear Algebra (3 hours)**

Prerequisite: MATH 181 with a grade of C or better.

An Introduction to Linear Algebra. Topics will include geometric vectors in two and three dimensions and their linear transformations, the algebra of matrices, determinants, solutions of systems of equations, eigenvalues, and eigenvectors.

**MATH 390. Special Topics in Mathematics or Mathematics Education (2-3 hours)**

Prerequisite: consent of program coordinator.

This course is a study of a significant topic in mathematics or mathematics education which is not available through other program offerings.

**MATH 410. History of Mathematics (3 hours)**

Prerequisites: Math 160 with a grade of C or better; Math 181 with a grade of C or better.

An exploration of mathematical development across varying cultures from antiquity through modern times. Topics include early number systems, mathematics of ancient civilizations, classical mathematics, medieval and renaissance mathematics, modern mathematics, and women in mathematics.

**MODERN FOREIGN LANGUAGES**

**FRENCH (FREN)**

**FREN 101. Elementary French I (3 hours)**

The basics of pronunciation, grammar, diction, and the reading of simple texts are part of this course. Emphasis will be placed on the early development of aural comprehension and oral facility in the language.

**FREN 102. Elementary French II (3 hours)**

Prerequisite: FREN 101.

Elementary French II is a continuation of the subjects presented in FREN 101 with an emphasis on reading comprehension.

**GERMAN (GERM)**

**GERM 101. Elementary German I (3 hours)**

The basics of pronunciation, grammar, diction, and the reading of simple texts are part of this course. Emphasis will be placed on the early development of aural comprehension and oral facility in the language.
GERM 102. Elementary German II (3 hours)
Prerequisite: GERM 101.
This course is a continuation of the subjects presented in GERM 101 with an emphasis on reading comprehension.

SPANISH (SPAN)

SPAN 101. Elementary Spanish I (3 hours)
The basic elements of pronunciation, grammar, diction, and the reading of simple texts are part of this course. Emphasis will be placed on the early development of aural comprehension and oral facility in the language.

SPAN 102. Elementary Spanish II (3 hours)
Prerequisite: SPAN 101.
Elementary Spanish II is a continuation of the subjects presented in SPAN 101 with an emphasis on reading comprehension.

SPAN 390. Special Topics in Spanish (1-3 hours)
A study of some significant topic in Spanish or in Latin American area studies which is not available through other program offerings.

MUSIC (MUSC)

MUSC 150. Music Appreciation (3 hours)
As students explore western music medieval through contemporary, they will learn to discern and identify instruments within the orchestral families and to distinguish among the practices and characteristics associated with different musical periods and their representative composers and works. The course will require attendance at a concert of the student's choice, as well as a final presentation on an assigned topic.

NUTRITION (NUTR)

NUTR 206. Nutrition (3 hours)
Prerequisite: SCIE 100 or other lab science course.
Students will study normal nutrition needs throughout the human life cycle and application of good nutrition principles for wellness and nutrition therapy. Students will also examine diet modifications that are recommended for disease states in the major organ systems and the rationale for these modifications. Alterations in normal feeding practices and evaluation of nutrition status will be analyzed.

ORGANIZATIONAL LEADERSHIP (ORGL)

ORGL 210. Foundations of Leadership (3 hours)
Students will examine, from individual, interpersonal, group and organizational points of view, the type of leadership that is required to create and maintain high levels of performance in organizations. Students will be encouraged to assess their own leadership style and to develop a leadership action plan.

ORGL 315. Communication for Effective Leadership (3 hours)
Prerequisites: LBST 175, 180 or equivalent; ORGL 210 or the introductory course to your major.
Students will learn the role of communication in effective leadership. Developing skills in counseling, interviewing, conducting meetings, and using presentation software will be included. The course will involve a brief study of theories and methods in the field of pub-
lic relations as they apply to creating and maintaining positive interaction with internal and external constituents of the organization.

**ORGL 320. Human Behavior in Organizations** (3 hours)
Prerequisites: LBST 175, 180 or equivalent; ORGL 210 or the introductory course to your major.
Students will focus on the concepts that provide a foundation for the understanding of individual and group behavior in profit, nonprofit, and voluntary organizations, with special emphasis on typical interpersonal and leadership relationships.

**ORGL 330. Budgeting for Nonfinancial Leaders** (3 hours)
Prerequisites: LBST 175, 180 or equivalent; general education math requirement; ORGL 210 or the introductory course to your major.
Students will learn effective budgeting and fiscal methodologies used by nonfinancial leaders to support the mission and goals of the organization. Students will examine budgeting processes, explore the relationship between expense and income, and analyze financial reports to assess the financial health of the organization.

**ORGL 335. Contemporary Global Issues** (3 hours)
Prerequisites: LBST 175, 180 or equivalent; ORGL 210 or the introductory course to your major.
Students will examine the impact of current social, economic, political, technological, and other contemporary issues, including historical perspectives, on the role of leaders in a world that is becoming increasingly complex.

**ORGL 350. Values, Ethics, and Leadership Practice** (3 hours)
Prerequisites: LBST 175, 180 or equivalent; ORGL 210 or the introductory course to your major.
Students will examine the role of values in ethical decision making and in determining the moral obligations of leaders and followers. The course also places an emphasis on critical analysis and the application of ethical principles to contemporary leadership decisions and actions.

**ORGL 355. Leadership in Nonprofit Organizations** (3 hours)
Prerequisites: LBST 175, 180 or equivalent; ORGL 210 or the introductory course to your major.
Students will be introduced to the roles and duties of a leader, supervisor, or governing board member of a nonprofit organization. Students will review theory and investigate specific methods of behavior of nonprofit organization leaders.

**ORGL 380. Applied Research Methods** (3 hours)
Prerequisites: LBST 175, 180 or equivalent; ORGL 315, 320, 330, 335.
Students will study the basic methods, techniques, and procedures of applied research. Course goals include understanding the purpose of research, research design, and research methods. Applied research is the application of the scientific method to solving practical problems; research design is the plan for the application of accepted practices; and research methods provide models for suitable collection, organization and analysis of data for decision making and to contribute to the knowledge base. Students will be introduced to both quantitative and qualitative methods employed in conducting applied research projects. An outcome of this course is the development of the research proposal.

**ORGL 390. Special Topics in Organizational Leadership** (1-3 hours)
Prerequisites: LBST 175, 180, or equivalent.
This course is an interdisciplinary study of some significant topic in the general area of leadership which is not available through other program offerings. Offered occasionally in lieu of another organizational leadership course as an independent study.

**ORGL 445. Dimensions of Servant Leadership**
(3 hours)
Prerequisites: LBST 175, 180 or equivalent; ORGL 380.
Students will examine the servant-leader concept in relationship to the individual, the workplace, the community, and the world. Particular attention will be given to how the servant-leader affects team-oriented approaches to leadership and management in organizations.

**ORGL 460. Strategic Leadership**
(3 hours)
Prerequisites: LBST 175, 180 or equivalent; HRAD 305 or ORGL 380.
Students will study the major concepts and approaches to leadership development and strategic planning for an organization. Students learn how senior leadership can create a strong culture within an organization, agency or department and how to lead with vision.

**ORGL 470. Organization Development and Change**
(3 hours)
Prerequisites: LBST 175, 180 or equivalent; HRAD 305 or ORGL 380.
Students will study the approaches and strategies for leading organizations and managing people in a fast-paced, changing world. Students will examine the role of mission and vision, re-engineering and restructuring in relation to organizational effectiveness and individual productivity and will consider the influence of culture, diversity, ethics, and technology in the design, development, and impact on individual behavior and performance.

**ORGL 475. Advanced Leadership Philosophy and Practice**
(3 hours)
Prerequisites: LBST 175, 180; ORGL 380.
Students will review current, leadership education, and development theories and practices; discuss fundamental social, economic, and political changes that affect the art and science of leadership; and implications of these changes for individual leadership development and continued growth.

**PHILOSOPHY (PHIL)**

**PHIL 101. Introduction to Philosophy**
(3 hours)
This introductory course is designed to address such topics as epistemology (the origin and nature of knowledge), metaphysics (the nature of reality), logic (rules for clear thinking), and ethics (questions regarding right and wrong, good and evil).

**PHIL 390. Special Topics in Philosophy**
(3 hours)
Prerequisite: LBST 175, 180 or equivalent.
Special Topics in Philosophy is a study of some significant topic in philosophy which is not available through other program offerings.

**PHYSICAL SCIENCE (PHYS)**

**PHYS 106. Earth Systems Science**
(3 hours)
Prerequisite: SCIE 100 or equivalent.
The goal of this course is to obtain scientific understanding of Earth on a global scale by studying the geosphere, atmosphere, and hydrosphere as interacting systems. This course can serve as an introduction to the higher level Physical Science courses and ENVS 210. Integrated lecture. Laboratory fee.

**PHYS 220. Astronomy and the Universe**
(3 hours)
Prerequisite: SCIE 100 or equivalent.
Students will study the history of astronomy, the Solar system, and stellar and galactic astronomy. Both descriptive and mathematical approaches will be used. Students will use astronomy to discuss how scientific theories are established and revised or disproved by new data and methods. Integrated lecture/laboratory course. Laboratory fee.

PHYS 225. Meteorology (3 hours)
Prerequisite: SCIE 100 or equivalent.
This course is designed to provide students with an understanding of basic meteorological concepts. The Earth's atmosphere will be discussed from chemical, physical, practical and mathematical perspectives. Topics will include measuring atmospheric characteristics, storm development, and weather forecasting. Integrated lecture/laboratory course. Laboratory fee.

POLITICAL SCIENCE (POLS)
POLS 100. Government in America (3 hours)
Students will study the structure, organization, powers, and procedures of the government of the United States.
POLS 200. Government at the State and Local Levels (3 hours)
Prerequisites: LBST 175, 180 or equivalent.
The intergovernmental relations in the federal system as well as the organization, functions, and politics of state and local governments are key components.
POLS 395. Special Topics in Political Science (1-3 hours)
Prerequisites: Consent of program coordinator; LBST 175, 180 or equivalent.
Students will study some significant topic in political science which is not available through other program offerings.

PUBLIC SAFETY (PSFT)
PSFT 305. Crime and Difference (3 hours)
Prerequisites: LBST 175, 180 or equivalent; SOCI 111.
Students will examine the influence of diversity on criminal participation and criminal justice processing. The doctrine of criminal justice has long been infused with racial, ethnic, and gendered meanings and in many instances structured by these distinctions. The course will provide students with knowledge regarding: the concepts of difference and privilege, and social justice, as well as categories of difference including ethnicity, social class, immigration, gender, sexual orientation, age, disabilities, and religion.

PSFT 365. Introduction to Homeland Security and Emergency Management (3 hours)
Prerequisites: LBST 175, 180 or equivalent.
This course will provide students a comprehensive, up-to-date overview of roles and functions of the various components of homeland security and their relationships to state and local agencies. Students will also focus on the principles and practices of emergency management at the local, state, and national levels and will explore the concepts of preparedness, mitigation, response, and recovery in response to domestic disasters.

PSFT 370. Terrorism (3 hours)
Prerequisites: LBST 175, 180 or equivalent.
The 11 September 2001 terrorist attacks on the World Trade Center and Pentagon and the ensuing War on Terror have focused the nation's attention on homeland security. Students in this course will focus on both international and domestic terrorism issues.
such as anti-terrorism legislation, counterterrorism agencies, weapons of mass destruction, chemical and biological warfare, and potentials for massive destruction.

**PSFT 375. The Effects of Disaster on Society** (3 hours)
Prerequisites: LBST 175, 180 or equivalent.
Disasters caused by nature, such as tornadoes, hurricanes, and earthquakes, and the potential of manmade disasters and accidents have heightened the need to prepare and manage responses to catastrophes. Students will learn ways to assess homeland security vulnerabilities, as they have adverse effects on societies and the environment, as well as how to plan calculated responses based on the type and level of threat.

**PSFT 380. Intelligence Gathering and Dissemination** (3 hours)
Prerequisites: LBST 175, 180 or equivalent.
Students in this course will gain an understanding for: the overview and analysis of intelligence systems and how they are utilized in today’s public safety community to influence policy, planning, and activities. Foreign and domestic intelligence gathering and analysis will be covered, with emphasis on how intelligence can be used to protect against threats to personal and public safety. The course will also cover appropriate means of disseminating critical intelligence information.

**PSFT 390. Special Topics in Public Safety** (3 hours)
Prerequisites: LBST 175, 180 or equivalent.
Students will study a significant topic in public safety which is not available through other program offerings.

**PSFT 395. Independent Study in Public Safety** (1-3 hours)
Prerequisites: consent of advisor; LBST 175, 180 or equivalent.
Students will study an area or subject not normally found in established courses. Students may also explore in greater detail a topic raised in established public safety courses.

**PSFT 435. Ethics and Public Safety** (3 hours)
Prerequisites: LBST 175, 180 or equivalent.
Students will study the history and current trends of ethical issues in the fields of public safety, the role of the leader in establishing an ethical climate, the use of ethical decision making models for solving ethical dilemmas, and dealing with unethical conduct. In addition, students will explore the problems associated with the abuse of authority.

**PSFT 470. Field Experience** (3-6 hours)
Prerequisites: LBST 175, 180 or equivalent; junior status; advance request and approval of both program coordinator and advisor.
Public Safety Field Experience is designed to provide the student with an opportunity to apply academic training in practical public safety settings. Field experience will be jointly supervised by college staff and officials of the participating agency. Public safety field experience is open only to public safety majors. Note: grade of satisfactory or unsatisfactory. Special fee.

**PSFT 471. Field Experience** (3-6 hours)
Prerequisites: PSFT 470; LBST 175, 180 or equivalent.
This course is designed to provide students with opportunities to continue using the skills and knowledge developed in PSFT 470. See the PSFT 470 course description for requirements.
PSFT 498. Senior Seminar (3 hours)
Prerequisites: CRJS 260 or PSFT 365; LBST 175, 180 or equivalent. Limited to Public Safety Leadership majors in their final year of their program.
Students in the public safety leadership degree will take this course as the culminating experience for students in the major. Varying public safety topics will be addressed with an emphasis on articulating, analyzing, and interpreting the ways we make decisions in our everyday interactions with others. Students will prepare written reports on a variety of topics covered throughout their undergraduate curriculum and students will then defend their position on the topic through an oral defense.

PSYCHOLOGY (PSYC)

PSYC 111. Introduction to Psychology (3 hours)
Students will explore the discipline of psychology, including the important theories, methods, and data. Emphasis will be placed on physiology, perception, learning, emotion, motivation, personality, measurement, development, and social behavior.

PSYC 225. Prenatal through Adolescent Development (3 hours)
Prerequisite: PSYC 111.
An introduction to research methodologies and theories of developmental psychology that focuses on the physiological, cognitive, and psycho-social components of the human development prenatal period through adolescence.

PSYC 226. Adult Development (3 hours)
Prerequisite: PSYC 111.
An introduction to research methodologies and theories of developmental psychology that focuses on the physiological, cognitive, and psycho-social components of the human development early adult period to death.

PSYC 227. Lifespan Development (3 hours)
Prerequisite: PSYC 111.
Students will study cognitive, emotional, physical and social growth and maturation during the human lifespan from conception through death. Students will examine principles of development as well as traditional and contemporary theorists and theories.

PSYC 333. Social Psychology (3 hours)
(Cross-listed as SOCI 333)
Prerequisites: LBST 175, 180 or equivalent; PSYC 111 or SOCI 111.
Social interaction and pathology, personality and differential psychology, and social attitudes, prejudices, propaganda, culture, and social institutions are included in this course.

PSYC 358. Psychology of Religion (3 hours)
(Cross-listed as RELG 358)
Prerequisites: LBST 175, 180 or equivalent; PSYC 111 or consent of program coordinator.
Students will study the religious dimensions of human experience with attention given to the contributions of modern psychology, to the major theorists, and to the central forms of religious experience and expression.

PSYC 360. Psychopathology (3 hours)
Prerequisites: LBST 175, 180 or equivalent; PSYC 111.
Students will examine the major categories of behavior pathology. The course will focus on the principles of etiology, as well as therapy for different diagnoses. Particular emphasis is placed on the Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders (latest edition).
PSYC 361. Group Process and Practice (3 hours)
Prerequisites: LBST 175, 180 or equivalent; PSYC 111.
Theory and research of group dynamics and process are presented. Topics studied include group formation, stages of development, process, diversity, and leadership.

PSYC 365. Current Psychotherapies (3 hours)
Prerequisites: LBST 175, 180 or equivalent; PSYC 111.
The major theoretical systems of psychotherapy are reviewed, and emphasis is placed on the techniques, practices, and assumptions of each theory. Points of convergence and divergence of the theories are presented, and their strengths and weaknesses of use with different populations are studied.

PSYC 371. Psychology of Women (3 hours)
Prerequisites: LBST 175, 180 or equivalent; PSYC 111.
Students will explore the issues of female gender from the point of view of psychological biological, and sociological theorists. The nature of the archetypical representation of the feminine as well as the nature of stereotypes will be examined. The course encourages students to explore the possibility of reconciliation between masculine and feminine stereotypes which have created past conflicts.

PSYC 373. Psychology of Men (3 hours)
Prerequisites: LBST 175, 180 or equivalent; PSYC 111.
Students will explore the issues of male gender from the point of view of psychological biological, and sociological theorists. The nature of the archetypical representation of the male as well as the nature of stereotypes will be examined. The course encourages students to explore the possibility of reconciliation between masculine and feminine stereotypes which has created past conflicts.

PSYC 380. Forensic Behavior (3 hours)
(Cross-listed with CRJS 380)
Prerequisites: LBST 175, 180 or equivalent; PSYC 360.
Students will examine the aspects of human behavior directly related to the legal process and testimony, jury decision making, and criminal behavior. The professional practice of psychology within or in consultation with a legal system will be examined. Profiling, insanity and competency, risk assessment, discrimination, and interrogation and confessions will be emphasized.

PSYC 388. Human Sexuality (3 hours)
Prerequisites: LBST 175, 180 or equivalent; PSYC 111.
Students will explore the biological, psychological, and sociological aspects of human sexuality. Discussion will include the biological male and female, human sexual response, contraception, choices of sexual conduct and behavior, and other related topics.

PSYC 390. Special Topics in Psychology (1-3 hours)
Prerequisites: LBST 175, 180 or equivalent; PSYC 111.
A significant topic in psychology which is not available through other program offerings will be studied in the classroom setting.

PSYC 395. Independent Study in Psychology (1-3 hours)
Prerequisites: consent of advisor; LBST 175, 180 or equivalent.
Directed Study in Psychology offers study in an area or subject not normally found in established courses or a study that allows the student to explore in greater detail a topic raised in established psychology courses.
RELG 110. Introduction to Religion (3 hours)
Students will study the nature and function of religion in personal, social, and cultural contexts by exploring the origins and varieties of religious expression, the methods used in the study of religion, and the religious questions that grow out of human experience. Particular attention will be given to issues of pertinence for persons involved in educational, social service, and business professions, e.g., perspectives toward religious diversity, constitutional and legal aspects of religion, and the relation of religion and science.

RELG 115. Readings in World Literature, Religion, and Citizenship (Cross-listed as LITR115) (3 hours)
Students will read and demonstrate a capacity to interpret primary texts in world literature and religion in relation to questions about what it means to be a citizen.

RELG 120. The Old Testament (3 hours)
Students will focus attention on the literature of the Hebrew Bible as the developing expression of the faith and history of ancient Israel and as a foundational document for western culture. Particular attention will be given to understanding the literature in light of its historical and cultural context and to identifying its central theological themes.

RELG 130. The New Testament (3 hours)
Students will read and study the literature of the New Testament as the multi-faceted portrait of the origin and development of the early Christian community. Particular attention is focused on the types of literature therein, the gospel portraits of the life and teaching of Jesus, and the development of the first century church.

RELG 200. History of Christianity (3 hours)
Prerequisites: LBST 175, 180, or equivalent.
A survey of the major events and personalities in the development of the Christian tradition from the New Testament period to the present.

RELG 220. Survey of World Religions (3 hours)
Prerequisites: LBST 175, 180, or equivalent.
Students will engage in a comparative, systematic study of the major religious traditions of the world, beyond the general introduction of RELG 110. Specific reading of primary texts will be accompanied by attention to historical and cultural contexts.

RELG 225. Religion in the United States (3 hours)
Prerequisites: LBST 175, 180, or equivalent.
Students will engage religious texts and artifacts from the colonial period of US history, giving specific attention to the role of religion in the framing of the Constitution. Students will also study the variety of religious expression that has developed in the course of subsequent US history and how religion has affected the social, political, and economic arenas of national life.

RELG 301. Introduction to Christian Theology (3 hours)
Prerequisites: LBST 175, 180, or equivalent.
An introduction to the perspectives, processes, and products of the church's interpretation of its faith. Attention will be given to theological method, to the major doctrines, and to the constructive task of interpreting Christian faith for the twenty-first century.

