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4. The ability to apply knowledge of the arts and sciences to society's specific needs.

Graduate School Information and Academic Advice
The College of Liberal Arts and Sciences partners with the Graduate School to assist with the administration of our graduate degrees. Graduate students in the college are expected to assume responsibility for planning their academic programs in accordance with Graduate School Rules, CLAS policies and degree program requirements. Graduate students must work with the Student Progress Coordinator in the Graduate School to assist with the administration of our graduate degrees. The Student Progress Coordinator in the Graduate School is responsible for advising graduate students of University and Graduate School policies and procedures and for certifying that degree requirements have been met for graduation purposes.

Graduate students should meet with a faculty advisor in their department as soon as they begin their degree program. The faculty advisor is funding opportunities, Teaching and Research Assistant positions and participate in the Western Regional Graduate Program (https://graduateschool.ucdenver.edu/admissions/western-regional-graduate-program/).

Explore CLAS Graduate programs here (p. 2).

For more information about CLAS, visit our website. (https://clas.ucdenver.edu/academic-programs/graduate-programs/)

College of Liberal Arts and Sciences Educational Goals
A CU Denver liberal education combines world-class knowledge in specific disciplines with the comprehensive skills and dispositions that students need for success and that our society needs its citizens to possess. In a world where content knowledge rapidly becomes obsolete and where graduates may have a dozen different jobs, these skills and dispositions are crucial. Employers increasingly look for employees who can think critically, communicate clearly, and solve complex problems. A liberal education may be the most vocational education that today's student can earn. A liberal arts and sciences education truly is “learning with purpose.”

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excellent graduate programs, ranging from the highly specialized
PhD in Clinical Health Psychology to the broad interdisciplinary MA in
Humanities or Social Sciences. CLAS faculty members are recognized
as research leaders, dedicated mentors, and engaged scholars. Bringing
real-world experience and academic expertise to our classrooms, CLAS
faculty are dedicated to instilling in students a lifelong love of learning
and inquiry, cutting-edge research training, respect for free thinking and
commitment to collaborative endeavors. Our graduate programs draw
on our downtown location and make use of the city’s many resources

Continuing and Professional Education (CPE)
The College of Liberal Arts and Sciences (CLAS) participates in the
University’s Continuing and Professional Education (CPE) programs,
which include credit courses offered through extended studies during
evenings, weekends and at off-campus sites. CPE also includes non-
credit courses offered for continuing education units (C.E.U.s) or for
professional development and personal enrichment.

For more information about CLAS CPE programs, visit our website.
(https://clas.ucdenver.edu/cpe/)

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Graduate Departments and Programs

Graduate degree programs offered by CLAS are listed below.
Many degrees provide the opportunity for students to specialize in
concentrations within the discipline; these are noted below the degree
title.

