

COLLEGE OF LIBERAL ARTS

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The College of Liberal Arts is committed to excellence in higher education. We have the responsibility to preserve, transmit, interpret, and create knowledge in an environment of free inquiry and expression. We will provide instruction that forms the core of the undergraduate curriculum for all Marshall University students so they may think critically and imaginatively, communicate effectively, and understand various dimensions of human experience. Within the disciplines of the college we will provide specialized instruction for undergraduate and graduate students, enabling them to develop the intellectual and moral abilities to live autonomous, sensitive, productive lives. We will be active scholars who contribute to the wider academic community. We will continue to use our expertise in the service of others.

- Department of Communication Studies (<http://catalog.marshall.edu/undergraduate/programs-az/liberal-arts/communication-studies/>)
- Department of English (<http://catalog.marshall.edu/undergraduate/programs-az/liberal-arts/english/>)
- Department of Geography (<http://catalog.marshall.edu/undergraduate/programs-az/liberal-arts/geography/>)
- Department of History (<http://catalog.marshall.edu/undergraduate/programs-az/liberal-arts/history/>)
- Department of Modern Languages (<http://catalog.marshall.edu/undergraduate/programs-az/liberal-arts/modern-languages/>)
- Department of Political Science (<http://catalog.marshall.edu/undergraduate/programs-az/liberal-arts/political-science/>)
- Department of Psychology (<http://catalog.marshall.edu/undergraduate/programs-az/liberal-arts/psychology/>)
- Department of Sociology and Anthropology (<http://catalog.marshall.edu/undergraduate/programs-az/liberal-arts/sociology-anthropology/>)
- Humanities (<http://catalog.marshall.edu/undergraduate/programs-az/liberal-arts/humanities/>)
- Interdisciplinary (<http://catalog.marshall.edu/undergraduate/programs-az/liberal-arts/interdisciplinary/>)
- International Affairs (<http://catalog.marshall.edu/undergraduate/programs-az/liberal-arts/international-affairs/>)

Admission Requirements

1. Regular admission to the university constitutes admission to the College of Liberal Arts for students entering as first-year students and as transfers from other institutions. There is no separate admissions process.
2. The College of Liberal Arts will accept inter-college and college transfers.

Academic Policies

Changing Your Major or College

If you want to declare a major, change your major, or transfer to a different college at Marshall, e-mail cola@marshall.edu.

Advising: General

Your advisor is a member of the faculty or a professional staff person in your major. Advisors help you select appropriate courses for the major, minor, and general education requirements. In addition, your advisor can give you advice about career and graduate school opportunities. Although you most often will see your advisor during registration periods, all advisors are available during office hours throughout the semester. You should arrange an appointment with your advisor at any time during the semester when you need their advice.

As a Marshall University student, you are responsible for understanding and following the degree requirements outlined in this catalog as they apply to university and college degree requirements, the requirements for the major, and the requirements for other programs you may be pursuing. Changing your schedule by adding and dropping courses may affect your program of study and the time required to complete your degree.

Advising: Preregistration

If you are a first-year student or sophomore and have declared a major, you must meet with your advisor before registering for classes. The advisor is the only person who can remove your "advisor hold" so you may register for courses.

Determining Your Catalog

When you declare your major, the catalog current on that date will then become the official document specifying the requirements for your major. You will have ten years to complete the requirements for the major. If you do not meet these requirements within ten years of declaring your major, then you will need to meet the requirements for the then-current catalog. If you decide to change your major or to transfer to another college, you are governed by the catalog in effect at the time of change.

Credit Evaluations for Rising Juniors and Seniors

Once you have completed 90 credit hours, the staff of the College of Liberal Arts will review your academic record to ensure you are on the right track for graduation. You will receive notification that you will need to meet with the Academic Advisor in the College of Liberal Arts main office to review your academic record. After the meeting, the advisor will lift the hold, which will allow you to register for courses.

Academic Standing

- **Good Standing**
You are in good standing when both your Marshall GPA and overall GPA are 2.0 or above.
- **Academic Probation**
If you have a deficit of quality points in your Marshall or overall GPA you are classified as on "academic probation." Quality point deficits accumulate as a result of excessive grades of D or F, causing your GPA to fall below a 2.0. If you are on academic probation, an academic obligation hold is placed on your registration status. This means that you cannot use Web

registration. You must also secure approval from the Associate Dean of the College of Liberal Arts before you can register or change your schedule in any way. You will not be able to register for more than 14 semester hours. If you are on probation and are subject to mandatory advising, first take your proposed schedule to your advisor. Once your advisor approves your schedule, take it to the College Office for approval by the Associate Dean. The Associate Dean will help you set goals for academic progress through an Academic Engagement Plan. One strategy is to repeat courses taken before the 90th attempted hour in which you received a *D* or *F*. (See “*D/F Repeat Rule*” in this catalog.) When your quality point deficit is zero, you are no longer on academic probation.

Degree Requirements

Students completing requirements in the College of Liberal Arts receive the Bachelor of Arts (B.A.) degree or a Bachelor of Science (B.S.) degree in Geography or Psychology. Each degree requires a minimum of 120 hours of credit. Within the 120 credit hours, you must meet these general and specific requirements.