RELG 336. Christian Social Ethics (3 hours)
Prerequisites: LBST 175, 180, or equivalent.
A study of the biblical and historical foundations of Christian decision making and the contemporary issues where these decisions are made. Attention will be given to ethical theory in general and to the specific features of Christian decision making in particular as they apply to moral, social, political, and economic issues.

RELG 356. Sociology of Religion (3 hours)
(Cross-listed as SOCI 356.)
Prerequisites: LBST 175, 180, or equivalent.
Students will be able to articulate the nature of religion as a social phenomenon. They will be able to describe and apply the methods of the sociological study of religion and to describe the ways in which religion and society interact on all levels of the social world.

RELG 358. Psychology of Religion (3 hours)
(Cross-listed as PSYC 358)
Prerequisites: LBST 175, 180, or equivalent; PSYC 111 or consent of program coordinator.
Students will study the religious dimensions of human experience with attention given to the contributions of modern psychology, to the major theorists, and to the central forms of religious experience and expression.

RELG 390. Special Topics in Religion (1-3 hours)
Prerequisites: at least 6 hours of work in religious studies or consent of program coordinator; LBST 175, 180, or equivalent.
An elective course in an advanced area of biblical, historical, or theological study. Topics will vary according to the availability of resources and the needs/interests of students currently in the program.

SCIENCE (SCIE)

SCIE 100. Methods of Scientific Investigation (3 hours)
Prerequisite: MATH 120 or equivalent.
A comprehensive, introductory course that focuses on explorations in biology and physical science as the means to understanding and applying the scientific method. The emphasis is on hands-on laboratory activities, which build on techniques of observation and quantitative methods. Students learn to prepare formal reports modeled on scientific journal articles. Integrated lecture/laboratory course. Laboratory fee.

SCIE 215. Life Systems (3 hours)
Prerequisite: SCIE 100 or equivalent.
This course takes a contextual approach to investigating facts, concepts and theories associated with biological science, addressing subject matter of importance to education majors, and others seeking to understand life processes. Scenarios under study include the bodily processes of a basketball player in the midst of his or her game. Starting at the organismal, population or even the community level, course material develops through systematic question posing, eventually arriving at underlying cellular, sub-cellular (or even chemical) events and functions. An integrated lecture and laboratory course. Laboratory fee.

SCIE 220. Physical Systems (3 hours)
Prerequisite: SCIE100 or equivalent.
Physical phenomena are studied through in-depth laboratory-based explorations of everyday occurrences and objects. Topics may include earthquakes and other natural
hazards, bicycle racing, transistor radios, or ceramics. This course is suitable for education majors, as well as for others with an interest in understanding how things work on a physical level. Integrated lecture/laboratory course. Laboratory fee.

**SCIE 230. Introduction to Bioinformatics** (3 hours)
Prerequisites: INFM 110; SCIE 100.
Students will be introduced to contemporary concepts in molecular biology and evolution and employ the computational algorithms used in biological database searches, protein and DNA sequence analyses, and predictions of protein function. Specific methods, tools and technologies examined in the course will include, but are not limited to: detection of homology with BLAST, prediction of transmembrane segments, multiple alignments of sequences, prediction of protein domains, and prediction of protein localization. Integrated lecture / laboratory. Laboratory fee.

**SCIE 250. Applied Forensic Criminalistics** (3 hours)
Prerequisite: SCIE 100 or higher.
Students will examine the application of natural science in the criminal justice system. The course will concentrate on scientific knowledge and laboratory applications of forensic criminalistics including physical evidence; organic and inorganic analysis; hairs, fibers and paint; forensic toxicology, arson and explosives; serology and DNA; fingerprints, firearms and other impressions; document and voice examination. This course must be taken concurrently with CRJS 350 Theoretical Forensic Criminalistics. Laboratory fee.

**SCIE 390. Special Topics in Science** (3 hours)
Prerequisites: SCIE 215 or SCIE 220; one other lab science course.
This course will focus on current issues in the life, environmental, physical, or earth sciences which are not available through other program offerings. Students will study issues through design and execution of scientific studies, and/or in analysis of policies related to scientific issues. Because topics may vary with each offering of this course, students may take the course for credit more than once as long as it focuses on different issues. Laboratory fee.

**SOCIAL THOUGHT (SCLT)**

**SCLT 201. The Search for Meaning** (3 hours)
Prerequisites: LBST 175, 180 or equivalent.
Students will demonstrate a capacity to articulate and respond to questions about the meaning and purpose of human life found in selected readings in philosophy, theology, literature, and the social sciences.

**SCLT 304. Ways of Worldmaking** (3 hours)
Prerequisite: 60 credits; LBST 175, 180 or equivalent.
Students will engage issues of ethics and social justice and citizenship across cultures and disciplines through a cross-disciplinary critique of primary texts in social thought that are vital to the making of a cross-cultural region of the world (e.g. the Atlantic World, the Extended Caribbean, the Indian Ocean World, the Mediterranean World, the New World, or the Pacific Rim). As a result, students in this seminar will develop the capacity to reflect on how best to respond to the ways cross-cultural mappings of the world both represent and shape the ways we imagine ourselves with others. The topic of any individual seminar may vary, but in each case students will be asked to synthesize the practices of interpretation, explanation, and communication while articulating how best to act in light of what one has learned. Students taking this course will fulfill their Engagement and Citizenship requirement in General Education.
SOCIOLOGY (SOCI)

SOCI 111. Introduction to Sociology (3 hours)
Introduction to sociology is a survey of the basic concepts, theories, methods, and research associated with the sociological analysis of society. Emphasis will be placed on the study of primary forms of human association and interaction, as well as the social structures and processes that affect the individual.

SOCI 200. Social Problems (3 hours)
Prerequisite: SOCI 111.
Students will examine the principal causes, consequences, and solutions of major societal problems from a sociological perspective. The emphasis on specific social problems may vary, but attention will be given to such contemporary issues as discrimination, poverty, violence, population trends, technology, social class inequities, issues of justice, and change.

SOCI 240. Popular Cultural Forms and Society (3 hours)
(Cross-listed as COMM 240)
Prerequisites: LBST 175, 180 or equivalent; PSYC 111 or SOCI 111.
An analysis and interpretation of popular forms of culture and communication. Emphasis will be placed on understanding the ways that everyday behavior and artifacts are imbued with cultural meanings that transcend functional purpose. Case studies will vary but special attention may be paid to such topics as fashion, popular music, Hollywood movies, and popular genres of literature (science fiction, mystery, or romance).

SOCI 251. Communication and Society (3 hours)
(Cross-listed as COMM 251)
Prerequisites: LBST 175, 180 or equivalent; PSYC 111 or SOCI 111.
Students will examine the role that communication has played in the transformation of society. Beginning with the work of Walter Ong, the course traces the impacts of oral, written, print, and image technologies on ancient, medieval, and modern society. This history is used to suggest how contemporary technologies will change the ways in which we organize ourselves and communicate with the world around us.

SOCI 253. Gender Relations (3 hours)
(Cross-listed as COMM 253)
Prerequisites: LBST 175, 180 or equivalent; PSYC 111 or SOCI 111.
Students will study the relationships between males and females, examining the ways in which gender relationships both reflect cultural views of gender (roles and stereotypes) and shape individual gender identities and behaviors in particular social contexts (families, schools, media, the workplace, and other institutions).

SOCI 255. The Family (3 hours)
Prerequisite: SOCI 111.
Students will study family structures and functions. Topics include the changing role of the family in history, the economic, biological, and psychological aspects of the contemporary American family, and the family organization, and re-organization.

SOCI 321. Social Change (3 hours)
Prerequisites: LBST 175, 180 or equivalent; SOCI 111.
Social change is an analysis of the theories, perspectives, and strategies related to social change. Attention will be given to the impact of social change on the values, ideas, the communities, and societal structures in the United States. Processes related to the role of the change agent in society will be considered.
SOCI 326. Sociology of Community (3 hours)
Prerequisites: LBST 175, 180 or equivalent; SOCI 111.
The community as a social system composed of relationships among individuals, groups, and organizations will be analyzed. Basic sociological principles are applied in a study of community types, functions, power structures, as well as the assessment of community needs. Special attention is given to the application of community organization principles to fulfill the community needs and to develop local groups to address those needs.

SOCI 333. Social Psychology (3 hours)
(Cross-listed as PSYC 333)
Prerequisites: LBST 175, 180 or equivalent; PSYC 111 or SOCI 111.
Social interaction and pathology, personality and differential psychology, and social attitudes, prejudices, propaganda, culture and social institutions are included in this course.

SOCI 345. Mass Media and Society (3 hours)
(Cross-listed as COMM 345)
Prerequisites: LBST 175, 180 or equivalent; PSYC 111 or SOCI 111.
A critical analysis of the impacts and effects of mass media on contemporary society. Special attention will be given to the impact of media on social roles and relationships.

SOCI 356. Sociology of Religion (3 hours)
(Cross-listed as RELG 356)
Prerequisites: SOCI 111 or consent of program coordinator; LBST 175, 180 or equivalent.
A study of religion in culture and society with special attention to its relationship to social patterns and structures. Emphasis is placed upon the use of sociological methods to understand the religious dimension of life.

SOCI 380. Social Theory (3 hours)
Prerequisites: LBST 175, 180 or equivalent; SOCI 111.
Students will examine the major theoretical developments in the field of sociology from the nineteenth century to the contemporary period. The use of social theory for research and the analysis of social relations will be considered.

SOCI 390. Special Topics in Sociology (1-3 hours)
Prerequisites: LBST 175, 180 or equivalent; SOCI 111.
A significant topic in sociology which is not available through other program offerings will be studied in the classroom setting.

SOCI 395. Independent Study in Sociology (1-3 hours)
Prerequisite: consent of advisor; LBST 175, 180 or equivalent.
Directed Study in Sociology offers study in an area or subject not normally found in established courses or a study that allows the student to explore in greater detail a topic raised in established applied sociology courses.
Graduate Studies

Mercer University is committed to providing graduate degree programs, as well as undergraduate and professional education. Mercer offers programs leading to numerous graduate degrees including:

Stetson School of Business and Economics (specific programs offered in Macon, Atlanta, Savannah, and/or Henry County)
- Master of Business Administration
- Executive Master of Business Administration
- Professional Master of Business Administration
- Master of Accountancy

School of Engineering (specific programs in Macon or through distance learning)
- Master of Science
- Master of Science in Engineering

Tift College of Education (specific programs offered in various locations including Macon, Atlanta, Savannah, or Regional Academic Centers)
- Master of Education
- Master of Arts in Teaching
- Specialist in Education
- Doctor of Philosophy in Educational Leadership
- Doctor of Philosophy in Curriculum and Instruction

Townsend School of Music (Macon)
- Master of Music (Conducting, Performance, Church Music)

College of Continuing and Professional Studies (Atlanta and Henry County)
- Master of Science in Clinical Mental Health Counseling
- Master of Science in School Counseling
- Master of Science in Public Safety Leadership
- Master of Science in Rehabilitation Counseling
- Master of Science in Organizational Leadership
- Master of Science in Human Services
- Educational Specialist in School Counseling
- Master of Science in Clinical Mental Health Counseling/Master of Divinity in Pastoral Counseling
- Master of Science in Organizational Leadership/Master of Divinity in Leadership for the Nonprofit Organization
- Doctor of Philosophy in Counselor Education and Supervision

Georgia Baptist College of Nursing (Atlanta)
- Master of Science in Nursing
- Doctor of Philosophy in Nursing
- Doctor of Nursing Practice

College of Pharmacy (Atlanta)
- Doctor of Pharmacy
- Doctor of Philosophy in Pharmaceutical Sciences
College of Health Professions (Atlanta and Macon)
- Master of Medical Science (Physician Assistant)
- Master of Public Health
- Doctor of Physical Therapy

School of Medicine (Macon)
- Master in Family Therapy
- Master of Science in Biomedical Sciences
- Master of Science in Pre-Clinical Sciences
- Doctor of Philosophy in Clinical Medical Psychology

McAfee School of Theology (Atlanta)
- Master of Arts
- Master of Divinity
  - with various concentrations and dual degree options
- Doctor of Ministry

Admission to Graduate Study
All persons who wish to enter one of the graduate programs at Mercer University must submit a formal application to the school which sponsors the desired degree program. Certain basic qualifications must be met for admission to graduate programs. All programs require that students hold a bachelor's degree from an accredited college or university with a specified minimum undergraduate grade point average. Graduate admissions tests appropriate to the particular academic program are usually required. Specific requirements for each graduate program are given with the description of that program.

International students must provide a complete record of all previous schooling. This must include a record of secondary schooling that shows the dates attended, grades achieved or examinations passed, and the student's rank in class, if available. Official transcripts must be accompanied by a certified English translation. Three reference letters, preferably from instructors in the undergraduate school(s) attended, are required, along with a personal vita which should include all work experience, research study and experience, and professional development objectives. A statement of financial support must be obtained and submitted.

Proficiency in English must be established in one of the following ways:
1. Qualified students who present an official TOEFL scores of 80 IBT (internet based TOEFL), 213 CBT (computer based TOEFL), 550 PBT (paper based TOEFL) or 6.5 IELTS will be admitted to the University. For students who desire additional language study after being admitted to the University, English Language Institute (ELI) short courses are available on the Atlanta campus in specific skill areas.
2. Qualified students who present an TOEFL score below 80 IBT (internet based TOEFL), 213 CBT (computer based TOEFL), 550 PBT (paper based TOEFL) or 6.5 IELTS or have no TOEFL score may be admitted conditionally, contingent upon their successful completion of the Mercer University English Language Institute (MUELI). With the permission of the student's academic advisor, an ELI student may register for up to 6 credit hours while completing the upper levels of MUELI.

Residency Requirements
To receive a graduate degree from Mercer, students must complete a minimum of 75 percent of the credit hours required for conferral of the degree in residence at Mercer.
Transfer and Transient Credit

Students may receive limited credit for graduate courses taken at another institution, either as transfer or transient credit. The number of hours accepted as transfer and transient credit varies by program, but in no instance may it exceed 25 percent of the credit hours required for the graduate degree. Credit for transfer or transient courses may be awarded under the following conditions: (1) the courses were taken at a graduate degree granting institution accredited by a regional accrediting body; (2) the courses were graduate level courses, applicable to a graduate degree; (3) the courses were taken in residence and not by correspondence; (4) grades of at least B were received in the courses; (5) the courses may not have been completed more than five years prior to enrolling in graduate studies at Mercer; and (6) the courses have not been applied for credit to a degree previously earned. (Exception: Up to 9 hours earned as part of an Ed.S. degree in Educational Leadership may be considered for application towards the Ph.D. in Educational Leadership.)

If a student wishes to transfer credits earned at a foreign institution to his/her record at Mercer, the student must supply the Registrar's Office with an official copy (still sealed in the original envelope) of a credit evaluation from a reputable U.S. evaluation service; the evaluation should include all of the credits that the student wishes to transfer to Mercer. Once the Registrar's Office receives an official evaluation, the student's foreign credits will be reviewed to see if they are eligible for transfer to the student's Mercer degree. Please note that the registrar makes the final decision when accepting credits from a foreign institution.

Graduate Course Load

Graduate students in the Tift College of Education, the Stetson School of Business and Economics, and the College of Continuing and Professional Studies, will be considered “full-time” for purposes of attendance and eligibility for financial aid, if they are enrolled for 9 credit hours in a semester (fall, spring, summer). Veterans should contact the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs for the credit hour requirements for VA benefits and consult with the University's Office of the Registrar for VA certification.

Full-time status in other graduate programs is outlined in the corresponding catalogs. Full-time status does not fall below 6 credit hours per semester for any graduate program.

Graduate Level Courses

Stetson School of Business and Economics
500-599: First-level graduate courses
600-699: Graduate courses designed for graduate students only
Courses are generally 3 credit hours each.

School of Engineering
500-599: First-level graduate courses; may also be taken by qualified undergraduates
600-699: Advanced-level graduate offerings; not normally open to undergraduates
Courses are generally 3 credit hours each.

Tift College of Education
500-599: Post-baccalaureate initial certification only; non-degree credit
600-699: Master of Education level classes
700-799: Education Specialist level classes
800-899: Doctoral level classes
Courses are generally 3 credit hours each.
Townsend School of Music
500-599: Graduate level offerings in Applied and ensemble Areas
600-699: Master of Music course offerings
700-799 Graduate level offerings co-listed with McAfee School of Theology

College of Continuing and Professional Studies
600-999: Master of Science, education specialist, and doctoral level classes

Georgia Baptist College of Nursing
600-799: Master of Science level classes

College of Pharmacy
300-399: 1st Year Pharm.D.
400-499: 2nd Year Pharm.D.
500-599: 3rd Year Pharm.D.
600-699: 4th Year Pharm.D.; MBA
800-899: Ph.D. Program

College of Health Professions
500-599: PA Program; 1st Year DPT
600-699: PA Program; MPH Program; 2nd Year DPT
700-799: MPH Program

School of Medicine
600-699: Graduate courses designed for graduate students only
Courses are generally 3 semester credit hours each.

McAfee School of Theology
500-999: Master of Arts
Master of Divinity
Doctor of Divinity

Academic Standards
To maintain good standing in progress toward a degree, a graduate student must achieve a cumulative grade point average of at least 3.0 (B) on all courses taken for degree purposes. No credit is awarded for any course in which a grade below C is earned. No more than two grades of C or C+, in any combination, may be applied toward a graduate degree. The minimum standard for satisfactory academic achievement (good standing) is 2.0 for professional students. Individual programs may set a higher minimum standard.
An Incomplete (IC) grade may be given to a student passing a course, but due to illness or other compelling reason satisfactory to the instructor, a relatively small amount of work remains. The Absent from Exam (ABX) grade may be given if a student misses only the final exam due to illness or other compelling reason satisfactory to the instructor. Work must be completed within one academic year according to the specific policies of the college/school or a grade of F will be assigned. Refer to each college/school section for policy regarding warning, probation, and suspension or dismissal.

Auditing Classes
Graduate students may audit a class with permission of the instructor. See Class Auditing Regulations in the Academic Information section of the catalog for regulations regarding auditing. Please refer to the Financial Information section of the catalog for cost.
Application for Degree

A student who expects to qualify for a degree must apply for the degree in the Office of Enrollment Services by the date specified in the University Calendar.

Thesis and Dissertation Requirements

Some master's degree programs and the Doctor of Divinity program require, or provide an option, that each degree candidate write a thesis as part of the degree program. A dissertation is required of all candidates for the Doctor of Philosophy degree. Students who are writing a thesis or dissertation should obtain, from their graduate directors, a copy of the regulations for preparing and submitting a thesis or dissertation. These regulations should be followed carefully in preparing the manuscript. After approval by the appropriate committee within the school, a thesis or dissertation should be submitted to the Provost of the University, accompanied by a receipt indicating payment of all applicable graduation and thesis/dissertation fees.

Behavioral Integrity

The University is a community of scholars in which the ideals of freedom of inquiry, freedom of thought, freedom of expression, and freedom of the individual are sustained. However, the exercise and preservation of these freedoms require a respect for the rights of all in the community. Disruption of the educational process, academic dishonesty, destruction of property, and interference with the orderly process of the University or with the rights of members of the University will not be tolerated. Violations of these rights will be addressed through procedures established by the dean of each graduate program or, in the case of academic dishonesty, by the procedures of the Graduate Honor System.

Graduate Honor System

Academic integrity is maintained through an honor system. The Graduate Honor System is governed by policies established by the University Graduate Council. It draws upon the traditions of integrity and academic freedom - a freedom within the academic community which is based on a trust between students and faculty. The Honor System imposes upon each student the responsibility for his or her own honest behavior and assumes that each student will report any violations of the Honor Code.

The Graduate Honor System is administered by an honor committee composed of five members of the graduate faculty who are responsible for decisions regarding alleged violations. The committee's decisions are binding on the student involved but may be appealed to the chief academic officer of the University.
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Graduate Programs

The Eugene W. Stetson School of Business and Economics (SSBE) offers the Master of Business Administration degree through three programs: the Master of Business Administration (MBA), the Executive Master of Business Administration (EMBA), and the Professional Master of Business Administration (PMBA) programs. The MBA program is offered on the Cecil B. Day Campus in Atlanta and on the Macon campus. The EMBA program is offered on the Atlanta campus and the PMBA program at various metro Atlanta locations and through a virtual format concurrently in Atlanta, Macon, and Savannah. The Master of Accountancy (MAcc) is offered in Atlanta.

These graduate programs are pragmatic in focus, with extensive use of applied experience in instruction. This approach encompasses a mixture of lectures, case analyzes, and seminars. Each method of teaching is used to accomplish the objectives of a specific class and to foster students' abilities to apply business theory in a dynamic, competitive environment. Emphasis is given across the curriculum to ethical and socially responsible patterns of business activity and to the integration of specific functional areas into a coherent scheme for decision-making and behavior.

