University College

University College is the professional and continuing education division of Arts & Sciences. The division offers a wide range of courses in both online and face-to-face formats in a variety of academic departments and interdisciplinary and professional areas of study. Part-time and full-time study options in undergraduate degree programs, graduate degree programs, and certificate programs are available. University College is also home to the Osher Lifelong Learning Institute (https://ucollege.wustl.edu/programs/non-degree/lifelong-learning-institute/) for adults 50 years old and older. In addition, University College sponsors special lecture series such as the Master of Liberal Arts (MLA) Saturday Lecture Series and Science Saturdays, which is co-sponsored by the Department of Physics. For more information, visit the University College website (http://ucollege.wustl.edu/).

Graduate Study

University College administers the Doctor of Liberal Arts, Master of Liberal Arts, Master of Arts and Master of Science in coordination with the Graduate School. University College administers the Master of Science in Clinical Research Management in coordination with Washington University School of Medicine. University College also offers a range of graduate-level certificate programs (http://bulletin.wustl.edu/grad/ucollege/certificates/).

To earn the Doctor of Liberal Arts degree (http://bulletin.wustl.edu/grad/ucollege/doctor-liberal-arts/) at Washington University, a student must complete 45 credit units after earning a relevant master’s degree, pass a written and oral comprehensive examination, and write and defend a thesis.

Master’s degree programs (http://bulletin.wustl.edu/grad/ucollege/masters/) in University College consist of 30 to 36 units of graduate-level course work, including, in some cases, a 6-unit master’s thesis or a 3-unit directed research project.

Normally, up to 6 units of related graduate-level study with a grade of B or higher may be transferred to a graduate program. All other course work must be taken at Washington University. Only courses taken for a letter grade may be applied to a graduate program of study. Courses taken as pass/fail or audit will not count toward a graduate program of study. *Grades below C- will not count toward a graduate degree program of study. Students must maintain a cumulative grade-point average of 3.0 to be eligible to receive a graduate degree.

Please visit the University College website (http://ucollege.wustl.edu) or call 314-935-6700 for more detailed information, requirements and policies concerning specific graduate degree programs.

* University College students may apply a maximum of 6 units of pass/fail credit from graduate-level course work in the Olin Business School to a master’s degree program in University College. The course work must be authorized by both University College and the Graduate School, and the student must have received Pass or High Pass in the Olin School course. Courses with grades of Low Pass are not eligible. This policy applies only to courses completed on a pass/fail basis in the Olin Business School prior to a student’s admission to a University College graduate program of study administered by University College and conferred by the Graduate School. Once admitted to a University College program of study, students who are authorized to take courses in the Olin School and apply them toward their program of study are required to convert pass/fail grades to letter grades at the time of registration.

Admission

Admission to the Doctor of Liberal Arts (http://bulletin.wustl.edu/grad/ucollege/doctor-liberal-arts/) program is extremely competitive. Candidates must already hold a master’s degree in a relevant subject from an accredited institution of higher learning. The application deadline is April 1 for the fall semester and November 1 for the spring semester. Please visit the University College website (http://ucollege.wustl.edu) for more detailed admissions requirements and information about the Doctor of Liberal Arts.

Admission to the master’s degree programs is competitive and open on a selective basis to qualified individuals who have earned a baccalaureate degree. University College and the Graduate School review completed applications and make admissions decisions on a rolling basis for master’s degree programs. The process typically takes four to six weeks. Most master’s degree applicants should submit materials according to the following schedule to ensure a timely decision: December 15 for spring; April 15 for summer; and July 15 for fall (with some variance, depending on the program). Please visit the University College website (http://ucollege.wustl.edu) for additional program-specific admission requirements.

Graduate Degrees in University College

- Doctor of Liberal Arts (DLA) (http://bulletin.wustl.edu/grad/ucollege/doctor-liberal-arts/)
- Master of Arts (AM) in American Culture Studies (http://bulletin.wustl.edu/grad/ucollege/am-american-culture/)
- Master of Arts (AM) in Biology (http://bulletin.wustl.edu/grad/ucollege/am-biology/)
- Master of Arts in Education (MAEd) (http://bulletin.wustl.edu/grad/ucollege/am-education/)
• Master of Arts (AM) in Human Resources Management (http://bulletin.wustl.edu/grad/ucollege/am-human-resources/)
• Master of Arts (AM) in International Affairs (http://bulletin.wustl.edu/grad/ucollege/am-international/)
• Master of Arts (AM) in Nonprofit Management (http://bulletin.wustl.edu/grad/ucollege/am-nonprofit/)
• Master of Arts (AM) in Statistics (http://bulletin.wustl.edu/grad/ucollege/am-statistics/)
• Master of Arts in Teaching and Learning (MATL) (http://bulletin.wustl.edu/grad/ucollege/matl/)
• Master of Liberal Arts (MLA) (http://bulletin.wustl.edu/grad/ucollege/am-liberal-arts/)
• Master of Science (MS) in Biology for Science Teachers (http://bulletin.wustl.edu/grad/ucollege/ms-biology-teachers/)
• Master of Science (MS) in Clinical Research Management (http://bulletin.wustl.edu/grad/ucollege/ms-clinical-research/)

The AM, MAEd, and MS in Biology degrees are conferred by the Graduate School. The MS in Clinical Research Management is conferred by University College.

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