General Requirements for Graduation

- Core Curriculum:** All students must complete the Core Curriculum defined in this catalog;
- Grade Point Averages:** All students must have a Grade Point Average of 2.0 or higher for
 - all work attempted at Marshall University and
 - all attempted collegiate work (Marshall University and other institution credit).Students must also earn a minimum Grade Point Average of 2.0 for the major unless the major requires a higher average (see major descriptions for specific requirements).
- Residency Requirement:** All students must complete 15 credit hours in the major field and 12 credit hours of upper division coursework within the College of Liberal Arts at Marshall University.
- Transfer:** No student may count more than 72 credit hours which were transferred from an accredited West Virginia two-year institution of higher education. Students planning to transfer credit to Marshall University should consult with the Associate Dean to determine whether the credit will apply to the degree program.











College of Liberal Arts Degree Requirements

Students completing requirements in the College of Liberal Arts receive the Bachelor of Arts (B.A.) degree with the exception of the Bachelor of Science (B.S.) degree in Geography and Bachelor of Science (B.S.) degree in Psychology. A minimum of 120 credit hours is required for graduation.

Students in the College of Liberal Arts must complete the following requirements:

- Total University Hours:** All students must complete a minimum of 120 credit hours of college-level work (100-level or greater).
- Major:** All students must complete the requirements for the declared major.
- Upper Division Hours:** All students must complete a minimum of 48 credit hours in courses numbered 300-499. Courses transferred from two-year or community colleges or Advanced Placement credit cannot be used to satisfy the upper division requirement



regardless of the Marshall University course equivalent. Courses completed at a four-year regionally accredited college transfer at the level at which they were completed at the other institution.

Code	Title	Credit Hours
Foreign Language		
Successful completion of 12-hour sequence ending with: ¹		12
FRN 204	Intermediate French IV	
GER 204	Intermediate German II	
JPN 204	Intermediate Japanese IV	
LAT 204	Intermediate Latin	
SPN 204	Intermediate Spanish IV	
Humanities (in addition to the Core II requirement)		
Select one of the following:		3
Any Classics course except:		
CL 200	Building English Vocab	
CL 230	 Greek & Roman Epic	
CL 231	 Women in Greek & Roman Lit	
CL 232	 Greek & Roman Drama (CT)	
CL 233	 Greek & Roman Historians (CT)	
CL 234	 Greek & Roman Poetry (CT)	
CL 237	 Lit in the Time of Nero (CT)	
Any Philosophy course		
Any Religious Studies course except:		
RST 304	The Teachings of Jesus	
RST 351	Classics of Rel Lit	
Other courses may apply as listed in the Schedule of Courses		
Literature		
Select any of the following:		6
Any Classics 200-level course except:		
CL 200	Building English Vocab	
Any English 200, 300- or 400-level course in literature (writing courses do not count)		
Any Latin 300- or 400-level course		
Any Religious Studies course:		
RST 220	 Lit of Old Testament	
RST 225	 Lit of New Testament	
RST 304	The Teachings of Jesus	
RST 310	The Hebrew Prophets	
RST 351	Classics of Rel Lit	
Any course in French, German, Japanese or Spanish literature		
Other courses may apply as listed in the Schedule of Courses		
Social Sciences (in addition to the Core II requirement)		
Select 9 hours from at least three fields from the following (check prerequisites before registering):		9
Anthropology		
Criminal Justice and Criminology		
Geography any course except:		
GEO 101	 Physical Geography (CT)	
GEO 230	 Intro to Meteorology (CT)	
GEO 350	Severe Storms and Natl Hzrds	
GEO 425	Climatology	

GEO 430	Environmental Raster GIS
History	
Political Science	
Psychology	
Sociology	
Women's Studies course:	
WS 101	Intro to Women's Studies

Natural and Physical Sciences (in addition to the Core II requirement)

Select one four hour course from one of the following fields (check prerequisites before registering): 4

Biology	
Chemistry	
Geography courses:	
GEO 101	 Physical Geography (CT)
GEO 230	 Intro to Meteorology (CT)
GEO 350	Severe Storms and Natl Hzrds

Geology	
Natural Resources	
Physical Science	
Physics	

Multicultural Requirement (in addition to the Core II requirement)

Select any course designated Multicultural 3

International Requirement (in addition to the Core II requirement)

Select any course designated International 3

¹ Students must complete the sequence beginning with the first course they take.

Students who have had three or more years of a language in high school should take a placement test to see where in the elementary/intermediate (101-204) sequence they should begin their language. Please note that students cannot take a placement examination after they have started a language at Marshall or any other university.

Students also should not take the placement test until they are ready to start a language. Students are encouraged to start language as soon as possible after high school if they intend to remain in the same language they took in high school.

For French, contact Dr. Nicholas Shangler (shangler@marshall.edu).

For German, contact Professor Anke Duerr McKown (duerrmccown@marshall.edu).

For Japanese, contact Dr. Zeli Rivas (Rivasz@marshall.edu).

For Spanish, contact Dr. Jose Luis Morillo (murillo@marshall.edu) or Ms. Tracie Wheeler (Wheelertr@marshall.edu) to register for the placement exam.

Students who successfully place into a course above 101 can receive up to nine hours back credit for the courses they have placed out of provided that they take and pass with a grade of C or better the next course in the sequence. Back credit is awarded only in the semester in which the student takes the next course.

Native and heritage speakers must take a placement test before they register for 101-204 in any language. Students who are native speakers of languages other than those taught by the department can receive a foreign language waiver provided that they can demonstrate speaking, listening, reading, and composition skills in that language. Students must identify a faculty member on

campus, who can aid with the assessment of their skills. The chair of Modern Languages will arrange the testing of the student and the notification of the appropriate individuals. To request a foreign language waiver, please contact Dr. Rosario Quintana Villamandos (quintana@marshall.edu).

This requirement also may be waived through conclusive proof of native proficiency in a foreign language and its culture.