The programs' class schedules respond to the needs of non-traditional, commuter students, but cross-registration among the degree programs is generally not permitted. Individuals with a bachelor's degree from an accredited institution and four years of work experience may apply to the PMBA program. The admission of each applicant will be determined by the Eugene W. Stetson School of Business and Economics Admissions Committee.

For information on these graduate programs, people may write to or call the Stetson School of Business and Economics, Mercer University, Cecil B. Day Campus, 3001 Mercer University Drive, Atlanta, Georgia 30341 [phone: (678) 547-6417].
Graduate Program Policies and Procedures

1. Eligibility for Admission:
   An applicant seeking graduate admission must have a bachelor's degree, which demonstrates an acceptable level of scholarship, from a regionally accredited institution of higher learning. The degree may be in any discipline. A graduate of a foreign school of higher learning must be able to document that his/her degree is the equivalent of a bachelor's degree awarded by an accredited United States college or university. Foreign educational credentials must be evaluated by an independent evaluation service at the applicant's expense. Applicants to the EMBA program are also required to have at least seven years of managerial level work experience and applicants to the PMBA at least four years of managerial level work experience to receive consideration for admission. Applicants who have been previously dismissed from an SSBE degree program are not eligible for admission to any other SSBE degree program.

2. Application:
   To be considered for admission, MBA, EMBA, and PMBA applicants must submit a completed application form, which must be accompanied by a $50 non-refundable fee ($100 for international applicants). Applications for the MBA may be obtained from the Stetson School of Business and Economics in either Atlanta or Macon. EMBA and PMBA applications are available through the Atlanta Stetson School of Business.

3. Transcripts:
   All applicants must submit, to the Office of Admissions, two official transcripts from each collegiate institution they previously attended. All applicants should submit transcripts to the Stetson School of Business and Economics, Cecil B. Day Campus, 3001 Mercer University Drive, Atlanta, Georgia 30341.

4. Admission Standards:
   A. General Standards for Admissions
      All applicants must take the Graduate Management Admission Test (GMAT) or GRE. The GMAT and GRE are administered by the Educational Testing Service, Princeton, New Jersey. A GMAT information catalog can be obtained by contacting the Stetson School of Business and Economics, or at www.gmat.org. Score reports should be forwarded to Mercer/Atlanta, Institutional Code #5025. GMAT/GRE scores cannot be more than five years old. Special conditions apply to international applicants. See 6 below.

      The admission decision is based upon an assessment of the applicant's ability for successful graduate study. This assessment will be based upon aptitude, measured by the GMAT (or conversion of a GRE score to a GMAT score), previous academic record, a résumé for MBA and MAcc applicants, and in some instances, successful managerial experience. The GMAT may be waived with an appropriate graduate degree from a regionally accredited U.S. institution.
of higher education or a regionally accredited foreign institution of higher education.

The GMAT is not required for the EMBA and PMBA programs. However, an applicant may be asked to submit a GMAT score to demonstrate aptitude if his/her undergraduate academic record is unsatisfactory.

In addition to an application and transcripts, applicants to the EMBA or PMBA program must also submit two letters of recommendation (preferably from current or previous employers), a résumé documenting their work experience, and a written essay on a topic provided in the admissions materials. Additionally, EMBA/PMBA applicants must complete an admission interview and a quantitative test.

B. Guaranteed Admission to the MBA Programs

Guaranteed Admission Plus Degree (GAPD) Program for the Flexible or One-Year Day Master of Business Administration and the Master of Accountancy (MAcc) or the Joint MBA/MAcc

Guaranteed Admission to the Flexible or One-Year Day Master of Business Administration or the Master of Accountancy may be granted to students completing a Bachelor of Business Administration (BBA) degree at Mercer University within two years of the completion of the BBA degree. To be considered for guaranteed admission, a student must meet the following conditions outlined below:

1. All BBA degree requirements have been met and a minimum of 30 semester hours of undergraduate coursework must be completed at SSBE and 32 semester hours at Mercer.

2. An overall grade point average of 3.0 (including transferred hours), overall grade point average of 3.0 at Mercer, a 3.0 grade point average of all business core curriculum courses, and a 3.0 grade point average of all business core curriculum courses at Mercer must be maintained.

3. Earned a minimum grade of C in all business course work at Mercer.

5. Enrollment Deposit:

EMBA/PMBA applicants who are accepted to the program and intend to enroll should submit a non-refundable $500 deposit for the Atlanta EMBA program and PMBA programs.

6. International Applicants:

A qualified applicant whose native language is not English will need an official TOEFL score of 80 IBT (internet based TOEFL), 213 CBT (computer based TOEFL), 550 PBT (paper based TOEFL) or 6.5 IELTS to be eligible for admission. Students successfully completing Mercer’s English Language Institute’s Level Six, Mercer’s English Language Institute’s Graduate Business Preparatory program, or completion of English Composition I and II from a US based school will be exempt from the TOEFL/IELTS requirement. Additionally, international applicants must meet the admissions requirements stated previously.

Upon acceptance into a degree program, additional testing may be performed by the English Language Institute of Mercer University for accepted international applicants whose primary language is not English. Those whose test results indicate a lack of proficiency in English will be required to enroll in and satisfactorily complete English courses deemed appropriate by the International Student
Advisor and the Stetson School of Business and Economics. Any English courses needed as a result of this testing become a formal part of the international student's degree requirements and must be given first priority in registering for courses.

Each applicant must present official credentials attesting to academic achievement as to level and performance. Such documents will vary from country to country, but should be original documents with authoritative signatures, seals, stamps, etc. Whenever possible, these should be sent by the institution responsible for issuing such documents. In cases where it is impossible for an applicant to have these credentials sent from such institutions, the applicant should forward a duly notarized or "attested to" copy. The notarization should be done by a government official or proper representative of the American Embassy in the country.

International applicants who completed all or part of their education abroad are required to have their foreign credentials evaluated by an independent evaluation service. Information and forms are available on request from the Stetson Office of Admissions. When the documents are in a language other than English, they must be accompanied by translations. These translations must be the original form and contain acceptable notarization as described above for a copy of the original documents. Translations should be made by the American Embassy, the home country Embassy, or an appropriate government official. As a general rule, documents translated by the Office of the American Friends of the Middle East (AFME) and the Institute of International Education (IIE) will be acceptable.

Because additional processing time is required, international students should submit the application and all supporting documents at least 60 days prior to the start of the desired semester of entrance.

Each international applicant must present financial documentation showing ability to finance the student's education and living expenses for one year. Financial documents must be dated no more than one year prior to date of enrollment. Neither graduate assistantships nor financial aid is available to international students.

7. Transient Status for Non-Mercer Students:
Students enrolled at another institution who wish to obtain graduate credit for a course taken at Mercer University must provide written authorization from the other institution. The authorization must be accompanied by a completed application for admission and the appropriate application fee. The requirements for transcripts and admission test scores are waived.

8. Transfer and Transient Credit for Mercer Students:
Mercer students may receive credit for graduate courses taken at other institutions, either as transfer or transient credit, in the MBA program. The number of hours accepted as transfer and transient credit may not exceed six semester hours. Credit for graduate transfer or transient courses completed at another institution may be awarded under the following conditions: (1) the courses were taken at a graduate-degree-granting institution that is accredited by a regional accrediting body and by AACSB-International; (2) the courses were graduate-degree courses; (3) the courses were taken in residence and not by correspondence; (4) a minimum grade of B was received in each course; (5) the courses were completed within the five years prior to the student's enrollment in graduate studies at Mercer; and (6) other restrictions, as set by the graduate faculty. Courses taken
for a previously-earned degree may not be applied toward the MBA or MAcc degrees.

If transfer and/or transient course credits are approved for the MBA, all but two of the graduate-level courses (of the total required for the master's degree) must be completed in residence in the graduate program at Mercer University.

Within six months of his/her initial enrollment, a student should submit, to the program director, a written request for consideration of transfer credit. The request must indicate the specific course(s) for which transfer credit is sought and must include a copy of the other institution's catalog, course outlines, and an official transcript.

Students who wish to earn transient credit from another college must have prior approval from the appropriate program director in order for such credit to be accepted as a part of the degree program. Transient credit may not be used to meet the residency requirement necessary for graduation, except under unusual circumstances that must be approved by the program director.

9. Readmission:
A student who withdraws from Mercer while on academic warning or probation, or who has not completed a course in at least one calendar year, and who wishes to reenter Mercer, must request readmission, in writing, from the program director. Requirements for continued enrollment and limits to the number of courses a student may take may be established. Furthermore, if it has been one calendar year or more since a course has been completed, the student must reenter under the catalog governing the academic year in which s/he reenters. Appeals of decisions regarding readmission must be made in writing to the appropriate dean of the Stetson School of Business and Economics. Any student who is on academic exclusion may not be readmitted.

10. Exceptions and Appeals:
Requests for exceptions to policies or appeals of policy decisions and/or grades must be made in writing to the Dean's Office of the Stetson School of Business and Economics. These requests/appeals will be reviewed by the Students Committee, which will make a recommendation to the appropriate dean. Appeals for reconsideration of a recommendation or a decision by the Students Committee must be presented in writing to the dean.

11. Degree Requirements:
To earn an MBA degree, a student must successfully complete at least 39 semester hours of coursework (not including foundation courses), as specified by the program of study. Students in the EMBA and PMBA programs of study must complete 48 semester hours, as specified by the program of study.

In all courses taken in residence and considered for graduation, and also specifically in the elective courses in the personal portfolio of study, each student must achieve a cumulative GPA of at least 3.0. No course in which a student earned a grade of less than C, and no more than six semester hours in which a student earned grades of C or C+ are permitted in the graduate coursework and will count toward graduation requirements. No more than six semester hours in which a student earned a grade of less than B may be repeated for credit in the graduate programs.
Courses taken for another previously-earned degree may not be applied toward any graduate degree at Mercer. The time-limit for completion of all coursework for a graduate degree is seven (7) years.

12. Residency Requirements:
To qualify for an MBA degree, each student in the MBA program must complete at least 33 semester hours of coursework (not including foundation courses) in residence. Students in the Executive MBA or Professional MBA program must complete 48 hours of coursework in residence. MAcc students must complete all required graduate level coursework (at least 30 hours) in residence.

13. Participation in Commencement Ceremonies:
Students who have met all degree requirements may participate in a commencement ceremony. Graduate students may also participate in commencement if they are within six hours or less of completing all degree requirements, including the minimum number of semester hours required, and if they meet the minimum graduation requirements for cumulative grade-point averages.

14. Graduate Academic Deficiency:

Unsatisfactory Academic Progress: Any student whose semester or cumulative grade-point average is below 3.0 is making unsatisfactory academic progress, and this student's progress will be monitored. The statuses described below designate a single period of one or more consecutive semesters in which a student is making unsatisfactory academic progress. This period begins the semester after the semester in which the student's semester or cumulative grade-point average falls below 3.0 and ends the semester in which the cumulative and semester grade-point average climb to at least 3.0.

Academic Warning: A student is placed on academic warning the first semester that his/her semester or cumulative grade-point average falls below 3.0.

Academic Probation: A student is placed on academic probation during the second and subsequent consecutive semesters in which s/he is enrolled and the semester or cumulative grade-point average is below 3.0. To help a student to improve his/her academic standing, an advisor may specify conditions with which a student must comply to be able to register, such as the courses to be taken, the course load, the attainment of a specific semester grade-point average, and/or counseling.

Academic Suspension: After the second and subsequent semesters on academic probation, a student may be placed on academic suspension. That is, the student will not be permitted to register for classes for one or more semesters. A student who is suspended may request, in writing, that the director of his or her program review the suspension.

Academic Exclusion: In the most serious cases of unsatisfactory academic progress, a student may be permanently excluded from the program.

Readmission After Academic Suspension: A student who wishes to be considered for readmission following a suspension must apply for readmission, in writing, to the program director. The application must be made at least 45 days prior to the close of registration for the semester in which the student wishes to enroll. The director may consult with faculty members before making a decision. If the student is allowed to reenter, the director may establish conditions for the student's readmission, as well as course requirements. A negative decision by the
director may be appealed, in writing, to the dean or to the dean's designated repre-
sentative. The decision of the dean, or the dean's representative, is final.

15. Academic Regulations:
It is the responsibility of each graduate student to become familiar with the follow-
ing policies, other relevant catalog information, the University's calendar, and the
specific regulations of his/her degree program.

PROFESSIONAL MASTER OF BUSINESS
ADMINISTRATION (PMBA) PROGRAM

The PMBA program is conducted in four modules and four retreats. Students will
study complementary business topics in thematically integrated courses varying in the
number of credit hours. The PMBA may be offered onsite at various metro Atlanta loca-
tions or via a virtual format concurrently in Atlanta, Macon, and Savannah.

PMBA Retreats: (9 hours)

PBA 641a. Retreat 1: High Performing Organizations
and Communications (2 hours)
This is an orientation to the PMBA program. Topics include building high performance
teams, contemporary leadership thinking, and skills in negotiating conflict and resolution
disputes. Students will also strengthen business communication skills.

PBA 641b. Retreat 2: Business Math and Statistics (2 hours)
This retreat provides students with the mathematical and statistical background neces-
sary to perform quantitative analysis of business situations. It also introduces students to
specific techniques such as project management, time value of money, and forecasting,
which are examined in more detail in later course work.

PBA 641c. Retreat 3: Field Residency and Research Paper (3 hours)
Students will visit business commercial centers to examine and observe concepts
learned in their course of study. The residency includes an in-depth research paper to
explore a topic of interest that corresponds to the visit focus.

PBA 641d. Retreat 4: Seminar on Leadership, Ethics
and Governance (2 hours)
This retreat differentiates ethics from legal and regulatory compliance. The principle-
agent relationship and its role in corporate governance are explored. The framework for
ethical decision-making is discussed and theoretical perspectives examined.

Module 1: The Environment of Business (9 hours)

PBA 651a. Financial Accounting and Reporting (3 hours)
Financial accounting and reporting explain the accounting regulatory environment and its
impact on financial accounting and reporting. Annual external financial reports prepared
by business enterprises are analyzed.

PBA 651b. Legal Issues Affecting Businesses (3 hours)
An introduction to the American legal system. Topics include the court system, litigation,
constitutional law, contract law, tort law, agency, business organizations and intellectual
property.
PBA 651c. Economic Conditions and Market Fundamentals  (3 hours)
Essential macro and microeconomic concepts including GDP, wages and employment, and inflation are introduced. Financial markets, interest rates and risk are examined. Topics include supply and demand, elasticity, and market analysis and macro environmental policy.

Module 2: Making Decisions that Create Value  (9 hours)
PBA 652a. Financial Decisions for Corporate Valuation  (3 hours)
Making internal decisions that create value in the business enterprise is the central theme. Topics include competing models about the goal of a firm, investment decision-making, financing decisions, evaluating investment proposals and selection of value-creating projects as well as corporate valuation.
PBA 652b. Quantitative Approaches to Optimizing Operations  (3 hours)
This course focuses on the concepts and techniques used to optimize business processes and manage projects. Approaches include tools used in making optimal decision and their applications including linear programming, decision trees and regression analysis.
PBA 652c. Managerial Approaches to Maximizing Resources  (1.5 hours)
Management styles and decision-making styles used to optimize employee’s productivity are studied and evaluated for organizational effectiveness. The importance of culture and organizational behavior as well as motivation and human resource practices to enhance business processes are discussed.
PBA 652d. Managerial Accounting  (1.5 hours)
An introduction to the product costing concepts required for managerial decision-making. The course provides an in-depth study of cost behavior, cost allocation and cost estimation. Other topics include transfer pricing, segment elimination and profitability analysis.

Module 3: Application of Business Concepts  (9 hours)
PBA 653a. Contemporary Topics in Management  (3 hours)
Discussion of current topics facing business managers is the course focus. Issues include management of a diverse work force and understanding the social and cultural issues that exist in the global business environment. Responses to these challenges are discussed. Approaches to managing change and legal requirements are examined.
PBA 653b. Global Macroeconomics  (3 hours)
Economic trade theory and commercial policies essential for businesses operating internationally include topics such as the theory of international trade, commercial policies, balance of payments, foreign exchange rate determination and risk management. Macroeconomic policies are evaluated.
PBA 653c. Marketing Concepts & Consumer Behavior  (3 hours)
Marketing environmental factors such as the competition, the consumer, research issues, segmentation concepts, and positioning strategies are examined. This course emphasizes identification and assessment of the variety of marketing factors that are critical to the development of efficient and effective marketing initiatives.
Module 4: Corporate Strategy—Implementation and Formation (12 hours)

PBA 654a. Information Technology and Strategic Alignment (1.5 hours)
Information technology as an enabler to strategy execution is the subject of discussion. The evolving role of the CIO and the importance of strategic alignment with information technology are identified.

PBA 654b. Marketing Strategies (3 hours)
This course analyzes the decision maker's process in producing a marketing strategy consistent with factors that are influencing the marketing environment. The focus of this course is on the development of products/services, pricing, distribution, and promotion strategies that satisfy customer needs and wants and facilitate profitable, long-term relationships with those customers.

PBA 654c. Financial Resources for Corporate Strategy (3 hours)
Exploring the corporate creation of value that supports the business' objectives and the virtues and pitfalls of the competitive analysis approach are compared. Evaluation of real investments and application is included. Capital allocation decision and capital structure as well as discussions of financial decision making strategies to minimize risk exposure are examined.

PBA 654d. Strategic Management (3 hours)
The development and execution of strategy is examined. Students will have the opportunity to integrate and apply the concepts and principles from other courses in the program to develop effective and successful business strategy. Case analysis is used to apply these concepts.

PBA 654e. Strategy Simulation (1.5 hours)
Students experience through this simulation the competitive and dynamic business environment and participate as members of an executive team. Resolving issues and making collective and individual decisions to drive business performance is the focus of this experience.
The Tift College of Education offers a distance learning/online Master of Education degree and a Specialist in Education degree in Early Childhood Education through the Regional Academic Centers. A distance learning/online Specialist in Education degree in Teacher Leadership is offered through the Atlanta Campus. A Master of Education in Higher Education Leadership and a Specialist in Education degree in Educational Leadership are offered at the Henry County, Douglas County, and Macon Centers and on the Savannah Campus. Ph.D. programs in Educational Leadership and in Curriculum and Instruction are offered at the Macon Center and on the Atlanta campus. Programs leading to certification are approved by the Georgia Professional Standards Commission and accredited by the National Council for Accreditation of Teacher Education.

APPLICATION DEADLINES

For most programs in the Tift College of Education, applications (including official transcripts and other supporting materials) must be received by the following dates:

- August 1 for Fall admission
- December 1 for Spring admission
- May 1 for Summer admission

Exceptions to programs that follow this deadline schedule are the Education Leadership programs and the Ph.D. in Curriculum and Instruction. For information about application deadlines for these programs, contact the program coordinators or chairs.
GENERAL GRADUATE PROGRAMS POLICIES

The purpose of the graduate programs in education is to prepare professional educators who will have a philosophy of growth and change based on reliable knowledge about the principles and practices of education. An additional objective is to educate teachers and educational leaders in the skills of research and to foster a disposition to initiate and promote basic and applied research. The College will provide courses to meet all program requirements within the specified program completion time from the time the student enrolls. The College is not under obligation to grant individualized study through directed/independent study courses or special topics research courses unless the College fails to schedule the course requirements within the time specified. The policies of the graduate program are under the review of the University Graduate Council.

The Graduate Program of the Tift College of Education recognizes the importance of addressing technological advancements within society. Therefore, emphasis on the relevance of technological developments will be infused throughout courses in the graduate programs.

All course work within the Tift College of Education reflects the faculty's recognition of students with diverse and special needs. Mercer's graduate programs are designed to prepare all teachers and educational leaders to plan appropriately for disabled, special needs, and other diverse populations.

Academic Standards for Graduate Students

Students in all graduate degree programs and in non-degree tracks must earn a grade of B or better in all required classes and field experiences. Students in the Ed.S. degree programs or in the Ph.D. programs must also maintain a cumulative grade point average of 3.5 on a 4.0 scale. Students in the M.Ed. program must also maintain a graduate GPA of 3.0 or above. Students may repeat a class only once in order to increase the grade earned in that class and no student may repeat more than two classes in his/her program of study with Mercer. A student may not repeat an equivalent class at another college in order to replace a grade earned at Mercer.

If a graduate student's cumulative graduate GPA with Mercer falls below 3.0 (3.5 for Ed.S. or Ph.D. candidates), the student will be placed on academic probation until he/she raises the GPA to the minimum requirement. A student who is on academic probation is limited to one graduate class per semester. Special permission from an associate dean and the appropriate chair is required for a student on probation to enroll in more than one class per semester. If a student continues on academic probation for two semesters, his/her case will be reviewed by the associate dean, the chair, and faculty and the student may be subject to academic dismissal.

Time Limitation in Completion of Requirements

A student in a graduate program must complete all degree requirements within a six-year period. Time limits shall be computed from and include the first semester of credit applied to the degree program. Students who do not enroll for three consecutive semesters are subject to all program policies, guidelines, and requirements in place at the time of re-enrollment.

