

COURSES OF STUDY

The University of North Alabama offers courses of graduate study leading to the degrees and/or professional certifications described below. For many students, these programs may be terminal; for others they may provide a basis for further graduate study in the field. Eligible students who do not wish to pursue a course of study may use individual graduate courses to serve other professional, vocational, or personal interests.

Graduate students who are medically qualified and who will complete their graduate studies program prior to their thirtieth birthday are eligible for participation in the Army Reserve Officer Training Corps advanced course. Students must be registered as full-time graduate students (nine semester hours each semester) for four semesters with degree requirements completed at the conclusion of the fourth semester. Graduate student cadets receive a stipend of \$150.00 per month for their participation. Successful completion of the ROTC program and graduation lead to a commission as a second lieutenant in the United States Army, the Army Reserve, or the National Guard. Contact the Professor of Military Science for more details.

Arts and Sciences

Master of Arts (M.A.) Degree in English

This program is designed to meet the educational needs of persons aspiring to professional advancement in the teaching of English or in other professions requiring advanced degrees in the discipline, as well as those students preparing for advanced study at the Ph.D. level.

Master of Arts (M.A.) Degree in Writing

This program is designed to meet the educational needs of persons aspiring to advancement in professional and creative writing fields as well as those wishing to advance in the area of rhetoric and composition.

The MA in Writing will also prepare students for advance study at the Ph.D. or MFA levels. Students will receive hands on experience, including professional internships and portfolio preparation.

Master of Arts (M.A.) Degree in History

This program is intended to meet the educational needs of those aspiring to professional advancement in the study and/or teaching of history or in other professions requiring an advanced degree.

Master of Arts (M.A.) Degree in Public History

This program prepares students for careers in the fields of archival and museum administration, curation, historic preservation and cultural resource management. Fieldwork projects and internships give students valuable experience working with historical organizations and agencies.

Master of Professional Studies (M.Pr.S.)

This degree is an applied interdisciplinary professional program with workforce and personal development at the core of its mission. The degree is designed to build upon skills expected of professionals working within formal organizations while affording students opportunities to develop specialized skills specific to their career path.

Master of Science in Criminal Justice (M.S.C.J.) Degree

This program is intended to meet the educational needs of professionals who wish to serve in federal, state, and local agencies within the criminal justice system.

Master of Science in Family Studies (M.S.) Degree

This program is intended to meet the educational needs of professionals who wish to serve children and families in family and social service agencies. The Family Studies graduate program seeks to train students to be effective leaders in these organizations by providing students with a strong background in research, application, and family studies content.

Master of Science (M.S.) Degree in Geospatial Science

The program focuses on the multidisciplinary application of geography, the spatial paradigm, and methods of geospatial technologies to prepare students to solve complex environmental, urban, economic, and business problems; conduct independent research; expand skills in critical thinking and writing; and enter professions requiring knowledge of geospatial methods, analysis, and techniques.

Joint Curriculum Two Degrees Program

The Joint Curriculum Two Degrees Program allows students to earn a Master of Business Administration degree and a Master of Science in Family Studies degree simultaneously. Students must be eligible to be admitted to both program and must meet the degree requirements outlined in the joint curriculum. Fort-five (45) credit hours are required to complete both degrees.

Business

Master of Business Administration Degree (MBA)

This program is designed for students who wish to prepare for professional careers in business, industry, or government, or for further graduate study. Courses within the program also may be applied to the enhancement of individual knowledge and competencies.

Education and Human Sciences

Master of Arts Degree in Clinical Mental Health Counseling

Program of study is designed for individuals who wish to counsel in mental health and agency settings and who may wish to become Licensed Professional Counselors.

Master of Arts in Education Degree

With majors in school counseling, elementary education K-6, secondary education, including P-12 education (selected teaching fields), instructional leadership, and special education: collaborative teacher K-6 and/or 6-12. For persons who hold the appropriate valid Alabama Class B professional certificate and who have completed the teaching experience as specified, or who qualify under the School Counseling Track 2 CACREP Approach, program completion may qualify them for recommendation for the Alabama Class A professional certificate.

Master of Arts in Education Degree

For alternative Class A programs in P-12 education, and secondary education.

Master of Science Degree in Health and Human Performance

Designed for students interested in the exercise and health sciences professions. This program provides opportunities for advanced study for those individuals whose careers or personal interests require additional knowledge or research skills. The Health and Human Performance degree

offers five concentrations; exercise science, kinesiology, integrative health, sport management, and wellness and health promotion.

Education Specialist Degree

For persons seeking a Class AA professional certificate in elementary education, instructional leadership, and teacher leader must hold a valid Class A level certificate in an approved Alabama State Department of Education teaching field or instructional support area. Refer to College of Education and Human Sciences section of the Graduate Catalog.

Nursing

Master of Science in Nursing (MSN)

This degree has two curricular options for registered nurses holding the Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN). The “Nursing in Teaching-Learning Environment” option prepares graduates to be educators in both academic and non-academic environments. The “Nursing Leadership in Organizational Environments” prepares the graduates to be managers, administrators, and executives in health care organizations. Both options are available online and require no campus attendance.