• Anthropology (http://catalog.ucdenver.edu/cu-denver/graduate/
schools-colleges-departments/college-liberal-arts-sciences/
anthropology/)
  • Anthropology, MA (http://catalog.ucdenver.edu/cu-denver/
     graduate/schools-colleges-departments/college-liberal-arts-
     sciences/anthropology/anthropology-ma/)
• Chemistry (http://catalog.ucdenver.edu/cu-denver/graduate/schools-
colleges-departments/college-liberal-arts-sciences/chemistry/)
  • Chemistry, MS (http://catalog.ucdenver.edu/cu-denver/graduate/
schools-colleges-departments/college-liberal-arts-sciences/
chemistry/chemistry-ms/)
• CLAS Interdisciplinary Certificates (http://catalog.ucdenver.edu/cu-
denver/graduate/schools-colleges-departments/college-liberal-arts-
sciences/clas-interdisciplinary-certificates/)
  • Digital Studies Certificate (http://catalog.ucdenver.edu/cu-
denver/graduate/schools-colleges-departments/college-liberal-arts-
sciences/clas-interdisciplinary-certificates/digital-studies-
certificate/)
• Communication (http://catalog.ucdenver.edu/cu-denver/graduate/
schools-colleges-departments/college-liberal-arts-sciences/
communication/)
  • Communication, MA (http://catalog.ucdenver.edu/cu-denver/
    graduate/schools-colleges-departments/college-liberal-arts-
    sciences/communication/communication-ma/)
  • Strategic Communication Graduate Certificate (http://
catalog.ucdenver.edu/cu-denver/graduate/schools-colleges-
departments/college-liberal-arts-sciences/communication/
strategic-communication-graduate-certificate/)
• Dual Degrees (http://catalog.ucdenver.edu/cu-denver/graduate/
schools-colleges-departments/college-liberal-arts-sciences/dual-degrees/)
  • Economics MA/Applied Mathematics MS Dual Degree, with a
    Focus in Applied Statistics (http://catalog.ucdenver.edu/cu-
denver/graduate/schools-colleges-departments/college-liberal-
arts-sciences/dual-degrees/economics-ma-applied-mathematics-
ms-dual-degree-focus-applied-statistics/)
  • Economics MA/Finance MS Dual Degree (http://
catalog.ucdenver.edu/cu-denver/graduate/schools-colleges-
departments/college-liberal-arts-sciences/dual-degrees/
economics-ma-finance-ms-dual-degree/)
  • Economics MA/Public Administration MPA Dual Degree (http://
catalog.ucdenver.edu/cu-denver/graduate/schools-colleges-
departments/college-liberal-arts-sciences/dual-degrees/
economics-ma-public-administration-mpa-dual-degree/)
• Economics (http://catalog.ucdenver.edu/cu-denver/graduate/
schools-colleges-departments/college-liberal-arts-sciences/
economics/)
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- Health Economics, MS (http://catalog.ucdenver.edu/cu-denver/graduate/schools-colleges-departments/college-liberal-arts-sciences/economics/health-economics-ms/)
- Health Economics, PhD (http://catalog.ucdenver.edu/cu-denver/graduate/schools-colleges-departments/college-liberal-arts-sciences/economics/health-economics-phd/)
- Economics, MA (http://catalog.ucdenver.edu/cu-denver/graduate/schools-colleges-departments/college-liberal-arts-sciences/economics/economics-ma/)
- Applied Econometrics and Data Analytics Graduate Certificate (http://catalog.ucdenver.edu/cu-denver/graduate/schools-colleges-departments/college-liberal-arts-sciences/economics/applied-econometrics-data-analytics-graduate-certificate/)
- Health Economics and Outcomes Research Graduate Certificate (http://catalog.ucdenver.edu/cu-denver/graduate/schools-colleges-departments/college-liberal-arts-sciences/economics/health-economics-outcomes-research-graduate-certificate/)
- English (http://catalog.ucdenver.edu/cu-denver/graduate/schools-colleges-departments/college-liberal-arts-sciences/english/)
- English, MA (http://catalog.ucdenver.edu/cu-denver/graduate/schools-colleges-departments/college-liberal-arts-sciences/english/english-ma/)
- Teaching College-level Language and Literacy Certificate (http://catalog.ucdenver.edu/cu-denver/graduate/schools-colleges-departments/college-liberal-arts-sciences/english/teaching-college-level-language-literacy-certificate/)
- Teaching College-Level Literature and Film Graduate Certificate (http://catalog.ucdenver.edu/cu-denver/graduate/schools-colleges-departments/college-liberal-arts-sciences/english/teaching-college-level-literature-film-graduate-certificate/)
- Teaching English Language Learners Graduate Certificate (CTELL) (http://catalog.ucdenver.edu/cu-denver/graduate/schools-colleges-departments/college-liberal-arts-sciences/english/teaching-english-language-learners-graduate-certificate-ctell/)
- Ethnic Studies (http://catalog.ucdenver.edu/cu-denver/graduate/schools-colleges-departments/college-liberal-arts-sciences/ethnic-studies/)
- Ethnic Studies Graduate Certificate (http://catalog.ucdenver.edu/cu-denver/graduate/schools-colleges-departments/college-liberal-arts-sciences/ethnic-studies/ethnic-studies-graduate-certificate/)
- Geography and Environmental Sciences (http://catalog.ucdenver.edu/cu-denver/graduate/schools-colleges-departments/college-liberal-arts-sciences/geography-environmental-sciences/)
- Applied Geography & Geospatial Science, MA (http://catalog.ucdenver.edu/cu-denver/graduate/schools-colleges-departments/college-liberal-arts-sciences/geography-environmental-sciences/applied-geography-geospatial-science-ma/)
- Environmental Sciences, MS (http://catalog.ucdenver.edu/cu-denver/graduate/schools-colleges-departments/college-liberal-arts-sciences/geography-environmental-sciences/environmental-sciences-ms/)
- Environmental Science Education Graduate Certificate (http://catalog.ucdenver.edu/cu-denver/graduate/schools-colleges-departments/college-liberal-arts-sciences/geography-environmental-sciences/environmental-science-education-graduate-certificate/)
- Free and Open Source Software for Geospatial Applications Graduate Certificate (http://catalog.ucdenver.edu/cu-denver/graduate/schools-colleges-departments/college-liberal-arts-sciences/geography-environmental-sciences/free-open-source-software-geospatial-applications-graduate-certificate/)
- Geographic Information Science Graduate Certificate (http://catalog.ucdenver.edu/cu-denver/graduate/schools-colleges-departments/college-liberal-arts-sciences/geography-environmental-sciences/geographic-information-science-graduate-certificate/)
- Sustainable Urban Agriculture Graduate Certificate (http://catalog.ucdenver.edu/cu-denver/graduate/schools-colleges-departments/college-liberal-arts-sciences/geography-environmental-sciences/sustainable-urban-agriculture-graduate-certificate/)
- Health and Behavioral Sciences (http://catalog.ucdenver.edu/cu-denver/graduate/schools-colleges-departments/college-liberal-arts-sciences/health-behavioral-sciences/)
- Health and Behavioral Sciences, PhD (http://catalog.ucdenver.edu/cu-denver/graduate/schools-colleges-departments/college-liberal-arts-sciences/health-behavioral-sciences/health-behavioral-sciences-phd/)
- History (http://catalog.ucdenver.edu/cu-denver/graduate/schools-colleges-departments/college-liberal-arts-sciences/history/)
- History, MA (http://catalog.ucdenver.edu/cu-denver/graduate/schools-colleges-departments/college-liberal-arts-sciences/history/history-ma/)
- Public History, MA in History (http://catalog.ucdenver.edu/cu-denver/graduate/schools-colleges-departments/college-liberal-arts-sciences/history/public-history-ma-history/)
- Global History Graduate Certificate (http://catalog.ucdenver.edu/cu-denver/graduate/schools-colleges-departments/college-liberal-arts-sciences/history/global-history-graduate-certificate/)
- U.S. History Graduate Certificate (http://catalog.ucdenver.edu/cu-denver/graduate/schools-colleges-departments/college-liberal-arts-sciences/history/us-history-graduate-certificate/)
- Humanities (http://catalog.ucdenver.edu/cu-denver/graduate/schools-colleges-departments/college-liberal-arts-sciences/humanities/)
- Humanities, MH (http://catalog.ucdenver.edu/cu-denver/graduate/schools-colleges-departments/college-liberal-arts-sciences/humanities/humanities-mh/)
- Integrated Sciences (http://catalog.ucdenver.edu/cu-denver/graduate/schools-colleges-departments/college-liberal-arts-sciences/integrated-sciences/)
- Integrated Sciences, MIS (http://catalog.ucdenver.edu/cu-denver/graduate/schools-colleges-departments/college-liberal-arts-sciences/integrated-sciences/integrated-sciences-mis/)
- Integrative Biology (http://catalog.ucdenver.edu/cu-denver/graduate/schools-colleges-departments/college-liberal-arts-sciences/integrative-biology/)
- Biology, MS (http://catalog.ucdenver.edu/cu-denver/graduate/schools-colleges-departments/college-liberal-arts-sciences/integrative-biology/biology-ms/)
- Integrative and Systems Biology, PhD (http://catalog.ucdenver.edu/cu-denver/graduate/schools-colleges-departments/college-liberal-arts-sciences/integrative-biology/integrative-systems-biology-phd/)