Transfer Credits

There are certain conditions that must be met to transfer regular graduate credit to Mercer's graduate programs. The institution must be accredited and the student must be admitted to the institution's regular graduate program. Graduate work taken at other insti-
tutions must be part of a planned program leading to a degree equivalent to the degree sought at Mercer.

The work must be appropriate for the student’s planned program. The maximum amount of transferred credit is limited to six semester hours for the M.Ed. and Ed.S. programs. Only courses in which the student earned a B or better will be considered for transfer credit. Courses taken for another degree previously earned may not be applied to a degree at Mercer (exception: nine hours of an Ed.S. may be considered for transfer in the Ph.D. in Educational Leadership). No credit will be given for courses completed more than six years prior to the date on which the Mercer degree is to be conferred. No transfer credit is accepted for the Ed.S. in Teacher Leadership or for the Ph.D. in Curriculum and Instruction.

Admissions Appeals Policy

Prospective students who have been denied admission to any classification within the graduate program may appeal that decision in writing to an associate dean and to the appropriate chair. Each appeal will be reviewed and decided upon by the faculty. Admission does not ensure satisfactory completion of the program selected nor recommendation for certification.

English Proficiency

An international student whose native language is not English must submit results of the Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) or a Certificate of Proficiency from an ELS Language Center. The minimum acceptable TOEFL score is 80 IBT (internet based TOEFL), 213 CBT (computer based TOEFL), 550 PBT (paper based TOEFL) or 6.5 IELTS. English proficiency at ELS Level 109 is expected.

Grade Appeals Policy

Students are encouraged to first meet with their instructor to discuss any disagreements regarding a grade. They may then appeal to the chair of the department. If satisfaction is not achieved, the student may then wish to submit an appeal to the Grade Appeals Committee through an associate dean. Grade appeals must be initiated in writing within thirty days after the grade has been issued.

Course Load

An academic load of 9 semester hours qualifies a graduate student for full-time status for financial aid. Requests for overloads beyond 9 hours must be approved by an associate dean and the program chair.

Code of Ethics for Educators

All students admitted into the Tift College of Education are expected to be familiar with and abide by the Code of Ethics for Educators as published by the Georgia Professional Standards Commission. Violation of any standard within the Code of Ethics may result in dismissal from the program.

Participation in Commencement Ceremonies

Students who have met all degree requirements may participate in the Commencement ceremony. Other M.Ed. and Ed.S. students may participate if they meet both of the following conditions:
1. If they are within nine hours of completing all degree requirements and are scheduled to complete those requirements in the summer semester.

2. If they meet the minimum GPA requirements for the degree.

Ph.D. candidates must complete all degree requirements prior to participating in commencement.

GRADUATE PROGRAMS IN TEACHER EDUCATION

MASTER OF EDUCATION DEGREE IN EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION

The M.Ed. program in Early Childhood Education is designed to meet the needs of teachers in grades preK-5. Completion of the planned program (including the prerequisite T-4 certificate) leads to eligibility for master's level certification by the Georgia Professional Standards Commission. This program is delivered via distance learning/online.

Admission to the Master of Education Program in Early Childhood Education

All persons who wish to enter the M.Ed. program must file a formal written application for admission to graduate studies. All students must take an approved graduate test and present satisfactory scores before being admitted to the M.Ed. Program. Students applying to a master's program in teaching must provide the following:

1. A bachelor's level teaching certificate in an appropriate area or evidence of eligibility for the certificate.

2. A minimum overall undergraduate grade point average of 2.75.

3. Results from a national standardized achievement/aptitude test predictive of the ability to complete a graduate program successfully. These include the Graduate Record Examination (target score of 146 verbal, 141 quantitative, 3.5 analytical writing for exams taken after August 2011; 800 verbal/quantitative combined for pre-August 2011 exams) or the Miller Analogies Test (target raw score of 41 before October, 2004 OR 397 after October, 2004). Scores must be less than five years old at the time of admission. Students who do not have acceptable test scores may be admitted for one semester only on a provisional basis. Provisionally admitted students will be allowed to register for a maximum of three classes during their provisional semester and will not be allowed to register for additional classes until acceptable test scores are presented.

4. One official copy of all transcripts.

5. A $25 application fee.

Application Deadline

Applications (including official transcripts and other supporting materials) must be received by the following dates:

Fall Semester        August 1
Spring Semester      December 1
Summer Semester      May 1
Goals of the Master of Education (M.Ed.) Degree in Early Childhood Education

The goal of the Early Childhood Masters of Education Program at Mercer University is to instruct and cultivate teachers to have an expanded philosophy of growth and change based on reliable knowledge and reflections on the best practices of teaching and learning. A further purpose is to prepare teachers with the ability to understand and apply the skills of data analysis and action research that impact educational experiences for the young child. The following program outcomes correlate to the elements, principles, and characteristics of the unit's conceptual framework, The Transforming Practitioner.

M.Ed. in Early Childhood Education Program Outcomes

Upon completion of the Early Childhood Education Master of Education Program, the candidate will:

Content and Process: To Know

- Understand the social, behavioral, emotional, cognitive and physical characteristics and needs of young children and how these factors apply to the creation of supportive and engaging learning environments for early childhood students. (Understanding)
- Acquire a broad scope of understandings about curriculum design, development and implementation and the impact of this knowledge on the teaching and learning process. (Understanding)
- Explore and understand how young children differ in their capabilities and approaches to learning and how teaching strategies and the learning environment can be adapted to meet the diverse needs of students. (Diversity)

Application: To Do

- Design, implement and evaluate an integrated, developmentally appropriate curriculum to meet the social, behavioral, emotional, cognitive, and physical needs of the young child. (Practicing and Engagement)
- Demonstrate competency in developing, implementing and evaluating a broad spectrum of formative and summative assessment strategies. (Practicing)
- Integrate research based strategies and instructional technology effectively into early childhood teaching and learning. (Research, Communication and Engagement)
- Translate understanding of subject matter and knowledge of pedagogy into engaging and effective learning experiences in the classroom setting. (Practicing and Engagement)

Attitude: To Be

- Continually seek to be reflective, to evaluate personal development, and to find opportunities to grow professionally and develop emerging leadership qualities. (Reflection and Leadership)
- Develop the ability to foster relationships with school colleagues, parents, community and agencies to promote and advocate for the learning and well being of the young child. (Collaboration and Advocacy)

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Degree Requirements (30 semester hours)

Professional Studies (15 semester hours)

EDUC 603  School Philosophy & Teacher Leadership
EDUC 651  Contemporary Curriculum Practices in ECE
EDUC 690  Intro to Educational Research (fall only; to be taken the fall prior to degree completion)
EDUC 698  Research Project in Education (spring only; exit criteria; to be taken within last two semesters of program completion)

Choose one of the following:
EDUC 625  Culturally & Educationally Responsive Pedagogy
EDUC 618  Issues of Diversity: Language, Cognition, Culture* [required for ESOL endorsement]

Related Studies (15 semester hours)

Literacy Studies (6 hours)
EDUC 687  Reading Theory: Research & Best Practices in ECE Reading
EDUC 647  Preventing, Diagnosing, and Correcting Literacy Problems

Mathematics (3 hours) – Choose one of the following:
EDMT 601  Problem Solving in Mathematics: ECE
EDMT 611  Theory of Arithmetic

Electives (Select 6 hours with advisor approval)

For a Reading Endorsement:
EDUC 662  Clinical Practicum (prerequisites: EDUC 647 and 687)

For an English to Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL) Endorsement:
EDUC 646  Methods of Teaching ESOL and
EDMT 648  Applied English Linguistics

* [Note: Candidates for the ESOL Endorsement must also complete EDUC 618 within the Professional Studies area above.]

Other Electives:
EDUC 615  Classroom Management & Applied Learning Strategies with ECE Special Needs Students
EDUC 639  Teaching Strategies/Classroom Environment for Active Learning/ECE

[600-level EDUC, EDEN, EDMT, EDSC, or EDSS elective(s) with advisor approval]

For an Endorsement in ECE Mathematics:
EDMT 677:  Number Sense and Algebra in ECE
EDMT 678:  Geometry, Measurement, and Data Analysis in ECE
EDUC 679:  Mathematics Content Pedagogy

For an Endorsement in ECE Science:
EDSC 674:  Conceptual Integrated Science I
EDSC 675:  Conceptual Integrated Science II
EDUC 676:  Integrated Science Methods with Residency

Exit Criteria for the Master of Education Degree

Students in the M.Ed. program in ECE will successfully complete EDUC 698 Research Project as the exit criterion for the degree program.
SPECIALIST IN EDUCATION (Ed.S) IN EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION

The Mercer Ed.S. program in Early Childhood Education is designed for the educator who chooses to develop greater depth, specialization, and sophistication in your practice and thus to become an Accomplished Teacher. The program will provide the certified ECE teacher the opportunity to grow and develop professionally both as an Accomplished Teacher and as a Transforming Educator. As students progress through the program, they will achieve a greater depth of knowledge relating to issues of diversity, assessment, curriculum development, theory and research, content, and pedagogy. They will be able to use advanced inquiry skills to investigate questions related to practice, and implement programs and curriculum that draw from such inquiry. They will have the opportunity to develop expertise in written and oral communication skills which will enable them to more effectively advocate for young children, their families, and the community. In the process of becoming an Accomplished Teacher, each candidate will be guided to become a Transforming Educator who is a continuous, reflective and collaborative teacher and learner; one guided by strong ethics, a strong future orientation, and a strong commitment to creating healthy, supportive, and academically challenging learning environments for young learners. This program is delivered via distance learning/online.

Specialist in Education in Early Childhood Education

General Degree Information

1. A minimum of 31 semester hours beyond a master’s degree, in approved upper-level courses, will be required in the Ed.S. program. Additional courses beyond the 31-hour minimum may be required for students who hold master’s degrees in fields other than education and thus lack some of the required M.Ed. courses.

2. Graduate work taken at Mercer prior to admission to the Ed.S. program cannot be applied to the degree.

3. A student may transfer six graduate semester hours into the Ed.S. program, providing the course work was completed by the student while enrolled in an equivalent 6th year degree program at an accredited college or university and if the course work is evaluated as being equivalent to an appropriate class within the student’s program of study.

4. The College will provide courses to meet all program requirements within a minimum of two calendar years from the time the student enrolls. The College is under no obligation to grant individualized study through directed/independent study courses or special topics courses unless the College fails to schedule the course requirements within the time specified.

Admission Requirements

All persons who wish to enter the Ed.S. program must file a formal written application for admission. To be admitted to the Ed.S. program, an applicant must:

1. Hold a master’s degree from an accredited institution and possess or be eligible for a master’s level certificate in early childhood.
2. Have a 3.5 grade point average on all graduate work attempted.

3. Submit results from a national standardized achievement/aptitude test predictive of the ability to complete a graduate program successfully. These include the Graduate Record Examination (target score of 900 verbal/quantitative combined for pre-August 2011 exams; for exams taken after August 2011: target score of 147 verbal and 143 quantitative, 4.0 analytical writing) or the Miller Analogies Test (target score 406). Scores must be less than five years old at the time of admission.

4. Official copies of all transcripts.

5. A $30 application fee.

**Ed.S. in Early Childhood Education Degree Requirements**

*(31 semester hours)*

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<td>EDUC 760</td>
<td>Advanced Professional and Ethical Practices in ECE (3 hrs)</td>
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With advisor approval, students will select a 9 hour endorsement from the options below as part of their 31 hour degree program.

**English to Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL) Endorsement**

An endorsement in English to Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL) is available to Tift College of Education students who hold a valid teaching certificate in any field. Successful completion of the three course sequence (with no grade below B) will lead to eligibility for an in-field endorsement in ESOL. The courses required for the endorsement are the following:

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The ESOL endorsement sequence may be completed in a non-degree status or as electives within an M.Ed. or Ed.S. teacher preparation program.

**Reading Endorsement**

In addition to the M.Ed. in Early Childhood Education, the Tift College of Education offers a reading endorsement for teachers who hold a valid teaching certificate in Early Childhood or Early Childhood/Special Education. Successful completion of the three-course sequence of study with a GPA of at least 3.0 (with no grade lower than a B) will lead to eligibility for an in-field endorsement in reading and will provide the certified teacher with strengthened and enhanced competencies for teaching reading and literacy.
at the prerequisite certification level. The courses required for the in-field reading endorsement are:

- EDUC 687: Reading Theory: Research & Best Practices in ECE Reading
- EDUC 647: Preventing, Diagnosing, & Correcting Literacy Problems
- EDUC 662: Clinical Practicum (Spring)

**ECE (K-5th) Endorsements in Mathematics or Science**

Applicants to the ECE K-5 Mathematics or ECE K-5 Science Endorsement programs may choose to enter the endorsement program as non-degree, post-baccalaureate students, or they may choose to incorporate the endorsement classes within one of the graduate degree programs, either the M.Ed. in Early Childhood or the Ed.S. in Early Childhood. Students who are incorporating an endorsement into a degree program must also meet the requirements for admission to that degree program. For all ECE mathematics or science endorsement applicants, the following criteria also apply:

- Clear Renewable Certificate for P-5, 4-8, Special Education/General Curriculum (p-5), or other Special Education fields with a core academic content concentration in mathematics.
- A minimum of one year of teaching experience.
- A minimum grade of C in at least two mathematics content courses in undergraduate or graduate school for the mathematics endorsement or a minimum grade of C in at least two science content courses in undergraduate or graduate school for the science endorsement.

**For an Endorsement in ECE Mathematics:**
- EDMT 677: Number Sense and Algebra in ECE
- EDMT 678: Geometry, Measurement, and Data Analysis in ECE
- EDUC 679: Mathematics Content Pedagogy

**For an Endorsement in ECE Science:**
- EDSC 674: Conceptual Integrated Science I
- EDSC 675: Conceptual Integrated Science II
- EDUC 676: Integrated Science Methods with Residency

**Exit Criteria for the Specialist in Education Degree in Early Childhood Education**

The exit criterion for the Specialist in Education degree is successful completion of EDUC 750 Advanced Seminar in ECE.

**DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY DEGREE IN CURRICULUM AND INSTRUCTION**

The Ph.D. in Curriculum and Instruction program reflects those societal changes that are placing an ever increasing emphasis upon the evolving role of the professional educator. While traditional perspectives position the educator as an “expert teacher,” Mercer University recognizes the importance of preparing doctoral level students as Transforming Curriculum and Instructional Leaders. Based on this recognition, the Ph.D. in Curriculum and Instruction program is designed to prepare transforming curriculum and instructional leaders for local, state, and national levels. The fundamental goals of the program are designed to enrich the lives of all participating.
Goals and Program Outcomes of the Curriculum and Instruction Ph.D. Program

1. To prepare researchers for university, P-12, and political arenas.
   - a. The candidate uses knowledge in relation to curriculum, instruction, and/or teacher education. (To Know)
   - b. The candidate informs and educates those involved in making governmental policies and regulations at local, state, and/or national levels to support and improve curriculum and instruction. (To Do)
   - c. The candidate systematically reflects, both informally and formally, on the relationships between research and practice. (To Be)

2. To enhance candidate knowledge of the learner.
   - a. The candidate extends his/her knowledge of the cognitive, social/emotional, physical, and aesthetic development of the learner. (To Know)
   - b. The candidate advocates for the cognitive, social/emotional, physical, and aesthetic development of the learner in a variety of ways. (To Do, To Be)

3. To develop curriculum leaders.
   - a. The candidate will broaden his/her understanding and knowledge of the historical, philosophical, and theoretical foundations of planning, implementing, and evaluating curriculum. (To Know)
   - b. The candidate will articulate his/her philosophical and theoretical curricular position in multiple ways; understand the political and theoretical contexts for planning, implementing, and evaluating curriculum; and provide curriculum leadership at various levels (e.g., local, state, and national). (To Do, To Be)

4. To develop instructional leaders.
   - a. The candidate will construct appropriate and accurate knowledge of instructional strategies and techniques that incorporates critical analysis of current research and pedagogical approaches. (To Know)
   - b. By demonstrating critical thinking and problem solving among educators, community agencies, and families, the candidate will provide instructional leadership for pedagogically sound and innovative practices in teaching. (To Do, To Be)

Admission Requirements

Candidates who are admitted to the Ph.D. in Curriculum and Instruction program should represent the highest in academic standards. Not all qualified applicants will be accepted. All admission requirements must be met with required documents on file prior to registration for the first course. The Ph.D. program in Curriculum and Instruction is offered as a cohort model, with new cohorts admitted each academic year.

1. A completed Ph.D. in Curriculum and Instruction application form
2. A copy of a teaching certificate at or above the master's level (preferred but not required.)*
3. A current vita or resume.
4. Two official copies of all transcripts of your academic work.
5. A master's degree from a regionally accredited institution with a GPA of 3.5 accrued from previous graduate work.
6. Results from a national standardized achievement/aptitude test predictive of the ability to complete a graduate program successfully. For the doctoral program, the test is the Graduate Record Examination (target score of 151 verbal, 151 quantitative, 4.0 analytical writing for exams taken after August 2011; 1100 verbal/quant-
ttitative combined and 4.0 analytical writing for pre-August 2011 exams). Scores must be less than five years old at the time of admission. GRE scores are not the sole criteria; applicants with scores lower than the target are encouraged to apply and will need to provide stronger evidence of the ability to complete doctoral courses and independent research in other areas.

7. Three professional letters of recommendation.
8. A $35.00 non-refundable admissions processing fee made payable to Mercer University.
9. Participation in a required interview with program faculty.
10. A signed and dated narrative of career and academic goals and a writing sample to be completed at the interview.
11. A minimum of three years' teaching experience (preferred but not required.)

*NOTE: Completion of the program and a passing score on the GACE Content Assessment for Curriculum and Instruction will lead to eligibility for a certificate upgrade to an S-7 in Curriculum and Instruction for those who currently hold valid clear renewable certification. The degree is approved for certification only for those who are currently certified and does not lead to initial certification.

Degree Requirements – 63 semester hours

Ph.D. C & I Core (36 semester hours)

EDCI 805 The Transforming Curriculum and Instructional Leader
EDCI 815 History of Curriculum
EDCI 819 Student Cognition and Motivation
EDCI 826 Changing Views of Learner Assessment
EDCI 835 Curriculum Theory
EDCI 839 Instructional Theory and Practice
EDCI 841 Curriculum Evaluation and Design
EDCI 845 Curricular and Instructional Technology
EDCI 848 Pedagogical Needs of the Learner
EDCI 866 Paradigms in High Education for Curriculum and Instruction
EDCI 867 Advocacy and Social Justice through Curriculum and Instruction
EDCI 873 Seminar on Curricular and Instructional Leadership

Ph.D. C & I Research Block (15 semester hours)

EDCI 807 Foundations of Educational Research
EDCI 811 Quantitative Research Methodology
EDCI 812 Qualitative Research Methodology
EDCI 813 Advanced Inferential Statistics
EDCI 851 Advanced Research Design

Ph.D. C & I Dissertation (12 semester hours)

EDCI 809 Doctoral Seminar One
EDCI 817 Doctoral Seminar Two
EDCI 837 Doctoral Seminar Three
EDCI 843 Doctoral Seminar Four
EDCI 871 Doctoral Seminar Five
EDCI 875 Doctoral Seminar Six
Exit Criteria for the Doctor of Philosophy Degree in Curriculum and Instruction

A dissertation is required of all candidates for the Doctor of Philosophy degree. Candidates who are writing a dissertation should obtain, from the appropriate program director, a copy of the regulations for preparing and submitting a dissertation. These regulations should be followed carefully in preparing the manuscript. After approval by the appropriate committee within the Tift College of Education, a dissertation should be submitted to the chief academic officer of the University, accompanied by a receipt indicating payment of all applicable graduation and dissertation fees.

GRADUATE PROGRAMS IN EDUCATIONAL LEADERSHIP

CONCEPTUAL FRAMEWORK: THE TRANSFORMATIONAL LEADER

TO KNOW

To Know the foundations of the education profession, content bases for curricula, and characteristics of diverse learners. The Transformational Leader:

1. Demonstrates knowledge of the philosophical, historical, sociological, legal, and psychological foundations of education.
2. Demonstrates leadership and expertise in the content bases for curricula, the appropriate uses of technology, good communication skills, and effective pedagogy.
3. Shows leadership and understanding of and respect for the characteristics, cognitive and social developmental stages, emotional and psychological needs and learning styles of diverse and special needs learners.

TO DO

To Do the work of a professional educational leader in encouraging the planning and implementation of well-integrated curricula using developmentally appropriate and culturally responsive instructional strategies, materials, and technology. The Transformational Leader:

1. Plans, implements and assesses a well-integrated developmentally appropriate, and culturally responsive school vision that is well grounded in pedagogical and psychological theory.
2. Leads educators to individualize, differentiate, and adapt instruction to meet the needs of diverse and special needs learners.
3. Leads teachers to use a wide variety of teaching methods, strategies, technology, and materials.
4. Develops, articulates, and implements a vision that promotes a positive culture, provides an effective programs, applies best practices, and helps to develop the professional growth of all personnel.
5. Manages the organization, operations, and resources in a way that promotes a safe, efficient, and effective environment.
TO BE

To Be a reflective, collaborative, and responsive decision-maker, facilitator, and role model within the organizational, community, and global environment. The Transformational Leader:

1. Uses feedback, reflection, research, and collaboration to enhance leadership performance, make decisions, develop and modify leadership skills, and grow as a professional.

