Greetings from the College of Liberal Arts! As one of the leading public Liberal Arts colleges in the country, we rely on all members of our college community to continue our tradition of excellence in academics, leadership, and civic engagement. Our students have a very important role in the life of the college and are encouraged to pursue our CORE principles while on the Forty Acres.

Community
Students play a vital role in our community by conducting research, organizing events, and volunteering.

Opportunity
Liberal Arts students are taught by faculty members that rank among the best in their fields; and students interested in the professional world have many internship opportunities.

Responsibility
The college has been built and supported by generation upon generation of Texans. With this generous gift comes the responsibility for students to do the best work they can and leave the college better than they found it.

Exploration
Texas was founded by people willing to take risks to better themselves and their communities. Our students embody this spirit by creating new programs, changing old ways, and blazing their own trails.

Thank you for taking the time to learn more about Liberal Arts. I hope to see you on campus soon.

Dean
Randy L. Diehl
The College of Liberal Arts offers educational opportunities unparalleled by any Texas public university. Students receive a classic liberal arts education while reaping the benefits of a world-class research institution. For over 125 years, alumni have utilized Liberal Arts as a springboard to every imaginable career.

With over 50 departments and centers and hundreds of faculty members, students are sure to find classes or faculty research that will suit virtually any interest. The faculty-student ratio of 20-1 affords students many opportunities for small-group learning and mentoring; and Liberal Arts’ highly distinguished faculty has won hundreds of awards for teaching, research, and writing.

Several of the college’s departments and centers have been nationally recognized. In 2009, *US News and World Report* ranked the economics, English, history, government, psychology, and sociology departments in the top 25 programs in the country. The college offers over 50 different areas of study, and students are encouraged to customize their educational experiences to their goals and interests with minors, certificates, internships, and study abroad. The college’s faculty and academic advisors are available to assist students in making the most of the college and university resources available to them.

Liberal Arts provides excellent preparation for law, medical, or graduate school; and graduates work in a variety of fields, from government, education, and the media to banking, consulting, and business. Alumni can be found working and living all over Texas, the nation, and the globe.

**Liberal Arts at a Glance**
Career and Internship Resources

“What are you going to do with that?” is the question most Liberal Arts students dread hearing after they have told friends and family about their chosen major. Students who want to have a clear and confident response have Liberal Arts Career Services (LACS), where the friendly and experienced staff will guide them towards career-related opportunities during college and beyond.

LACS resources include:

• Credit-based career education courses to help students identify and capitalize on the strengths that Liberal Arts students can offer the professional world.
• Unique career coaching packages that prepare students for competing in today’s challenging job market or applying to law school.
• Connection to over 3,400 employers ranging from Fortune 500 companies to government agencies and nonprofits.

David Paschall, a government sophomore, offered this testimonial:

“I can’t stress enough how useful LACS has been to me. As a transfer student, I was unsure of myself and my own capabilities before I stepped into this office. I walked out one day, finished my resume and cover letter, and submitted them to three offices in Austin. Within one week, I had interviewed in two of those offices and acquired one position as an intern at the office I wanted to work for most. LACS is invaluable to the College of Liberal Arts and the university.”

Learn more at www.utexas.edu/cola/lacs
Study Abroad Opportunities

Each year, Liberal Arts students study in over 80 countries. The college and the university offers more than 350 programs, ranging from Maymesters, which last a few weeks in the summer, to semesters or full academic years abroad. The Study Abroad Office helps students determine which programs are right for them based on educational goals, desired length of study, and chosen level of immersion. Financial aid is available to make the study abroad experience available to all students.

Benefits of study abroad include:
- Approved programs allow students to study abroad and still graduate on time.
- Foreign language immersion.
- Enhanced employment opportunities.
- New friends and contacts from around the world.

Popular study abroad options administered by the College of Liberal Arts are the Normandy Scholar Program on World War II, the Oxford English Summer Program, and the Archeological Field School in Belize.

Learn more at www.utexas.edu/student/abroad
All students take classes in United States history and government, social science, foreign language, rhetoric and composition, English literature, math, science, fine arts, and humanities to fulfill the Liberal Arts general requirements and university core curriculum. Many students enter the college undeclared and use their requirements to explore which majors might best suit them. Students interested in more than one subject commonly double major within the College of Liberal Arts.

### CULTURAL STUDIES

Cultural studies majors draw on several disciplines, including anthropology, history, communication, government, sociology, art, and literature to examine a particular culture or subculture.

- African and African American Studies
- American Studies
- Asian American Studies
- Asian Studies
- European Studies
- Islamic Studies
- Jewish Studies
- Latin American Studies
- Mexican American Studies
- Middle Eastern Studies
- Russian, Eastern European and Eurasian Studies
- Scandinavian Studies
- Urban Studies
- Women and Gender Studies

### HUMANITIES

Humanities majors focus on the study and examination of the human experience, often using methods that are analytical or critical.

- Ancient History and Classical Civilization
- Classical Archaeology
- Classics
- English
- History
- Philosophy
- Religious Studies
- Rhetoric and Writing
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LANGUAGE AND LITERATURE

Foreign language majors focus on learning a foreign language through speaking, listening, reading, and writing, as well as building cultural knowledge of regions represented by that language.