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• Mathematical and Statistical Sciences (http://catalog.ucdenver.edu/cu-denver/graduate/schools-colleges-departments/college-liberal-arts-sciences/mathematical-statistical-sciences/)
  • Applied Mathematics, MS (http://catalog.ucdenver.edu/cu-denver/graduate/schools-colleges-departments/college-liberal-arts-sciences/mathematical-statistical-sciences/applied-mathematics-ms/)
  • Applied Mathematics, PhD (http://catalog.ucdenver.edu/cu-denver/graduate/schools-colleges-departments/college-liberal-arts-sciences/mathematical-statistical-sciences/applied-mathematics-phd/)
  • Statistics, MS (http://catalog.ucdenver.edu/cu-denver/graduate/schools-colleges-departments/college-liberal-arts-sciences/mathematical-statistical-sciences/statistics-ms/)
  • Applied Statistics Graduate Certificate (http://catalog.ucdenver.edu/cu-denver/graduate/schools-colleges-departments/college-liberal-arts-sciences/mathematical-statistical-sciences/applied-statistics-graduate-certificate/)
• Modern Languages (http://catalog.ucdenver.edu/cu-denver/graduate/schools-colleges-departments/college-liberal-arts-sciences/modern-languages/)
  • Spanish, MA (http://catalog.ucdenver.edu/cu-denver/graduate/schools-colleges-departments/college-liberal-arts-sciences/modern-languages/spanish-ma/)
• Political Science (http://catalog.ucdenver.edu/cu-denver/graduate/schools-colleges-departments/college-liberal-arts-sciences/political-science/)
  • New Directions in Public, Non-Profit and Community Leadership, Political Science, MA (http://catalog.ucdenver.edu/cu-denver/graduate/schools-colleges-departments/college-liberal-arts-sciences/political-science/new-directions/public-non-profit-community-leadership-political-science-ma/)
  • Political Science, MA (http://catalog.ucdenver.edu/cu-denver/graduate/schools-colleges-departments/college-liberal-arts-sciences/political-science/political-science-ma/)
  • Political Science MA / Master of Business Administration (MBA) Dual Degree (http://catalog.ucdenver.edu/cu-denver/graduate/schools-colleges-departments/college-liberal-arts-sciences/political-science/political-science-ma-master-business-administration-mba-dual-degree/)
  • Labor Leadership Certificate (http://catalog.ucdenver.edu/cu-denver/graduate/schools-colleges-departments/college-liberal-arts-sciences/political-science/labor-leadership-certificate/)
• Public, Nonprofit and Community Leadership Graduate Certificate (http://catalog.ucdenver.edu/cu-denver/graduate/schools-colleges-departments/college-liberal-arts-sciences/political-science/public-nonprofit-community-leadership-graduate-certificate/)
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  • Psychology, Clinical Health Psychology, PhD (http://catalog.ucdenver.edu/cu-denver/graduate/schools-colleges-departments/college-liberal-arts-sciences/psychology/psychology-clinical-health-psychology-phd/)
• Social Science (http://catalog.ucdenver.edu/cu-denver/graduate/schools-colleges-departments/college-liberal-arts-sciences/social-science/)
  • Social Science, MSS (http://catalog.ucdenver.edu/cu-denver/graduate/schools-colleges-departments/college-liberal-arts-sciences/social-science/social-science-mss/)
  • Sociology (http://catalog.ucdenver.edu/cu-denver/graduate/schools-colleges-departments/college-liberal-arts-sciences/sociology/)
  • Sociology, MA (http://catalog.ucdenver.edu/cu-denver/graduate/schools-colleges-departments/college-liberal-arts-sciences/sociology/sociology-ma/)
  • Women's and Gender Studies (http://catalog.ucdenver.edu/cu-denver/graduate/schools-colleges-departments/college-liberal-arts-sciences/womens-gender-studies/)
  • Women's and Gender Studies Graduate Certificate (http://catalog.ucdenver.edu/cu-denver/graduate/schools-colleges-departments/college-liberal-arts-sciences/womens-gender-studies/womens-gender-studies-graduate-certificate/)