2. Models understanding, respect, and appreciation for diverse educational, cultural, and socioeconomic groups; a willingness to consider diverse opinions and perspectives; and concern for community and global awareness.

3. Models positive and effective interpersonal skills by collaborating and responding to diverse community interests and needs, and by mobilizing community resources.

Educational Leadership Program Outcomes

Candidates who complete the master's degree program are educational leaders who will be able to promote the success of ALL by:

1. Facilitating the development, articulation, implementation, and stewardship of a vision that is shared and supported by all. To Know

2. Advocating, nurturing, and sustaining a culture and programs conducive to learning and professional growth. To Know and To Do

3. Ensuring management of the organization, operations, and resources for a safe, efficient, and effective environment. To Know and To Do

4. Collaborating and responding to diverse interests and needs, and mobilizing resources. To Know, To Do and To Be

5. Acting with integrity, fairness, and in an ethical manner. To Be

6. Understanding, responding to, and influencing the larger political, social, economic, legal, and cultural context. To Know, To Do and To Be

7. Synthesizing and applying program knowledge and skills through substantial, sustained, standards-based work in real settings. To Know, To Do and To Be

Academic Standards for Educational Leadership Students

Students in the Educational Leadership program must earn a B or better in all graduate courses that apply to the degree or certificate program. Students may repeat a class only once in order to increase the grade earned in that class and no student may repeat more than two classes in his/her program of study with Mercer. A student may not repeat an equivalent class at another college in order to replace a grade earned at Mercer.

Ed.S. IN EDUCATIONAL LEADERSHIP

The specialist degree in Educational Leadership aligns with the conceptual framework of the college, The Transformational Leader, and is correlated with the latest national standards in educational leadership, as established by the ELCC (Educational
Leadership Constituent Council). The degree program includes two tracks: one for building-level P-12 school leaders and another for system-level P-12 school leaders. Two separate degree options exist: 1) degree-only (30 hours, does not lead to certification eligibility) and 2) performance-based (33 hours, leads to PL-6 certification eligibility).

Program Goals for the Ed.S. in Educational Leadership

1. To prepare building-level and system–level educational leaders for Georgia’s schools.

   Research and experience indicate that principals and supervisors play a crucial role in the success of our schools. Genuine school improvement takes place in the local school or district setting. The opportunity to educate leaders who will give direction to public schools is significant and meaningful. Mercer University seeks to prepare dynamic building and system level leaders who will be transformational in the professional community.

2. To meet the growing demands for highly-skilled school leaders in Georgia.

   The need for highly skilled schools leaders is critical for Georgia’s school systems.

3. To develop partnerships with public schools and agencies.

   Mercer University recognizes the importance of developing partnerships with other institutions and agencies to improve institutional and leadership development.

Admission Requirements for Ed.S. in Educational Leadership:

In order to be eligible for the performance-based option, applicants must meet specific requirements set by the Georgia PSC.

Note: Application materials will be considered by program faculty, who will then make decisions regarding acceptance. All Tift College of Education programs adhere to a holistic review policy for admissions.

To be considered, applicants must:

1. Meet program eligibility standards as defined in the section above.
2. Hold a master’s (or higher) degree in an approved field from an accredited university.
3. Have completed at least 3 years of certified school experience.
4. Submit two official copies of transcripts from ALL colleges/universities previously attended. Minimum graduate GPA is 3.0.
5. Submit a copy of current Georgia (level 5 or higher) teaching and/or leadership certification.
6. Hold a school leadership role or position, as defined by the Georgia Professional Standards Commission (this must be verified by the school system). (Performance-based applicants only.)
7. Submit official GRE scores no older than 5 years. Target scores: 147 verbal, 143 quantitative, 4.0 analytical writing (900 verbal quantitative combined for pre-August 2011 GRE exams). GRE scores are not the sole criteria for admission; applicants with scores lower than target may apply, but will need to provide strong evidence of his or her ability to complete graduate coursework above the master’s degree level, as well as rigorous internship requirements.
8. Submit a current vita or résumé.

9. Submit three official letters of recommendation; one of these must be from a school system supervisor.

10. Submit a $30 application fee (waived for current Mercer students and Mercer graduates).

11. Submit a signed and dated narrative of career and academic goals.

12. Complete a writing sample. (This can be completed at the same visit as the interview.

13. Be interviewed by program faculty.

Ed.S. in Educational Leadership Degree Requirements (33 semester hours for Performance-based candidates; 30 semester hours for Degree-only candidates)

(Note: Candidates who are admitted based on line 5 under the Program Eligibility section above must complete two 3-hour pre-service courses before enrolling in any of the following core courses.)

Professional Studies (21 hours)
EDEL 705 School Leadership Preservice I (3 hours)
EDEL 706 School Leadership Preservice II (3 hours)
EDEL 605 Leadership in Curriculum (3 hours)
EDEL 615 Leadership in Today’s Schools (3 hours)
EDEL 625 Managing the School Environment (3 hours)
EDEL 635 Assessment and Evaluation (3 hours)
EDEL 685 Technology for School Leaders (3 hours)

Performance-based candidates select one of two tracks: Building-level or System-Level

Building-Level Track (12 hours)
EDEL 703 The Principalship (3 hours)
EDEL 697 School, Community and Society (3 hours)
EDEL 645B Internship II (performance-based internship hours - this 3-hour course must be taken during both Fall and Spring semesters of the final year) (6 total hours)

System Level Track (12 hours)
EDEL 704 The Superintendency (3 hours)
EDEL 832 School Finance and Budgeting (3 hours)
EDEL 645B Internship II (performance-based internship hours - this course must be taken during both Fall and Spring semesters of the final year) (6 total hours)

Degree-only Ed.S. in Educational Leadership (30 hours)

Professional Studies (21 hours)
EDEL 605 Leadership in Curriculum (3 hours)
EDEL 615 Leadership in Today's Schools (3 hours)
EDEL 625 Managing the School Environment (3 hours)
EDEL 635 Assessment and Evaluation (3 hours)
EDEL 645A Internship I (3 hours)

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EDEL 655 School Law (3 hours)  
EDEL 665 Leadership in Instructional Supervision (3 hours)  

Degree-Only Option (9 hours)  
EDEL 703 The Principalship (3 hours)  
EDEL 697 School, Community and Society (3 hours)  
EDEL 685 Technology for School Leaders (3 hours)  

Exit Criteria for the Specialist in Education Degree in Educational Leadership  
The exit criteria for the Ed.S. in Educational Leadership is participation in all annual Leadership Academies during which candidates are enrolled, successful completion of the LiveText Portfolio, successful completion of all required coursework, and EDEL 645B Internship.  

DESCRIPTION OF COURSES  
NOTE: Course requirement may include field experience.  

CURRICULUM AND INSTRUCTION (EDCI)  
EDCI 805. The Transforming Curriculum & Instructional Leader (3 hours)  
The purpose of this course is to develop an understanding of the roles of the Transforming Curriculum & Instructional Leader. These roles will be examined within the local, state, and national contexts of politics, education policy development, and policy implementation. Issues such as the nature of interest groups, political goals and strategies; external advocacy groups and organizations; and the role of the local school board, the state board of education, and the state legislature will be examined. Recent major educational reform efforts will be critiqued and potential future trends will be examined.

EDCI 807. Foundations of Educational Research (3 hours)  
A study of research methods and statistics as applied to the field of education. This course emphasizes qualitative and quantitative methodological approaches; enables students to become more effective consumers of research; prepares students for subsequent and related courses; and provides a foundation for students to be able to conduct original research.

EDCI 809. Doctoral Seminar One (2 hours)  
The candidate will demonstrate an understanding of the dissertation process (i.e., discuss prospectus, Qualifying Transition Point Assessment, proposal, selection of committee, IRB process, and dissertation). Reading and discussing research on teaching will support candidates' beginning focus toward dissertation problem and questions. Graded: S (Satisfactory) or U (Unsatisfactory)

EDCI 811. Quantitative Research Methodology (3 hours)  
In this course, students will explore the assumptions and methods of the quantitative approach in educational research. First, students will review the major concepts in the research process. Next, students will examine procedures for collection and analysis of quantitative data in education. The focus will be on enabling students to know when to apply different statistical procedures to answer research questions of interest. Students will explore inferential statistics, and use hypothetical data to conduct several inferential tests such as the t test, correlation coefficients, chi square, and ANOVA. Prerequisite: Seminar in Research Methodology or Foundations of Educational Research.
EDCI 812. Qualitative Research Methodology (3 hours)
The purpose of this course is to introduce qualitative research design and methods, particularly as they apply to the field of education. Through its readings and assignments, this course will equip you with the knowledge, skills, and ethics necessary to be professional and socially just qualitative researchers. One of the tenets of qualitative research is awareness of one's own biases. We will address diversity issues (gender, race, religion, ability, sexual orientation, socioeconomic status, etc.) throughout the course as they relate to those biases and to ethical research. Prerequisite: Seminar in Research Methodology or Foundations of Educational Research, and Quantitative Research Methodology.

EDCI 813. Advanced Inferential Statistics
In this class, students will continue to develop their skills in using and interpreting inferential statistics. Students will become familiar with the following methods of data analysis: multiple regression, logistic regression, the general linear model (ANOVA, ANCOVA, FANOVA), repeated measures, and mixed-design ANOVA), non-parametric analysis, MANOVA, exploratory factor analysis, categorical data analysis, and multilevel linear models. The emphasis will be on hands-on SPSS analysis and interpretation of quantitative education research data. After taking this course, students are expected to be highly competent producers and consumers of quantitative educational research.

EDCI 815. History of Curriculum (3 hours)
Examines the history of competing movements in American curricular thinking and the individuals who created them. Attention is given to the cultural and instructional contexts and the political climates and agendas prevalent at those times. Emphasis is placed on primary source readings and the position of curricular thinking within an evolving national educational system.

EDCI 817. Doctoral Seminar Two (2 hours)
The candidate will demonstrate an understanding of the dissertation process by identifying and writing a research problem and research questions supported by research on teaching readings and discussions. APA guidelines will be presented. Graded: S (Satisfactory) or U (Unsatisfactory)

EDCI 819. Student Cognition and Motivation (3 hours)
The course focuses on a social cognitive view of student learning. Examination of and research in the areas of students' knowledge structures, cognitive and self-regulated learning, cognitive and meta-cognitive reasoning, problem solving, and critical thinking provide a foundation for curriculum planning and instruction. Social cognitive and motivational topics include self-worth theory and expectancy-value models. An explicit connection links cognitive and motivational constructs theoretically and empirically.

EDCI 826. Changing Views of Learning Assessment
This course is designed to provide doctoral level candidates with the foundation for understanding the intricacies of student assessment. This course will focus on the educational assessment methods and procedures used in local, state, national, and international settings. For the purpose of decision making and program planning for students across ability levels, including those with learning needs and/or those from culturally or linguistically diverse backgrounds, students will investigate the aspects of the assessment process as it reflects commitment to professional integrity, intellectual stamina, social justice, and stewardship.
EDCI 835. Curriculum Theory  (3 hours)
A study of the theoretical underpinnings of curriculum and influential curriculum theorists. Includes examination of the theoretical constructs of curriculum as a body of knowledge to be transmitted, as product, as process, and as praxis.

EDCI 837. Doctoral Seminar Three  (2 hours)
The candidate will demonstrate an understanding of the dissertation process by demonstrating an ability to follow APA guidelines; demonstrating an understanding of the IRB application process; identifying the components of a dissertation. Graded: S (Satisfactory) or U (Unsatisfactory)

EDCI 839. Instructional Theory and Practice  (3 hours)
An in-depth exploration of the art and science of teaching. A study of how teaching methodology has developed from different historical moments and philosophical schools of thought, broadly conceived of as the transmission, constructivist, liberatory, and post-liberatory schools of thought. Specific attention is given to the work of a variety of educational theorists to understand teaching practices in schools.

EDCI 841. Curriculum Evaluation and Design  (3 hours)
A study of curriculum assessment and evaluation principles, processes, approaches, and models, with a focus on the resulting impact on curriculum design and modification at the classroom, school, system, state, and national levels. The influence of societal trends will be examined.

EDCI 843. Doctoral Seminar Four  (2 hours)
The candidate will demonstrate an understanding of the dissertation process. Expertise in the use of APA. Graded: S (Satisfactory) or U (Unsatisfactory)

EDCI 845. Curricular & Instructional Technology  (3 hours)
Addresses the needs of future scholars in the area of instructional technology. Candidates will gain an organized overview of current research, future possibilities and surrounding issues in the field of instructional technology. In-depth opportunities to review, interpret, and synthesize the literature relating to current and future trends in instructional technology will be provided.

EDCI 847. Pedagogical Needs of the Adolescent Learner  (3 hours)
An in-depth examination of the research related to the pedagogical needs of middle and secondary learners. Includes study of appropriate assessment models and the resulting impact on curricular and instructional planning.

EDCI 848. Pedagogical Needs of the Learner  (3 hours)
An in-depth examination of the research related to the pedagogical needs of learners. Includes study of appropriate assessment models and the resulting impact on curricular and instructional planning.

EDCI 851. Advanced Research Design  (3 hours)
A study of research design models resulting in a proposal based on individual research interests. Provides an in-depth knowledge of research paradigms, promotes the development of a topic of interest, and supports the design of a quantitative and/or qualitative study. Prerequisites: Quantitative Research Methodology and Quantitative Research Methodology

EDCI 866. Paradigms in Higher Education for Curriculum and Instruction
The study of significant issues, practices, and research associated with the paradigms of curriculum and instruction at the university level. Through the analysis of teaching and
learning, the student will become better prepared to design curriculum and teach courses in higher education and for professional development. Insight will also be gained by exploring the historical roots of higher education, the evolutionary changes that have taken place and future trends in curriculum for universities and colleges, the curriculum of higher education, the examination of curriculum models that currently exist in higher education, the origins of educational research, teaching the adult learner, and the study of the teaching environment at the university level through the exploration and examination of higher education pedagogical models. Other issues related to positions in higher education will also be addressed, including such matters as tenure and promotion, advising, service, and disposition.

EDCI 867. Advocacy and Social Justice through Curriculum and Instruction (3 hours)
The course examines policies, issues, and practices related to the theory and practice of advocacy in the context of educational perspectives. Historical perspectives of advocacy will be examined as well as tracing the impact of advocacy upon education. Litigation and legislation will also be addressed. The examination of the theoretical framework related to critical social thought will be explored. Emphasis will be placed upon the impact of advocacy on behalf of marginalized groups and the role of educators in helping these groups to become empowered. The role of advocacy and its influence upon curriculum and instruction will also be studied.

EDCI 871. Doctoral Seminar Five (2 hours)
The candidate will actively engage in the dissertation process under the guidance of a dissertation committee chair. Graded: S (Satisfactory) or U (Unsatisfactory)

EDCI 873. Seminar on Curricular and Instructional Leadership (3 hours)
Provides for analytical investigation of advanced topics in and research related to leadership of curriculum and instruction at the school, system, state, and national levels. The various leadership roles will be examined within the context of historical and current approaches to curriculum and teaching and to curriculum and teaching innovation. Additional topics include, among others, instructional supervision, coaching/mentoring, professional development, law, ethics, consultation and collaboration, partnerships, advocacy, conflict management, decision-making, and problem-solving. Internship and case analysis are emphasized to develop leadership skills.

EDCI 875. Doctoral Seminar Six (2 hours)
The candidate will actively engage in the dissertation process under the guidance of a dissertation committee chair. Graded: S (Satisfactory) or U (Unsatisfactory)

EDCI 881. Independent Study and Research (3 hours)
Not to be counted as credit toward a degree. Students who are not enrolled in at least 6 hours of dissertation and/or course work, but who are actively working on a dissertation, consulting with the major professor, or using other resources of the university must enroll in this course each semester until the dissertation is completed. Graded: S (Satisfactory) or U (Unsatisfactory)

EDUCATIONAL LEADERSHIP (EDEL)

EDEL 605. Leadership in Curriculum (3 hours)
This course provides a study of how philosophical underpinnings impact the design, construction, evaluation and revision of curriculum. Special attention is given to the instructional leader's role in the continuing process of curriculum development, selection, and evaluation.
EDEL 615. Leadership in Today's Schools (3 hours)
A study of current organizational and leadership theories in education and an examination of professional competencies needed in leadership positions with application to actual school situations.

EDEL 622. Managing Resources in Charter and Independent Schools (3 hours)
This course provides a general introduction to and overview of the financial management practices and problems of independent and charter schools. Specific topics will include financial accounting; budgeting/resource allocation; cost containment and retrenchment; tuition revenues; endowments; investments; grants and strategy development/strategic planning. In addition, issues related to real estate acquisition/management and acquisition and management of tangible assets will be explored.

EDEL 625. Managing the School Environment (3 hours)
A study of school business management and finance designed to provide the educational leader with basic principles of school management, accounting and purchasing procedures, school finance and information systems. Emphasis will be placed on equipping educational leaders with a foundation of leadership principles designed to enhance personnel management skills.

EDEL 635. Assessment & Evaluation in Today's Schools (3 hours)
This course provides an overview of assessment practices for improvement of student learning. A major focus will be placed on analysis of various assessment measures available to improve the teaching and learning process.

EDEL 645A. Internship I (3 hours)
This course provides a supervised administrative/supervisory field experience in a placement appropriate to career objectives and approved by the faculty advisor (requires 80 clock hours). Includes seminars for debriefing and reflection.

EDEL 645B. Internship II (3 hours for 2 consecutive semesters for a total of 6 hours)
(Prerequisite: Only those candidates admitted into Performance-Based Educational Leadership programs may register.)
Internship II runs for one year; the first 3 hours are to be completed during fall semester and the remaining 3 hours during spring semester. This course provides a supervised administrative/supervisory field experience in a placement appropriate to career objectives and approved by the faculty advisor. This year-long internship sequence includes seminars for debriefing and reflection. Candidates enrolled in the performance-based leadership track must complete this year-long intensive internship experience at either the building and/or system level.

EDEL 655. School Law and Ethics (3 hours)
This course provides an overview of relevant school law topics. The legal aspects of teaching and the rights, responsibilities, and ethics of professional service will be emphasized. Laws and standards that directly impact the work of teachers and school administrators will be examined.

EDEL 665. Leadership in Instructional Supervision (3 hours)
This course provides an in-depth study of leadership strategies for instructional supervision and improvement. Principles of human development theory along with research based adult learning and motivational theories will be applied. Special topics will include...
the development of comprehensive professional growth plans and the application of best
practices for student learning.

**EDEL 675. Foundations of Leadership** (3 hours)
This course explores the phenomenon of leadership from a research as well as theoretical
perspective focusing upon critical education outcome elements and the process elements which contribute to organizational effectiveness.

**EDEL 685. Technology for School Leaders** (3 hours)
This course is designed to provide educational leaders with the knowledge to develop practical approaches to planning, organizing, and directing the integration of technology into the school curriculum. Emphasis will be placed on the use of technology both for administrative and curricular purposes.

**EDEL 695. Educational Research for School Leaders** (3 hours)
The purpose of this course is to examine research methodology and applied research. Emphasis will be given to the review and evaluation of educational research for school leaders. Each student will be required to design, implement and evaluate an action research project.

**EDEL 697. School, Community, & Society** (3 hours)
This course is designed to examine current key issues in today's schools. Special emphasis will be given to developing school leaders who are community collaborators, net-workers and problem solvers.

**EDEL 701. Special Topics in Educational Leadership** (1-3 hours)
Prerequisite: Program Chair approval.
This course is a study of specific topics which meets the needs of non-doctoral students in educational leadership. This course is usually done as a directed individual study that will include special projects.

**EDEL 703. The Principalship** (3 hours)
This course is designed for those candidates preparing for a career in building-level school leadership. This course is a general introduction to the principalship and contains material that is both theoretical and practical in nature. Candidates receive direction in developing the knowledge, skills and attitudes that foster instructional leadership within the school. The concepts of instructional leadership, management, human relations, and personnel development are detailed and internship assignments are integrated into course requirements.

**EDEL 704. The Superintendency** (3 hours)
This course examines the role and responsibilities of the school superintendent as chief executive officer of a complex organization. The course focuses on the leadership roles of the superintendent and central office personnel in working with the board of education, building principals, school staff members, citizens of the community and political and educational leaders. Attention is given to the role of the system-level leaders in instruction and curriculum, personnel administration, finance and business management, and buildings and grounds. Internship experiences are integrated in course requirements.