- Arabic
- Chinese
- Czech
- French
- German
- Greek
- Hebrew
- Hindi/Urdu
- Italian
- Japanese
- Latin
- Malayalam
- Persian
- Portuguese
- Russian
- Sanskrit
- Spanish
- Tamil
- Turkish

SOCIAL SCIENCES

Social science majors deal with sociocultural aspects of human behavior, with an emphasis on scientific methods of inquiry and direct application of knowledge.

- Anthropology
- Economics
- Geography
- Government
- Linguistics
- Psychology, BA
- Psychology, BS
- Sociology

SPECIAL PROGRAMS

These restricted programs have additional application requirements and application deadlines. More information is found on the next page.

- Humanities program
- Plan II Honors
Honors Programs

LIBERAL ARTS HONORS AND HUMANITIES

The Liberal Arts Honors program gives first-year students the opportunity to enroll in honors sections of introductory courses taught by distinguished professors. Benefits include peer mentoring, eligibility for honors housing, and engagement in volunteer work, cultural events, a theater group, a music ensemble, and a literary magazine. Upper-division programs include the college honors program and the humanities major.

Learn more at www.utexas.edu/cola/progs/lahonors

PLAN II HONORS

One of the most prestigious honors programs in the country, Plan II is a challenging major with an interdisciplinary core curriculum that includes the study of literature, philosophy, society, the arts, math, and natural sciences, and culminates with an honors thesis. Many core courses are organized as intimate seminars that emphasize writing, presentation skills, and close interaction with faculty.

Learn more at www.utexas.edu/cola/progs/plan2/applicants/

DEPARTMENTAL HONORS

Each department offers students the opportunity to earn special honors. These honors programs offer advanced undergraduate work and require an honors thesis. Students typically select a faculty advisor and research topic in their junior year and complete their thesis in their senior year.
UTeach-Liberal Arts

UTeach-Liberal Arts is a teacher certification program designed for College of Liberal Arts students who wish to become certified for secondary education in humanities and social science subjects. The program is a collaboration between the Colleges of Liberal Arts and Education, and emphasizes practical, hands-on experience in K-12 public schools.

UTeach-Liberal Arts students complete teacher preparation courses while they complete requirements for their majors. The program consists of at least four long semesters of vigorous coursework. Each semester requires field placement in local schools, starting with an elementary school, then going on to middle and high school, and culminating in apprentice teaching in the final year. UTeach-Liberal Arts graduates are among the most prepared teachers to enter the field upon graduation.

Areas of certification:
- Arabic
- Chinese
- Economics
- English
- French
- Geography
- German
- Government
- History
- Japanese
- Latin
- Russian
- Spanish

Learn more at www.utexas.edu/cola/progs/uteach
Campus Involvement

Campus organizations offer students the opportunity to make new friends, develop leadership skills, gain professional experience, and make an impact on the university, city, state, and planet. With over 900 registered student organizations on campus, there is an organization for almost any interest, from preparing for medical school to volunteering internationally.

Types of organizations include:
- Cultural
- Educational
- Honorary
- Political
- Professional
- Recreational
- Religious
- Service
- Social
- Student governance

Learn more at deanofstudents.utexas.edu/sald/

LIBERAL ARTS COUNCIL

Liberal Arts students are urged to join Liberal Arts Council (LAC), the official student governing body for the college. LAC serves as the student voice to the Liberal Arts Dean’s Office and university administration. Members also work to build community through events and link students to the professional world through Liberal Arts Career Services and alumni. Members have opportunities to work with community involvement, academic affairs, public affairs, and more.

Learn more at www.utexas.edu/cola/orgs/lac/
Life on Campus

Generation upon generation of Texans have called the Forty Acres home as the campus continues to evolve to serve the ever-changing needs of its members. Students today have more resources than ever before to try new activities, meet new people, and develop personally and professionally.

Popular resources on campus include:

- First-year Interest Groups (FIGS) help ease first-year students into campus life by allowing them to register for a cluster of classes they will share with up to 20 classmates. The FIG program also sponsors a series of seminars led by peer mentors and staff facilitators that address student social, academic, and developmental issues.
- RecSports hosts one of the best recreational sports programs in the nation, with gyms, pools, a climbing wall, intramural sports, and fitness and exercise classes.
- Texas Student Media allows students interested in journalism, broadcasting, or film to join *The Daily Texan*, Texas Student Television, KVRX-FM, *Cactus Yearbook*, or *Texas Travesty*.
- The Blanton Museum of Art is the largest university museum in the United States, with works from the U.S., Latin America, and Europe.

The City of Austin has enjoyed a long and productive relationship with the university, and is itself a valuable resource for students. Being the state capital, Austin offers students internship opportunities in politics, private industry, and nonprofits. Students can also enjoy excellent outdoor recreation and a vibrant music, film, and art scene.
ASK LIBBY

Ask Libby is the college’s top source of information for current and prospective students. This Web site includes an interactive FAQ and information about majors, minors, special programs, important deadlines, college and university policies, financial aid, and much more. Visitors who do not find the information they are seeking can e-mail a question to Libby and receive an answer from an academic advisor.

Learn more at www.asklibby.org

THE COLLEGE OF LIBERAL ARTS PARENTS’ LEAGUE

The College of Liberal Arts Parents’ League, created in 2008, was designed to engage parents in the life of the college and inform them about opportunities available to their students. Members provide input on the college’s communication efforts and receive information on volunteer opportunities and special events.

“Ultimately, students will prosper if they have a web of support around them,” Associate Dean Marc Musick said. “One of the best things parents can do is to let us know what they need to know. The League can act as that conduit.”

Learn more at www.colaparents.org