College of Liberal Arts and Sciences Policies

For additional information regarding CLAS policies and procedures, please visit the CLAS Academic Policies website (https://clas.ucdenver.edu/faculty-staff/content/academic-policies/).

The Graduate School administers and serves all CLAS Master’s programs, Doctoral programs, Certificates, and non-degree students. All programs must follow the Graduate School Policies and Procedures. (https://www.ucdenver.edu/docs/librariesprovider138/denver-anschutz-graduate-school/resources/graduate-school-policies-and-procedures.pdf?sfvrsn=d00622b9_2)

Independent Studies

Independent studies are faculty-mentored, individually structured courses or research or creative projects designed and scheduled outside of the standard course grid. Independent study allows for investigations beyond the structured curriculum and classroom and exploration of content material that closely relates to faculty and student interest. However, the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences does not guarantee that credit earned through an independent study will count toward graduation requirements or be accepted as transfer credits.

The CU Denver campus requires manual registration using a Special Processing Form for students participating in independent study. This form constitutes the course syllabus agreement between faculty and student. The Special Processing Form requires

1. project title,
2. short, detailed project description, including texts and practical application of skills, and
3. explicit performance or grading criteria.

The faculty should separately negotiate a schedule of meetings and deadlines with the student. The form is reviewed and approved by a CLAS Associate Dean/Assistant Dean prior to student registration.

The College faculty developed the following requirements relating to student and faculty participation in independent study. Faculty seeking to waive or modify any of the policies below should work with the appropriate CLAS Associate Dean/Assistant Dean.
Student Requirements

- Enrollment as a CLAS student or, if enrolled in another major/minor, school/college, or institution, signed authorization on the Special Processing Form by the advisor/chair/dean of the originating school/college or institution prior to review by the CLAS associate or assistant dean.
- Graduate student status for 5840 (or higher), junior or senior status for 4840, sophomore status for 2840.
- Minimum GPA of 2.5 for undergraduates and 3.0 for graduate students.
- Submission of the Special Processing Form prior to the third week of a regular semester. After the third week, a petition to add is required. Summer and intensive sessions will have different deadlines.

Faculty Requirements

- CLAS tenured, tenure-track, Clinical Teaching Track, Senior Instructor, or Instructor rank.
- CLAS graduate faculty status for faculty sponsoring graduate independent study.
- Direct, not indirect, supervision by the designated CLAS faculty member.
- For instructor-rank faculty, approval by the department chair, though all untenured faculty should limit the number of independent studies and are advised to consult with the chair before taking them on.

Project Requirements

- CLAS discipline or directly discipline related content, though may be interdisciplinary.
- Unique or individually executed project content for each student.
- Not available as, or part of, a structured course offered during the same term.
- 3 student participation hours per week for each credit hour requested.
  Note: 4:1 ratio in summer.