**EDEL 705. School Leadership Preservice I** (3 hours)
The course provides an introduction to topics most relevant to aspiring P-12 school leaders including the use and analysis of teaching and learning data to lead school improvement and theories of organizational leadership. Additionally, candidates will be introduced to various leadership styles, and learn to explore and identify their own.
EDEL 706. School Leadership Preservice II (3 hours)
This course provides an overview of legal principles relevant to educators, with a focus on practical application of those principles by school administrators. Class sessions will include discussion of current law and ethics related topics in schools, practical application exercises, and a study of relevant court cases and Georgia State Board of Education decisions on matters of school law.

ENGLISH (EDEN)

EDEN 648. Applied English Linguistics (3 hours)
This course includes the study of phonetics, morphology, structural linguistics, and grammar and focuses on how these features of the structure of English create problems for English learners. It is intended to acquaint prospective and current ESL teachers with modern linguistic theorists, insightful practitioners, the relationship between linguistic theory and its practical application in the classroom, and it is intended to help them understand English structure well enough to be able to answer learners’ questions with accuracy and confidence.

MATHEMATICS (EDMT)

EDMT 601. Problem Solving in Mathematics: ECE (3 hours)
This course includes foundations of mathematics - sets, symbolic logic, and the deductive method. It also provides fundamentals of algebra, geometry, real analysis, and number theory through the use of problems involving logic, number theory, spatial perception, geometric formulas, linear equations and equalities, and through the use of games.

EDMT 677. Number Sense and Algebra in ECE (3 hours)
This course is designed to enhance early childhood teachers' knowledge of number and operations and algebra by focusing on number sense and number systems, number operations, sets, patterns, relations, functions, linear equations and inequalities, selected topics related to the history of mathematics, and related NCTM Principles and Standards.

EDMT 678. Geometry, Measurement, and Data Analysis in ECE (3 hours)
This course is designed to enhance early childhood teachers' knowledge of geometry, measurement, and data analysis by focusing on two- and three-dimensional geometric figures and their characteristics, geometric reasoning, coordinate and transformational geometry, non-standard and standard measurement of attributes (including length, perimeter, area, volume, capacity, time, temperature, and angles), data collection and interpretation, statistics, and probability, selected topics related to the history of mathematics, and related NCTM Principles and Standards.

NATURAL SCIENCES (EDSC)

EDSC 674. Conceptual Integrated Science I (3 hours)
This course provides an introduction to physics, chemistry, biology, earth science and astronomy, the full array of the natural sciences. A conceptual approach will be used. The conceptual approach relates science to everyday life, is personal and direct, deemphasizes jargon and vocabulary, emphasizes central ideas and concepts rather than details, and puts concepts ahead of computation. While it is important that the students understand and appreciate the important relationships of mathematics and science, the equations and computation used in this course will be developed naturally out of the concepts and will be used to clarify concepts rather than as a chance to practice mathematical
problem solving. At its core, this course will present science to the candidates in a man-
ner which models for them the best practices of the profession.

EDSC 675. Conceptual Integrated Science II (3 hours)
Prerequisite: (EDSC 674 Conceptual Integrated Science I)
This course provides an overview of physics, chemistry, biology, earth science, and
astronomy. The course is conceptual in nature, which means the concepts and ideas are
emphasized over the details and mathematical rigor. Because this is the second course
in the two course sequence, there will be conceptual building blocks in the first course to
support ideas presented in the second course. Each course will consist of required mod-
ules. The modules will provide a basic framework for both courses to insure that certain
basic ideas will be included each time the course is taught and still allow the instructor
freedom to organize and teach the course as they think best.

EDUCATION (EDUC)

EDUC 603. School Philosophy & Teacher Leadership (3 hours)
This course focuses on the application of the most relevant philosophies of education
to the aims, curriculum, and methods of primary, middle, and secondary education.
Additionally, this course will examine the concept of teacher leadership and its relation-
ship to improved educational quality.

EDUC 615. Classroom Management & Applied Learning Strategies with ECE Special Needs Students (3 hours)
The aim of this course is to study and integrate classroom management principles and
practices with theory and research. Specifically, analyses of developmental, cognitive,
behavioral, social, and interpersonal/psychological theories of motivation will be reviewed
and applied to best practices with special needs students. This course also will identify and apply contemporary aspects of learning theories and research to the practice of teaching special needs students.

EDUC 618. Issues of Diversity: Language, Cognition, and Culture (3 hours)
This course provides the basis for understanding diversity by exploring the social, the
cognitive, and the communicative roots of diversity: with a primary focus on how students
learn to think and communicate within their home, community, and school environments.

EDUC 625. Culturally and Educationally Responsive Pedagogy (3 hours)
This course provides students with the theory, knowledge, and strategies to teach the cul-
turally diverse and special needs population in today's classrooms. This course goes beyond the usual rhetoric on promoting diversity to present real-world guidance and rec-
ommendations for successful teaching in the changing classroom environment.

EDUC 639. Teaching Strat/Classroom Env for Active Learning/ECE (3 hours)
The course is designed to assist the teacher in building a climate for thinking in the class-
room by preparing students to implement critical thinking strategies, creative problem
solving skills, and thoughtful decision making for life long learning. Students will develop
advanced knowledge of the variety of teaching strategies based on brain and learning research that will enable them to bring life into the classroom.
EDUC 646. Methods of Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL) (3 hours)
A study of how English as a second language is learned at different age levels and ways to systematically select and utilize appropriate teaching strategies and materials for teaching each level. Attention will be given to procedures and techniques for teaching and assessing progress in grammar, speaking, pronunciation, listening comprehension, reading and writing.

EDUC 647. Preventing, Diagnosing, and Correcting Literacy Problems (3 hours)
This course provides ways to prevent, diagnose, and correct problems students have as literacy learners. Specific diagnostic tools, corrective techniques, preventive measures, and ways to interpret and synthesize information gathered will be examined.

EDUC 651. Contemporary Curriculum Practices for ECE (3 hours)
This course will include the study and application of contemporary curriculum, technology and teacher leadership practices. Students will learn and implement methods of curriculum design, data analysis, assessment and innovative instructional strategies. This course will serve as a means to help teachers become more aware of current curriculum trends and become instructional leaders in their school settings.

EDUC 662. Clinical Practicum (3 hours)
Prerequisites: EDUC 647 and EDUC 687.
This course is a supervised practicum in which the student applies knowledge of research and practice in reading in a field setting. The student will document the semester's work in a course notebook. Special Fee. (Fall and Spring)

EDUC 676. Integrated Science Methods with Residency (3 hours)
Prerequisite: (EDSC 674 & 675 Conceptual Integrated Science I and II)
This course is designed to meet the residency requirement for the Early Childhood Science Endorsement. Students taking this course must be certified and have classroom experience. The course will be organized around their shared experience and growth during the program. Candidates will spend a minimum of 40 hours engaged in science teaching related activities at either their own school or as an intern in an assigned school. They will meet the requirements of the authentic residency in this course by planning and teaching a minimum of ten science lessons. These lessons must be taught in at least two different grade levels and the populations of the two classes in which the lessons are taught must meet diversity requirements and guidelines of the state certification agency. Special Fee.

EDUC 679. Mathematics Content Pedagogy (3 hours)
(Prerequisites: EDMT 677 & EDMT 678)
This course provides advanced study of constructivism-based methods of mathematics learning for all children and application of candidate knowledge of theory and practice in a K-5 mathematics field setting. Candidates plan and implement a variety of mathematical experiences to enhance their abilities to integrate theory and research-based practices; to communicate effectively; to teach effectively mathematics content; to demonstrate a variety of teaching methods, media, and technology that meet the needs of a diverse student population; and to organize and manage the learning environment. The course also focuses on encouraging an engaging student-learning environment through various processes and promoting collegial professional learning experiences. Special Fee.
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This advanced literacy course will allow early childhood educators to explore current and historically significant reading research theory, and select an aspect of reading for in-depth independent research.

This course provides an introduction to educational research. It is designed to aid students in the acquisition of skills and knowledge required of a competent consumer of educational research. The focus will be on preparation to implement action research in a field setting. (Fall only)

The student will present the project in the form of a formal written report following the guidelines presented in class. This report requires an extensive review of the literature in a selected area of study and an applied research project in a field setting. This project is planned and executed by the student under the direction and supervision of the instructor. (Spring only)

A study of historically influential philosophies of education with a special emphasis given to idealism, realism, pragmatism, and existentialism. Additional emphasis will be given to current educational issues and their philosophical underpinnings.

The purpose of this course is to examine the concept of student assessment in the context of teacher leadership. Particular emphasis will be given to the relationship between assessment and school improvement. Topics will include trends and issues in assessment, overview of statistical treatment of assessments, use of texts as assessments, performance-based assessments, and the selection and use of achievement, aptitude, norm-referenced and criterion-referenced tests.

An advanced course designed to engage students in the understanding and implementation of curriculum and instruction. The integration of computer and information technology within the curriculum will be explored. Attention will be given to the modification of curriculum and instruction in order to adapt to the needs of the student with disabilities.

The purpose of this course is to examine the concept of school leadership and its relationship to improved educational quality. Topics will include teachers as leaders, styles of leadership, decision-making, communication, educational change, teacher as mentor, politics of education, and grantsmanship.

The purpose of this course is to examine those content domains that teacher leaders should be familiar with in order to lead their peers. Topics will include the professional development of teachers, the differentiated classroom, and school law.

This course is designed to give students an overview of the methods of scholarly study of the foundations of education. Students will be exposed to various questions of impor-
tance to early childhood education and will examine how the social and political climate has influenced the way these questions have been and are being answered. Various approaches to studying educational foundations may be utilized in the course, including (but not limited to): history of education, sociology of education, philosophy of education, anthropology of education, cultural studies of education, and comparative education. Emphasis will be placed on gathering, reading, interpreting, and presenting research and theory in educational foundations in order to address current educational concerns.

**EDUC 730. Organization Development in Schools** *(3 hours)*
This course is designed for teachers who are in roles of leadership and expert teaching practice. Organization development in schools studies and analyzes the skills and processes needed for implementing specific strategies and acting as change agents. For example, the student in this course will analyze how new teaching strategies, curricula, and administrative practices are advanced. Consultation aspects of the course address implementation of positive interactions between peers, parents, related professionals [i.e. psychologists, physicians, and attorneys] and other community members. Aspects of adult learning and motivation also are addressed in light of the school environment.

**EDUC 731. Research for the Accomplished Teacher** *(3 hours)*
The purpose of this course is to examine research methodology and applied research as it relates to the practicing accomplished teacher in Early Childhood Education. Emphasis will be given to the review and evaluation of research literature and on how accomplished teachers may apply both quantitative and qualitative research methods to classroom/school problems. Students will be required to identify a problem in their classrooms or schools, review the relevant literature on the problem, identify the appropriate research method for the problem, and write a research plan for addressing the problem, using research tools, critical thinking, and professional communications.

**EDUC 735. Trends and Issues in Early Childhood Education** *(1 hour)*
This course is Part I of Ed.S. Capstone. It provides an opportunity to explore current trends and issues in the field of Early Childhood Education (P-5). It critically examines trends, historical origins, recurring issues, research findings, and resulting program developments in Early Childhood Education from multiple perspectives. Each student will also develop a plan for a professional project to be completed in Part II of Ed.S. Capstone, EDUC 750 Advanced Seminar in Early Childhood Education.
Graded: S (Satisfactory) or U (Unsatisfactory)

**EDUC 740. Connecting Curriculum, Instruction and Assessment in Early Childhood Education** *(3 hours)*
This course will focus on using theory, research, and best practices to design, implement and evaluate meaningful, challenging curriculum that promotes comprehensive developmental and learning outcomes for all learners. Special emphasis will be placed on collecting and analyzing data to plan and implement a well-integrated curricula for all learners. The practice of assessment and data-driven decision making will be applied to promote positive social, emotional, and learning outcomes in early childhood education.

**EDUC 742. Early Childhood Curriculum and Assessment for Students with Disabilities** *(3 hours)*
This course is designed to further develop knowledge and skills related to educating students with disabilities in inclusive environments. Early childhood teachers will understand the roles and responsibilities of special educators, general educators, and other staff in providing instructional services to students educated in inclusive classrooms. A significant
part of teaching all learners includes data-driven decision making. Teachers will review research and theory related to data-driven decision making at the school level and individual student level. Emphasis will be placed on analyzing data to identify student learning needs and guide instructional decisions. Through this course teachers will gather and analyze multiple measures of data to answer questions about student achievement and ways to improve student learning. A focus will be placed on individual student progress monitoring and using data to guide academic and/or behavioral improvement. Topics will include using data as feedback for instructional planning and communicating results to families and other professionals.

**EDUC 750. Advanced Seminar in ECE** (3 hours)
Prerequisite: EDUC 735.
This course is Part II of Ed.S. Capstone. Students in this course will have the opportunity to implement and complete a final project consistent with program outcomes. Individual students will work in consultation with a faculty advisor throughout the project. The form and type of project may vary based on individual interests and area of study. The final project will also be disseminated through a peer reviewed professional outlet. Graded: S (satisfactory) or U (unsatisfactory).

**EDUC 755. Play-based Learning in Early Childhood Environments** (3 hours)
The purpose of this course is to explore the social, emotional, psychological, cognitive, creative, and physical benefits of play for children and adults. Play insists on a personal engagement and stimulates the imagination. Play is an important element in teaching and learning, creativity, and discovery. We will explore ways to increase children’s play in school and at home and research global issues of play. We will also focus on play advocacy and educational policies which often have a negative impact on play (e.g., loss of recess, bullying, political decisions). Finally, through a constructivist lens, we will investigate the role of play through the theoretical underpinnings of Dewey and Vygotsky’s work.

**EDUC 760. Advanced Professional and Ethical Practices in Early Childhood Education** (3 hours)
This course provides an examination of various methodologies associated with advanced professional and ethical practices. Candidates research, design, plan, and implement strategies to meet the needs of teachers and diverse learners. For example, professional and ethical practices; adult learning theories, leadership roles, various models of professional development, co-teaching, coaching, and mentoring are areas of focus to support candidates’ professional development and growth.

**EDUC 790. Research for Practitioners** (3 hours)
The purpose of this course is to examine methodology and applied research. Emphasis will be given the review and evaluation of research literature on teaching and to developing ways of applying both quantitative and qualitative research methods into their own teaching practices. Students will be required to identify a teaching/learning problem in their classrooms or schools, identify the appropriate research method for the problem, and write a research plan for it.
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DEPARTMENT OF COUNSELING AND HUMAN SCIENCES

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Mission Statement

The Department of Counseling and Human Sciences offers an undergraduate program in human services, and minors in human services and applied psychology in the Regional Academic Centers. Master’s degree programs in rehabilitation counseling, clinical mental health counseling and school counseling, an educational specialist degree program in school counseling, and a doctorate degree program in counselor education and supervision are offered on the Atlanta campus. A Master’s degree in Human Services is offered in Henry County.

The Counseling and Human Sciences Department maintains a commitment to student learning:

- Through effective teaching, service, and research.
- By striving to facilitate critical thinking and a life-long interest in learning.
- By establishing an environment of intellectual and spiritual freedom that encourages compassion, understanding, and responsibility.
By offering a comprehensive set of graduate and undergraduate programs to meet the needs of students interested in the fields of applied psychology, clinical mental health counseling, counselor education and supervision, human resources administration and development, human services, rehabilitation counseling, and school counseling.

**Department Goals**

- To create an environment for the development of critical thinking skills which contribute to education as a life-long process.
- To develop a knowledge base and skills that enable students to interact in a diverse, technologically complex society by emphasizing the relationship between theory and practice.
- To cultivate a community of learning characterized by high ethical standards and an understanding of diversity.
- To provide and promote academic programs that will respond effectively to professional communities.
- To provide and encourage opportunities for faculty development in consultation, teaching, service, and research.

**Master of Science in Human Services**

Kristina Henderson, Program Coordinator/Assistant Professor  
Priscilla Danheiser, Laurie Lankin, and Kyra Osmus, Professors  
Marna Burns, Associate Professor  
Steve Hamilton and Gail W. Johnson, Assistant Professors

The Master of Science (M.S.) in Human Services is a practical and relevant degree program designed for aspiring or current human services professionals in government or non-profit settings. The curriculum covers such topics as program planning and evaluation, quantitative and qualitative research methods, ethics, grant making, marketing, resource development, and entrepreneurship. The program focuses on the challenges and opportunities inherent in human services organizations that are facing change, e.g., maintaining human services delivery quality while managing costs, utilizing information technology to improve efficiency and effectiveness, responding to global competition, creating learning organizations, and other innovative responses necessary to survive and thrive in the 21st century.

The Master of Science in Human Services curriculum challenges students to expand their creative thinking, refine their ethical problem solving, and further develop critical thinking skills. The curriculum covers such topics as program planning and evaluation, quantitative and qualitative research methods, ethics, grant making, marketing, resource development, and entrepreneurship.

**Admission Requirements**

All persons who wish to enter the program must file a formal application. Minimum academic admission requirements for the Master of Human Services degree are as follows:
1. Students must have earned an undergraduate degree from a regionally accredited college or university. Prerequisite coursework for program admission includes: an introductory course in psychology, an introductory course in sociology, and a lifespan development course.

2. Students must have earned a minimum overall undergraduate quality point average of 3.0 on all attempted work.

3. Students must present a minimum score of 800 on the GRE (excluding the analytical section) if taken prior to August 1, 2011. If taken after August 1, 2011, students must present a minimum score of 160 on the Verbal and Quantitative portions of the GRE or 397 on the Miller Analogies Test. (Applicants who are members of Tau Upsilon Alpha or who have a HS-BCP Certification may waive the MAT/GRE requirement.)

4. Students must submit a non-refundable application fee of $35.

5. Students must submit two formal transcripts of all undergraduate work attempted.

6. Students must submit a letter of recommendation/support from a supervisor, manager, or faculty member familiar with the student's performance.

7. Students must complete a formal interview with departmental faculty. Interviews will be conducted only after potential candidates have applied for admission and are qualified, based on assessment of a completed applicant file.

Provisional Admission

If the applicant does not meet the minimum GPA or the minimum test score, the admissions committee may grant provisional admission for one semester. These admissions will be decided on a case-by-case basis and may be granted with evidence of a documented extenuating circumstance. No more than 10% of the students will be admitted annually on a provisional basis. Provisionally admitted students will be allowed to register for a maximum of two courses per semester (selected by the department faculty) during their provisional semester. A minimum grade of "B" in each course will be required to continue in the program.

Application Deadlines

Students are accepted into the program prior to the beginning of fall and spring semesters. Application deadline for fall semester is July 30, and the deadline for spring semester is November 30.

Academic and Ethical Standards

Students in the Master of Science in Human Services program are required to maintain a cumulative GPA of at least 3.0 ("B") in all classes taken toward the degree. If a grade below "C" is earned in a graduate class, no credit is awarded for that class. Students cannot have more than two C/C+s in classes counted toward the degree. Students may repeat a class with a grade below B only once to increase the grade earned in that course, and may not re-take more than two classes in their program of study with Mercer. Students may not re-take an equivalent course at another institution to replace a grade earned at Mercer.

If a student's cumulative GPA falls below 3.0, the student will be placed on probation. A student who is on academic probation is limited to one course per semester until the average has been raised to 3.0. If the semester average falls below 2.0 in the Master of Science in Human Services program, the faculty and department chair will review the student's case. Without extenuating circumstances, the student will be dismissed from the program.
Course Load

Full-time status in the program is nine credit hours per semester. Students may attend on a part-time basis by taking less than nine credit hours. To qualify for financial aid, students must be fully admitted and must enroll in a minimum of six hours per semester.

Attendance

Students are expected all face-to-face meetings and participate each week in the hybrid and/or online meetings. If a student has an extenuating circumstance, the program faculty and department chair will review the student's case and determine make-up work when appropriate.

Transfer Credit

A maximum of six (6) semester hours of graduate level credit may be transferred, where applicable to the Master of Science in Human Services degree. Transfer courses must have been completed within the last five years prior to enrolling at Mercer, with a grade of “B” or higher from a regionally accredited university.

General Requirements for the Degree

The Master of Science in Human Services is a 36-credit hour program consisting of a 27 credit hour core curriculum and 9 credit hours in Gerontology Services.

Student Learning Outcomes

1. Students will demonstrate broad conceptual mastery of the philosophical and theoretical underpinnings of the profession through a review of:
   a. the historical roots of human services;
   b. the creation of the human services profession;
   c. historical and current legislation affecting services delivery;
   d. how public and private attitudes influence legislation and the interpretation of policies related to human services;
   e. the differences between systems of governance and economics;
   f. a spectrum of political ideologies; and
   g. skills to analyze and interpret historical data for application in advocacy and social change.

2. Students will demonstrate broad conceptual mastery of the philosophical and theoretical underpinnings of the profession through study of:
   a. theories of human development;
   b. small group use in human services settings, including an understanding of theories of group dynamics and group facilitation skills;
   c. the changing family structure and roles;
   d. organizational structures and communities;
   e. the capacities, limitations, and resiliency of human systems; and
   f. the context and the role of diversity (including, but not limited to ethnicity, culture, gender, sexual orientation, age, learning styles, ability, and socio-economic status) in determining and meeting human needs; and g. the processes to effect social change through advocacy work at all levels of
society, including community development, community and grassroots organizing, and local and global activism.

3. Students will demonstrate broad conceptual mastery of the philosophical and theoretical underpinnings of the profession through study of:
   a. the range and characteristics of human services delivery systems and organizations;
   b. the range of populations served and needs addressed by human services;
   c. the major models used to conceptualize and integrate prevention, maintenance, intervention, rehabilitation, and healthy functioning;
   d. economic and social class systems including systemic causes of poverty;
   e. political and ideological aspects of human services;
   f. international and global influences on services delivery; and
   g. skills to effect and influence social policy.

4. Students will demonstrate broad conceptual mastery of the philosophical and theoretical underpinnings of the profession through the development of:
   a. knowledge and skills to obtain information through observation and research;
   b. respect for client confidentiality and appropriate use of professionally relevant client data;
   c. knowledge and skills to assess the significance, relevance, timeliness, adequacy, accuracy, and validity of information provided by others;
   d. knowledge and skills to compile, synthesize, and categorize information and present it orally or in writing to clients, colleagues, or other members of related services systems and to utilize the information for community education and public relations;
   e. information literacy, including skills to effectively locate, evaluate, and utilize information through library databases, world wide web, and other electronic resources; and
   f. a familiarity with methods, statistics, quantitative and qualitative research, and the application of technology; and g. completion of a research project or scholarly paper.

5. Students will demonstrate broad conceptual mastery of the philosophical and theoretical underpinnings of the profession through:
   a. program planning and design;
   b. program implementation;
   c. program evaluation; and
   d. development of knowledge, theory, and skills to perform a community-needs assessment.

6. Students will demonstrate broad conceptual mastery of the philosophical and theoretical underpinnings of the profession through demonstration of an understanding of:
a. organization management;
b. operational and strategic planning, including assessment practices; and
c. developing budgets; and d. grantmaking.

7. Students will demonstrate broad conceptual mastery of the philosophical and theoretical underpinnings of the profession through an understanding of the ethical standards outlined by the National Organization for Human Services/Council for Standards in Human Service Education and respect for:
   a. client self-determination;
   b. confidentiality of information;
   c. the worth and uniqueness of the individual, including ethnicity, culture, gender, sexual orientation, age, learning styles, ability, and socio-economic status; and
   d. appropriate professional boundaries.

8. Students will demonstrate broad conceptual mastery of the philosophical and theoretical underpinnings of the profession through:
   a. conscious use of professional self;
   b. reflection on professional self (e.g. journaling, development of a portfolio, or project demonstrating competency);
   c. clarification of values; d. awareness of diversity; and
   d. strategies for self-care.

9. Students will complete an approved, individual study of a selected research problem in human services to include:
   a. a problem statement;
   b. literature review; and
   c. critical analysis of core or specific topics in the field of human services.

Gerontology Services Concentration

In the Gerontology Services concentration, students prepare to work in leadership roles in the field of gerontology as it relates to human services agencies.

Student Learning Outcomes

1. Students apply the theories and models of aging to service delivery for older adults.
2. Students demonstrate an understanding of the concepts, principles, and processes related to service delivery for older adults.

Degree Requirements (36 credit hours)

A. Core Requirements (27 credit hours)

   HSRV601. Ethics for Human Services Professionals 3 hours
   HSRV602. Families in Culture 3 hours
   HSRV603. Human Services Systems, Policies, and Procedures 3 hours
   HSRV604. Grantmaking 3 hours
Leadership is the ability to inspire confidence and support among the people who are needed to achieve organizational goals. As such, the mission of the Department of Leadership Studies is to help students learn to think more effectively as leaders. To achieve this goal, students generate and evaluate empirical evidence while considering theoretical perspectives of the discipline. Students actively engage with a rigorous academic program that includes comprehensive coursework, leadership projects, internships, and student-faculty research. Ultimately, and in an ethical manner, our students will contribute to the knowledge base of leadership and apply leadership principles to everyday life. The Department of Leadership Studies offers major programs in organizational leadership and public safety leadership, and a minor in public safety in the Regional Academic Centers. The undergraduate majors in organizational leadership and public safety leadership are offered on the Atlanta Campus. The undergraduate major in public safety leadership is also offered in Newnan as well as online. A Master of Science degree program in public safety leadership is offered on the Atlanta campus with an Executive Format also offered in Henry County, and a Master of Science in Organizational Leadership on the Atlanta Campus, and in Henry County.

**Student Learning Outcomes**

Upon completion of a major in the Department of Leadership Studies, students will be able to:

- Conceptualize and rework problems, and to generate solutions to those problems that open up new worlds of knowledge.
- Analyze and define issues
- Develop and appreciation for multiple view points.
- Generate well crafted arguments.
• Find useful information, ideas, concepts, and theories, to synthesize them and build on them, and to apply them in the workplace as well as personal life.
• Analyze options and outcomes for decisions in terms of their values and effects and to make decisions that are rational, legal, and ethical.
• Read, write, and speak effectively; make presentations that are persuasive and engaging; and argue to powerful effect.
• Think deeply about their lives, their goals, and the importance of learning to learn in meeting leadership challenges by becoming lifelong learners.

Department Goals

• To encourage the capacity for critical thinking related to analytic and critical written expression and to effective verbal communication.
• To encourage professionalism and opportunities for undergraduate participation in leadership, which allows for their meaningful participation in professional events and activities of their discipline.
• To encourage the development of attitudes and predispositions among students that contributes to effective and responsible leadership and citizenship and to foster healthy maturation and self-growth more generally.
• To provide the opportunity for engagement with classic and contemporary knowledge, issues, research, questions, problems related to leadership effectiveness in specific professions.
• To develop ethical reasoning related to leadership.

Master of Science in Organizational Leadership

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Richard R. Bohannon, Associate Professor
Gail W. Johnson and Kevin B. Williams, Assistant Professors

The Master of Science in Organizational Leadership is designed for aspiring or existing leaders in any profession. The curriculum covers such topics as conceptual and theoretical leadership models, leadership development, the challenges of leading change, strategic planning, organizational theory and behavior, as well as topics that impact health care, nonprofit organizations, and organizational development. This Master of Science in Organizational Leadership program emphasizes current and emerging leadership theories, best practices, skills, and strategies/tools used to enable organizational innovation, creativity, and change in increasingly complex work environments. Students will work collaboratively with a faculty advisor who will help them assess and develop their leadership skills, facilitate the transfer of their academic knowledge and research designs into workplace settings, and prepare them for leadership longevity.

The Master of Science in Organizational Leadership is designed for those persons interested in advanced leadership positions in the public or private sectors. The course work challenges students to think critically and to respond reflectively in an intensive learning environment. The curriculum combines a leadership studies core with work in one concentration that together create a graduate-level program that can be tailored to specific needs. The degree will provide students with the tools and best practices they will need in order to excel in today's complex organizations. Our program will prepare students to lead others effectively and identify innovative solutions to challenges in a variety
of professional settings, including the nonprofit, public, health care, military, and technology sectors. Specific concentrations may be offered at certain locations based on demand. Students will be able to tailor their degree to their own professional situation by selecting one of these concentrations:

- Leadership and Organizational Development and Change
- Leadership for the Health Care Professional
- Leadership for the Nonprofit Organization

Admission Requirements

All persons who wish to enter the program must file a formal application. Minimum academic admission requirements for the Master of Science in Organizational Leadership are as follows:

1. Students must have earned an undergraduate degree from a regionally accredited college or university.
2. Students must have earned a minimum overall undergraduate quality point average of 2.75 on all work attempted and should submit two official transcripts of all college work attempted.
3. Students must present a minimum score of 397 on the Miller Analogies Test or 800 on the GRE (excluding the analytical section). Test scores must be no more than five years old. For new GRE conversion: 151 Verbal and 143 Quantitative
4. Students must provide official scores on the Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) if English is not the applicant's native language.
5. Students must submit a Philosophy of Leadership essay or Educational Autobiography including career goals [no more than two double-spaced, word processed pages].
6. Students must submit a non-refundable $35 application fee.
7. Students must have at least 8 years of organizational/work experience.
8. Students must submit a letter of recommendation/support from a person in the student's leadership structure.
9. Students must complete a formal interview with the departmental faculty. Interviews will be conducted only after potential candidates have applied for admission and are judged qualified.

Application Deadlines

Students are accepted into the program prior to the beginning of fall and spring semesters. Admission deadline for fall semester is July 30 and for spring is November 30.

Academic Standards

Students in the Master of Science in Organizational Leadership degree program are required to maintain a cumulative GPA of at least 3.0 (B) in all classes taken toward the degree. If a grade below C is assigned in a graduate class, no credit is awarded for that class. Students cannot have more than two C/C+'s in classes counted toward the degree. Students may repeat only courses that they earned a grade below B. Students may repeat a class only once to increase the grade earned in that class, and students may not re-take more than two classes in their program of study with Mercer. Students may not re-take an equivalent class at another institution in order to replace a grade earned at Mercer.
If a student's cumulative GPA falls below 3.0, the student will be placed on probation. A student who is on academic probation is limited to one course per semester until the average has been raised to 3.0. If the semester average falls below 2.0 in the Master of Science in Organizational Leadership program, the faculty and department chair will review the student's case. Without extenuating circumstances, the student will be dismissed from the program.

Course Load

Full-time status in the program is nine credit hours per semester. Students may attend on a part-time basis by taking less than nine credit hours. To qualify for financial aid, students must be fully admitted and must enroll in a minimum of six hours per semester.

Attendance

Students must attend all face-to-face meetings and participate each week during the hybrid meetings. If a student has an extenuating circumstance, the program faculty and department chair will review the student's case and determine make-up work.

Transfer Credit

A maximum of six (6) semester units of graduate level credit may be transferred, where applicable to the Master of Science in Organizational Leadership degree. Transfer courses must have been completed with a grade of “B” (3.0) or higher in the graduate division of a regionally accredited university within the last five years prior to enrolling at Mercer.

General Requirements for the Degree

The Master of Science in Organizational Leadership is a 31-credit hour program consisting of a 19 credit hour core curriculum and 12 credit hours in one of three areas of concentration: Leadership for the Health Care Professional, Leadership and Organizational Development and Change, and Leadership for the Nonprofit Organization.

Student Learning Outcomes

1. Students will become skilled, innovative, principled, and ethical leaders who understand the foundations of organizational leadership and build on those to contribute to the effective functioning of society at all levels.

2. Students will demonstrate an understanding that leadership is not solely a matter of formal authority or power but rather is a matter of influence, integrity, spirit, and respect regardless of one’s power or authority.

3. Students will demonstrate proficiency in inquiry, creative problem solving, and examining values in decision-making. Students design and complete a professional research project that demonstrates their understanding of the importance of research and careful data analysis in solving problems, and addressing issues related to organizational leadership.

4. Students will communicate effectively using various forms of expression, such as logical, statistical, and visual. While all students have proficiency in written and oral communication, they will demonstrate skill in professional presentations.
Degree Requirements (31 credit hours)

Core Requirements (19 credit hours)

A. Required

LEAD 600. Theories of Organizational Leadership (3 hours)
LEAD 601. Ethical Challenges in Organizations (3 hours)
LEAD 602. Organizational Theory and Behavior (3 hours)
LEAD 603. Research Strategies for Leaders I (3 hours)
LEAD 700. Research Strategies for Leaders II (1 hour)
LEAD 705. Research Strategies for Leaders III (3 hours)
STAT 600. Applications of Statistical Design (3 hours)

B. Areas of Concentration (12 credit hours)

Student will select one of the following areas of concentration:

Leadership for the Health Care Professional
HCAL 600. Introduction to Health Care Systems (3 hours)
HCAL 601. Health Care Leadership (3 hours)
HCAL 700. Health Care Policy and Law (3 hours)
HCAL 701. Health Systems Budgeting for the Nonfinancial Leader (3 hours)

or

Leadership and Organizational Development and Change
ORGD 600. Organizational Development and Change: A Leadership Perspective (3 hours)
ORGD 601. Organizational Consulting and Leadership Coaching (3 hours)
ORGD 700. Building Organizational Culture (3 hours)
ORGD 701. Leading the Strategic Planning Process (3 hours)

or

Leadership for the Nonprofit Organization
NONP 600. Introduction to the Nonprofit Sector (3 hours)
NONP 601. Nonprofit Governance and Volunteer Administration (3 hours)
NONP 700. Budgeting for the Nonprofit Sector (3 hours)
NONP 701. Capstone Seminar in Leadership for the Nonprofit Organization (3 hours)

Leader-to-Leader Symposium

Each year, students in the Master of Science in Organizational Leadership program are expected to attend the annual Leader-to-Leader Symposium. Included in the symposium are Mercer faculty and leaders from various organizations in the community. Specialists from various disciplines related to leadership and its development will be invited to deliver short topical presentations and facilitate discussions among the participants.
World Café processes may be used as the discussion methodology. Students and/or faculty members will monitor and collect results of the discussions. Selected student research reports will be presented along with poster displays from undergraduate and graduate students.

Leadership for the Health Care Professional Concentration

The Leadership for the Health Care Professional concentration provides health care professionals, including nurses, therapists, and technologists with an overall understanding of leadership issues in the context of contemporary health care. This concentration is designed for aspiring and committed professionals who are interested in careers in health services administration in such settings as hospitals, managed care organizations, medical group practices, ambulatory, long-term care, and home health care facilities, insurance and pharmaceutical companies, consulting firms, government, for profit, and nonprofit sector organizations. Emphasis is placed on leadership theories and practices, policy strategies, and ethical decision making as they relate to the health care field.

Student Learning Outcomes

1. Students will demonstrate an in-depth understanding of health care in America and globally by critiquing the design, structure, organization, and delivery of health care services.
2. Students will demonstrate an understanding of the budgeting process for the health care profession.
3. Students will develop the leadership skills needed to work in teams, build cross-functional teams, and facilitate collaborative decision-making.

Leadership and Organizational Development and Change Concentration

The Leadership and Organizational Development and Change concentration prepares students to participate in complex decision-making environments that affect the organization. This concentration broadens the student's capacity to lead organizational change in the face of resistance by understanding the essential skills used in developing the resources of the individual, group, and organization. Students practice problem-solving, strategic planning, critical thinking, and research methodology and policy formulation while focusing on key organizational leadership elements such as ethics, motivation, creativity, vision, and organizational development.

Student Learning Outcomes:

1. Students will develop an understanding of the theories, models, and application of organizational development skills and their importance to the overall effectiveness of the organization.
2. Students will become prepared for a leadership position within their respective organization.
3. Students will increase their capacity to lead organizational change, and coach or consult other leaders within the organization on leadership issues.
4. Students will demonstrate how societal, organization, and individual strategic planning levels can impact sustainability for the organization.

Leadership for the Nonprofit Organization Concentration

The Leadership for the Nonprofit Organization concentration is directed to promote excellence in the governance and leadership of nonprofit philanthropic organizations. The program’s focus is on creating better leaders, better organizations, and better communities. The concentration prepares graduates for a successful leadership career in a high-growth sector through the acquisition of key skills associated with promotion, strategic planning, fund development, board governance, and recruitment. Nonprofit organizations employ a sizable and increasing share of the nation’s workforce, with employment growth outpacing a number of major industries. Nonprofits might include community organizations, neighborhood associations, child welfare agencies, family support centers, health-care organizations, municipal offices, and civic groups.

Student Learning Outcomes:

1. Students will learn concepts, principles, and processes related to the United States federal and state laws under which nonprofit organizations operate and be able to consider their effect on the establishment and operation of nonprofit organizations.

2. Students will learn about budgeting and fund development for the nonprofit sector.

3. Students will demonstrate an understanding of the current and future role of human resources in nonprofit organizations and apply strategies for acquiring, managing, developing, and retaining volunteers and board members.

4. Students will demonstrate broaden perspectives of nonprofits through examination of major themes and concepts incorporated throughout the program.

Master of Science in Public Safety Leadership

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Richard R. Bohannon, Lynn W. Clemons, Richard Martin, and V. Lynn Tankersley, Associate Professors

The Master of Science (M.S.) Degree in Public Safety Leadership Program represents a broad range of study designed to meet the academic requirements of those who are new to the field of study and professionals who are already employed in the agencies that make up the public safety field. The M.S. program focuses on developing advanced professional competencies with an emphasis on excellence in leadership, effective cooperation, ethical behavior, critical thinking, and consolidated public service.

Public safety leadership, to include its foundations in such areas as homeland security, criminal justice, emergency management, fire and rescue services, emergency medical services, 9-11 communication centers, and other public service agencies, is vital in providing timely responses to natural and man-made disasters, property protection and addressing various criminal activity. Modern public safety leadership challenges have heightened the need for professional preparation in all areas of public safety services,
especially since the terrorist attacks of September 11, 2001. The degree provides stu-
dents with a thorough understanding of professional leadership practices and associated
areas of interest in public safety operating environments and is offered in both executive
and traditional formats to meet the needs of a diverse workforce. The program prepares
graduates for upper level leadership positions, lateral job change/reassignments, and
new employment in various local, state, and federal public safety service/first responder
agencies.

Upon completion of the degree programs, students are able to:

1. Understand and apply the knowledge, skills, and abilities that are critical to pub-
lic safety leadership effectiveness in today’s public safety organizations.
2. Assess the various administrative, managerial, and leadership theories/perspec-
tives as they relate to problem solving within a wide range of organizational struc-
tures.
3. Evaluate various public safety theories, applications, and approaches within the
broad social, economical, technological, and political environments of which pub-
lic organizations operate.
4. Command respect throughout the public safety field by being qualified to assume
positions at the entry, supervisory, managerial, and leadership levels of a variety
of public safety agencies within the local, state, and federal government settings.

Admission Requirements

All persons who wish to enter the program must file a formal application to the Atlanta
Admissions Office, including a $35 non-refundable application fee. For additional informa-
tion, contact the Program Coordinator.

Minimum academic admission requirements for this degree are:

1. Students must have earned an undergraduate degree from a regionally accredit-
ed college or university.
2. Students must have earned a minimum overall undergraduate quality point aver-
age of 2.75 on all work attempted and should submit two official transcripts of all
college work attempted.
3. Students must present a minimum score of 397 on the Miller Analogies Test or
800 on the GRE if taken prior to August 1, 2011. If taken after August 1, 2011, stu-
dents must present a target score of 151 on the Verbal section and 143 on the
Quantitative section (excluding the analytical section). Test scores must be no
more than five years old.
4. Students must provide official scores on the Test of English as a Foreign
Language (TOEFL) if English is not the applicant’s native language.
5. Students must submit a written autobiography including career goals.
6. Students must obtain a certificate of immunization.
7. Students must provide two letters of recommendation from people who are qual-
ified to assess their academic potential in graduate school.
8. Students must attend an interview by the departmental admissions committee as
the final step for admission.
Provisional Admission

If the applicant does not meet either the minimum GPA, the minimum test score, or if the applicant has not yet taken or received the score from the appropriate graduate admissions exam, the admissions committee may grant admission for one semester only on a provisional basis. These admissions will be decided on a case-by-case basis and may be granted in the case of a documented extenuating circumstance. No more than 10% of students will be admitted annually on a provisional basis. Provisionally admitted students will be allowed to register for a maximum of two courses (selected by the department) during their provisional semester. A minimum grade of B will be required.

Application Deadlines

Students are accepted into the program prior to the beginning of fall, spring, or summer semesters.

Academic Standards

Students in the Public Safety Leadership degree program are required to maintain a cumulative GPA of at least 3.0 (B) in all classes taken toward the degree. If a grade below C is assigned in a graduate class, no credit is awarded for that class. Students cannot have more than two C/C+'s in classes counted toward the degree. Students may repeat a class only once to increase the grade earned in that class, and no student may repeat more than two classes in his/her program of study with Mercer. A student may not re-take an equivalent class at another college in order to replace a grade earned at Mercer.

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Limitation in Completion of Requirements

A student in the Master of Science in Public Safety Leadership program must complete all requirements within a six-year period. Time limits will be computed from and include the first semester of credit applied to the degree program. Students who do not enroll for three consecutive semesters are subject to all program policies, guidelines, and requirements in place at the time of re-enrollment.

Course Load

Full-time status in the program is nine credit hours per semester. Students may attend on a part-time basis by taking fewer than nine semester hours. To qualify for financial aid, graduate students must be fully admitted and must enroll in a minimum of six hours per semester. The Assistant Dean for Graduate Programs must approve requests for course overloads beyond nine hours.

Transient Status

A student who is currently admitted to full graduate standing in a degree program in another institution may be admitted by submitting the application forms, the application fee, and a letter of transient permission from his/her home institution in lieu of transcripts.
General Requirements for the Degree

The minimum credit requirement for the Master of Science Degree in Public Safety Leadership is 36 semester hours of graduate credit. No credit will be given for courses taken more than six years prior to the date on which the degree is to be conferred.

There are certain conditions that must be met before other graduate credit can be transferred to Mercer's graduate program. The student must have attended an institution accredited by a regional accrediting body and the student must have been admitted to the institution's regular graduate program. Graduate work taken at other institutions must have been part of a planned program leading to a degree equivalent to the degree of Master of Science in Public Safety Leadership at Mercer University. The work must be appropriate for the student's program at Mercer University. The maximum amount of transferred credit is six semester hours. Only courses in which the student earned a B or better will be considered for transfer credit. Courses taken for another degree previously earned may not be applied to the Master of Science Degree in Public Safety Leadership.

Degree Requirements – 36 semester hours

Core Requirements (27 or 30 credit hours)

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Capstone: Students must select one of the following capstone courses

1. PSLD 798. Master's Research Thesis option (1-6 hours)
2. PSLD 799. Master's Research Report plus a comprehensive examination in Public Safety Leadership option
3. 2 PLSD courses and a written comprehensive examination option

Total Core Requirements

1. Master's Research Thesis option 30 semester hours
2. Master's Research Report plus a comprehensive examination in Public Safety Leadership option 27 semester hours

B. Elective Courses (6 or 9 credit hours)

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PSLD/CRJS 602. Comparative Studies in Public Safety (3 hours)
PSLD 630. Leadership and Corrections (3 hours)
PSLD 631. Cybercrime (3 hours)
PSLD 632. Internship (3 hours)
PSLD 633. The Budget Process (3 hours)
PSLD 635. Local Government, Media, and Politics (3 hours)
PSLD/CRJS 625/725. Special Topics in Public Safety Leadership (3 hours)

Leadership

Total Degree Requirements-Research Thesis Option
Total Core Requirements 30 semester hours
Total Electives Requirements 6 semester hours

Total Degree Requirements-Research Report plus Examination option
Total Core Requirements 27 semester hours
Electives Requirements 9 semester hours

Core Required Courses: The required core courses provide a strong background in leadership, organization administration, ethics, and research methods. A student is required to take 27 semester hours of core courses for the Master's Research Thesis option. This option is designed primarily for those students who may seek a doctorate. If students elect the Master's Research Report option, 24 semester hours of core courses plus an exit exam are required.

Elective Courses: The elective courses focus on a variety of topics designed to enhance the core courses. Students are required to complete 9 or 12 hours from the elective course offerings, depending on whether they choose to complete the thesis or research report track option of the capstone.

Optional Internship: An internship is available for students interested in professional development and growth, and may be particularly helpful for students who have had little or no work experience in the field. The internship provides students with the opportunity to apply concepts and skills learned in their curriculum. Internship credit requires completion of 180 hours at an approved internship site. The student may only take three semester hours of internship. The application must be received at least six weeks prior to the semester in which the internship semester begins. If students elect to take the internship, the internship cannot be done in the student's place of employment. A comprehensive internship report is necessary upon completion of the internship.

Public Safety Leadership Capstone: The public safety leadership capstone functions as an integrative experience and provides students with a choice of activities designed to enhance their knowledge and application of public safety leadership and the research process. All Master in Public Safety Leadership students will be required to complete the capstone after the completion of the core course requirements. All students will complete one of the following three options.

1. Master's Research Thesis option (PSLD 798). The master's research thesis includes individual study of a selected research problem in public safety leadership under the direction of one of the faculty members. A research thesis option student must take 21 hours of core courses and 6 hours of research credit. Students may not register for the master's research thesis option credit unless 15 semester hours of core courses have been completed successfully.
2. Master's Research Report plus a comprehensive examination in Public Safety Leadership option (PSLD 799). The Master's Research Report option requires students to complete a written critical analysis of scholarly literature on core or specific topics in the field of public safety leadership, as well as to take a comprehensive exam at the end of the semester. Students choosing the Master's Research Report option will be required to enroll in the Master's Research Report option during the spring semester. Students who have completed at least 15 semester hours of core courses, will be permitted to enroll in the Master's Research Report.

3. Master's Coursework option plus a comprehensive examination in Public Safety Leadership. This option requires students to complete 6 hours of elective coursework and then complete a comprehensive written examination based on substantive areas of instruction within the degree program. Students who have completed at least 18 semester hours of core courses will be permitted to enroll in this option.

COURSE DESCRIPTIONS

COMMUNICATION (COMM)

COMM 600. Organizational Communication and Leadership (3 hours)
Prerequisite: LEAD 600.
Students examine the theoretical and empirical literature addressing the function of communication within the context of complex organizations. Particular emphasis is placed on the evaluation of the roles and responsibilities of leaders as communicators and agents of change, while focusing on a variety of communication problems typically experienced in organizations.

CRIMINAL JUSTICE (CRJS)

CRJS 602. Comparative Studies in Public Safety (3 hours)
(Cross-listed with PLSD 602)
Comparative criminal justice involves the study and description of various nations' law, criminal procedures and justice processes. This course attempts to build on students' knowledge of public safety among selected countries by investigating and evaluating various countries' culture and institutions.

CRJS 625/725. Special Topics in Public Safety Leadership (3 hours)
(Cross-listed with PSLD 625/725)
The purpose of this course is to enable students to pursue a subject in depth that is not usually taught as part of the core or electives. The student must seek approval from the program coordinator to register for this course.

CRJS 630. Forensic Psychology (3 hours)
Students will examine the impact of specific mental disorders on the public safety system. Investigative psychology will be examined in regards to profiling, the polygraph, and identifying characteristics of offenders. Developmental factors in the development of habitual criminal behavior will be emphasized. The psychology of violence, sexual assault, and victimology will be studied.
CRJS 631. History of Corrections and Jails (3 hours)
This course will explore the history of the asylum in America. Specific emphasis will be placed on the Jacksonian Era and the construction and maintenance of institutions that confined deviant and dependent members of the community. The care and correction of the criminal, the insane, and the poor will be studied.

CRJS 632. Deviant Behavior: Crime, Conflict, and Interest Groups (3 hours)
The purpose of this course is to develop an understanding of crime and criminal behavior including violent crime, organizational deviance, sexual behavior, mental health, and substance abuse.

CRJS 634. Nature of Crime and Justice in the 21st Century (3 hours)
Current issues concerning law makers, police, courts, and corrections will be examined. The long range prospects for the external environment in which an organization operates, expected trends, forces for change, and uncertain and emergent developments will be studied in regards to public safety leadership.

GERONTOLOGY SERVICES (GSRV)

GSRV 601. Adult Development (3 hours)
Students will apply the major theoretical perspectives of human adult development to an analysis of the physical, psychological, social, intellectual, and emotional maturation of individuals from early adulthood through death. Students will also develop a multidisciplinary perspective on the experience of aging in the 21st century global society.

GSRV 602. Nutrition and Health for Older Adults (3 hours)
Prerequisite: GSRV601.
Students will apply nutrition principles to human services delivery in terms of providing a nutritious diet for older adults. Students will explore nutrition and aging, taste preference changes throughout the adult lifespan, eating pattern changes, and prevention strategies for overweight and obesity in older adults. As part of this course, students will develop a nutritional plan for an older adult population.

GSRV 603. Leisure and Recreational Services for Older Adults (3 hours)
Prerequisite: GSRV601.
Students will apply the concepts and methods of recreational services to the needs of older adults, including physical, psychological, social, intellectual, and emotional needs. Students will discriminate between play, recreation, and leisure in their analysis of programs, services, and resources. In addition, they will be able to design human service resources for individuals with varying abilities. As part of this course, students will develop a leisure and recreational plan for an older adult population.

HUMAN SERVICES (HSRV)

HSRV 601. Ethics for Human Services Professionals (3 hours)
Students will develop competence in ethical decision-making based on the Ethical Standards for Human Service Professionals (National Organization for Human Services Council for Standards in Human Services). Students will apply ethical guidelines for dealing professionally with clients who may be individuals, families, groups, or communities.
HSRV 602. Families in Culture (3 hours)
Students will examine the role of the family from a multidisciplinary perspective, including a study of cultural differences and their impact on the psychosocial growth of individuals. Students will also analyze family structures in different historical periods to explore how family interaction patterns influenced individual development and adult social roles. As part of this analysis, students will focus on interaction among age groups in the family and how such interaction may differ from culture to culture.

HSRV 603. Human Services Systems, Policies, and Procedures (3 hours)
Students will review the full spectrum of the human services system, including key issues in the formation of social policy. Students will analyze policy formation at the state, local, and agency levels in terms of social, political, economic, and cultural influences. In addition, students will develop an understanding of public sector leadership roles in human service system areas.

HSRV 604. Grantmaking (3 hours)
Students will review the principles and techniques of the grant seeking and grantmaking processes. These include finding different types of foundations and grant awards, understanding research options, and developing the components of a proposal. Students will complete project timelines, a budget and budget narrative for their grant proposal, and will also develop effective evaluation methods.

HSRV 605. Human Behavior and Leadership (3 hours)
Students will explore the three complementary perspectives of modern psychology (biological, psychological, and sociocultural), then apply those perspectives to human behavior in leadership situations. Using principles of learning, cognition, motivation, and social psychology students will learn how to analyze group interaction in terms of different leadership styles.

HSRV 606. Marketing, Resource Development, and Social Entrepreneurship (3 hours)
Students will apply the social entrepreneurship model to program marketing and resource development, including issues of stakeholder engagement, funding, creating a brand, and utilizing social networking and social media. To effectively employ the social entrepreneurship model, students will first review the history of social entrepreneurship, along with comparisons of social entrepreneurship to business entrepreneurship and social entrepreneurship to activism. As part of the course, students will complete a resource analysis and development plan.

HSRV 607. Program Planning and Evaluation (3 hours)
Students will develop expertise in the major types of program evaluation: goals-based, process-based, and outcomes-based. They will apply the principles and techniques of program planning and evaluation (from a systems point of view) to create a detailed program evaluation. Students will focus on program inputs, processes, outputs, and outcomes (impact on clients) with a description of ongoing feedback among the parts of the system.

HSRV 608. Qualitative and Quantitative Research Methods (3 hours)
Students will use statistical methods to develop an understanding of statistical inference and to become competent producers of basic statistical research. In addition, students will develop an understanding of statistical methods to become sophisticated consumers of human services research.
HSRV 798. Human Services Research Project (3 hours)
Prerequisites: Completion of courses in the required core and gerontology concentration. Students will complete an approved, individual study of a selected research problem in human services. Students may not register for the Human Services Research Project unless all other required courses have been completed successfully. Students will develop a project consisting of a problem statement, literature review, and critical analysis on core or specific topics in the field of human services. Students may register each semester for the Human Services Research Project until the project is successfully completed.

LEADERSHIP (LEAD)

LEAD 600. Theories of Organizational Leadership (3 hours)
This course provides the foundation for the Master of Science in Organizational Leadership, and starts with the premise that everyone is capable of leadership. Students will demonstrate a comprehensive analysis of major leadership theories and research approaches. An integral part of the learning involves students assessing their own leadership philosophy and then analyzing the relationship between their philosophy and selected theories of leadership. It establishes this premise by exposing students to a series of alternative perspectives of leadership, including some contemporary collaborative models.

LEAD 601. Ethical Challenges in Organizations (3 hours)
Prerequisite: LEAD 600.
Students examine the challenges of being an ethical, vision-oriented leader (at any level of organization) who must navigate in turbulent, changing environments that often pose choices between “right and right.” Learners explore concepts related to level-five leadership and servant leadership, and they begin the process of self-assessment and reflection-in-action.

LEAD 602. Organizational Theory and Behavior (3 hours)
Prerequisite: LEAD 600.
Students explore traditional and contemporary theories of organizations. It links organizational theory and behavior to leadership and requires an analysis of the major issues (e.g., change, gender, ethics, and effectiveness) that confront modern complex organizations in today’s changing workplace.

LEAD 603. Research Strategies for Leaders I (3 hours)
Prerequisites: LEAD 600, 602; STAT 600; Three hours from the selected concentration.
This course provides an in-depth review of critical research principles to prepare students to complete a research project. Specifically, students learn to think critically, to analyze data, employ statistical models, and to examine research methodology, instruments and measures. Students are taught research proposal writing and are required to turn in a project proposal that includes a draft of the Introduction (Section I) and the Methodology (Section III), a description of the survey instrument and IRB forms if applicable.

LEAD 700. Research Strategies for Leaders II (1 hour)
This course is the second segment of the three Research Strategies for Leaders components and will consist of individual meetings with the faculty project advisor. Students will demonstrate a thorough understanding of the purpose of their research design and research methods.
LEAD 701. Special Topics in Organizational Leadership (3 hours)
Prerequisite: LEAD 600.
Students examine an interdisciplinary study of a significant topic in the area of organizational leadership which is not available through the program offerings.

LEAD 705. Research Strategies for Leaders III (3 hours)
Prerequisites: LEAD 6xx; STAT 600; Six-nine hours from the concentration.
This course focuses on researching and writing critical reviews of literature and on formatting research findings in a research report. Students are required to turn in final drafts of the Literature Review (Section II), Results (Section IV), and Implications: Recommendations for further Research (Section V) to complete their research project. Students are required to prepare a digital presentation of their project and may expect to present a report of their findings at the annual Leader-to-Leader Symposium.

LEADERSHIP FOR THE HEALTH CARE PROFESSIONAL (HCAL)

HCAL 600. Introduction to Health Care Systems (3 hours)
Prerequisites: LEAD 600, 602.
This course is an overview of the current health care system in the United States. Selected comparisons will be made to health care systems in other countries. Students examine different health care contexts (hospitals, nursing homes, ambulatory and home health care, behavioral health facilities) as they interact with governmental and insurance company policies. National trend data will be used to determine how the current health care system can better organize, deliver, and administer health care.

HCAL 601. Health Care Leadership (3 hours)
Prerequisites: LEAD 600, 602.
Students perform a critical examination of the essential components of leadership necessary for a successful health services career. Students will focus on the key values and ethical considerations that guide a leader's personal and professional decision making in a frequently changing and morally and ethically ambiguous health services environment.

HCAL 700. Health Care Policy and Law (3 hours)
Prerequisites: LEAD 600, 601.
Students explore the determinants, components, and processes of health policy and law-making in the United States. International comparisons will be featured to more fully examine political forces and their role in policy analysis, formulation, implementation, evaluation, and change.

HCAL 701. Health Systems Budgeting for the Nonfinancial Leader (3 hours)
Prerequisites: HCAL 700, LEAD 600, 601, 700.
Students apply fiscal theories, concepts, and models to health care systems and their influence on decision-making. In particular, students will examine the roles of strategic planning, contract administration, and negotiation in the integration of funding structures with managed care structures like health maintenance organizations (HMOs), preferred provider organizations (PPOs), and independent practice associations (IPAs).
LEADERSHIP FOR THE NONPROFIT ORGANIZATION (NONP)

NONP 600. Introduction to the Nonprofit Sector (3 hours)
Prerequisites: LEAD 600, 602.
Students explore the history, foundations, and types of nonprofit organizations and the diverse political, social, and economic contexts within which they exist. Students examine and apply marketing, public relations, and communication concepts and strategies to case studies and contemporary situations using ethical, legal, and global lenses.

NONP 601. Nonprofit Governance and Volunteer Administration (3 hours)
Prerequisite: NONP 600.
Students examine the volunteer administration process (recruitment, orientation, training, supervision, and evaluation) with an emphasis on creating and maintaining an effective board of directors for the nonprofit organization.

NONP 700. Budgeting for the Nonprofit Sector (3 hours)
Prerequisites: NONP 600, 601.
Students examine budgeting concepts, policies, and practices as they apply to nonprofit organizations in their fiscal climate. Students examine major fiscal policy debates and interpret and construct budgets and funding statements/requests.

NONP 701. Capstone Seminars in Leadership in the Nonprofit Organization (3 hours)
Prerequisites: LEAD 601, 700.
This course provides students with an opportunity to integrate learning from their coursework in a capstone project: an applied project grounded in a real world experience in the nonprofit community. The capstone may focus on governance, policy, marketing/promotion, or leadership in either the public or private nonprofit sectors or adopt a cross-sector perspective.

LEADERSHIP AND ORGANIZATIONAL DEVELOPMENT AND CHANGE (ORGD)

ORGD 600. Organizational Development and Change: A Leadership Perspective (3 hours)
Prerequisites: LEAD 600, 602.
Students focus on strategies for effecting successful change in the face of resistance and conflict. Particular attention will be paid to conflict resolution strategies at both the personal and organizational level and the use of strategic planning to effect organizational development/change.

ORGD 601. Organizational Consulting and Leadership Coaching (3 hours)
Prerequisites: LEAD 600, 602.
Students explore the theories and practices of organizational consulting and leadership coaching in the contemporary organizational environment. Particular attention will be paid to the skills of effective coaching/consulting: using active listening, empowerment, and feedback to create interactive dialogue and deeper understanding.
### ORGD 700. Building Organizational Culture (3 hours)
Prerequisites: LEAD 603; ORGD 600.
Students examine the cultures and subcultures of the various functions that constitute the organization focusing on the communication strategies that make possible collaboration across subcultural boundaries. They examine the role that leaders play as partners in shaping, and being shaped by, the organizational cultures they seek to influence.

### ORGD 701. Leading the Strategic Planning Process (3 hours)
Prerequisites: LEAD 700, ORGD 700.
Students examine principles and applications of strategic planning and organization design. It covers methods for assessing key features of organizational environments and competitive situations: identifying, developing, selecting and implementing strategy.

### PUBLIC SAFETY LEADERSHIP (PSLD)

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This course will address the nature and importance of leadership in public safety. Students will examine leadership styles and leadership roles. Power, politics, and leadership will be explored as well as leadership development, succession, and followership.

Comparative criminal justice involves the study and description of various nations' law, criminal procedures and justice processes. This course attempts to build on students' knowledge of public safety among selected countries by investigating and evaluating various countries' culture and institutions.

The course will help students to develop an understanding of organizational communication with a focus on conflict resolution and negotiations.

Students will examine the theoretical basis for ethics and to develop an understanding of methods used to resolve ethical dilemmas. A history of unethical decision-making will be explored.

The purpose of this course is to examine how the war on terrorism has affected first responders such as police and fire departments, how it has transformed local and state government planning, and how it has defined a new relationship between state and local government.

This course is designed to enable students to pursue a subject in depth that is not usually taught as part of the core or electives. The student must seek approval from the program coordinator to register for this course.
PSLD 630. Leadership and Corrections (3 hours)
Students will develop an understanding of the historical problems that frame our contemporary experiences of corrections. Students will learn the complexity of correctional organizations and alternatives for dealing with current correctional issues and trends.

PSLD 631. Cybercrime (3 hours)
The purpose of this course is to acquaint the student with the emergence, prevention, and control of high tech crime. The student will synthesize conclusions in the areas of research such as: information technologies, the sociology/anthropology/psychology of cyberspace, computer security, deviance, law, criminal justice and risk management, and strategic thinking.

PSLD 633. The Budget Process (3 hours)
This course provides the student with a working knowledge of performance budgeting. Planning, performance measurement, benchmarking, and evaluation will be addressed in respect to local and state government budgeting. The intent is to present performance budgeting not as a stand-alone technique, but as an extension of the traditional budget process that reconciles financial and operational accountability.

PSLD 635. Local Government, Media, and Politics (3 hours)
This course defines the dynamics of public policy, elucidates the complexity intrinsic to each stage of the process, and delves into the implications of public policy for public safety leadership and society. The course incorporates contemporary examples with a variety of creative exercises in the dynamics of public policy that demonstrate theoretical and practical understanding of public safety politics. A seminar approach to the subject matter merges a solid coverage of theoretical principles with an applied approach.

PSLD 701. Preparation, Execution, and Coordination of Disaster Response (3 hours)
Disaster planning will be explored in depth. Particular emphasis will be on preparing for man-made and natural disasters as well as accidental disasters such as plane crashes and plant explosions. Learning from scientific disaster studies will be a major focus in this course.

PSLD 798. Master's Research Thesis (6 hours)
The master's research project includes individual study of a selected research problem in public safety under the direction of an approved faculty member. Students may not register for the master's research project unless all other required core courses have been completed successfully. A student will propose, conduct, and develop a project consisting of an abstract, problem statement, literature review, methodology, discussion, and suggestions for future research.

PSLD 799. Master's Research Report (3 hours)
The Master's research project requires students to complete a written critical analysis of scholarly literature on core or specific topics in the field of public safety leadership, as well as successfully completing a comprehensive exam at the end of the semester.
STATISTICAL DESIGN (STAT)

STAT 600. Applications of Statistical Design (3 hours)
Prerequisites: LEAD 600.
Students examine statistical and critical thinking, including the uses and abuses of statistics, descriptive statistics, probability, sampling distributions, interval estimation, hypothesis testing, and regression. Students learn concepts of probability and statistical inference, focusing on an intuitive approach to understanding concepts and methodologies. Students develop familiarity with methods of research and analysis useful to organizational leaders. Survey and research design, statistical methods such as descriptive and inferential statistics, including linear regression, will be covered. The course involves hands-on computer work using statistical applications.
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