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Tulane University, founded in 1834, is one of the foremost independent national research universities in the United States. Its admission criteria place it among the most highly selective universities in the nation. Tulane's schools and colleges offer graduate and professional degrees in the liberal arts, architecture, business, engineering, law, science, social work, medicine, and public health and tropical medicine.

The university is a member of the prestigious Association of American Universities, a select group of the 62 leading research universities in the United States and Canada with “pre-eminent programs of graduate and professional education and scholarly research.” Tulane also is ranked by the Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching as a university with “very high research activity.” Of more than 4,300 higher educational institutions rated by the foundation, Tulane remains in a prestigious category that includes only 2 percent of universities nationwide.

Located in New Orleans since its founding, Tulane traces its origins to the Medical College of Louisiana, the Deep South's second medical school, which was founded in 1834. By 1847, the Medical College was part of the newly established public institution, the University of Louisiana.

Tulane began as a private university in 1884 when the public University of Louisiana was reorganized and named in honor of benefactor Paul Tulane, a wealthy merchant who bequeathed more than $1 million to endow a university “for the promotion and encouragement of intellectual, moral and industrial education.” A native of Princeton, N.J., Paul Tulane had made his fortune in New Orleans and his gift expressed his appreciation to this Southern city on the Mississippi River.

In 1886, the H. Sophie Newcomb Memorial College for Women was established as part of Tulane. The university moved to its present campus on St. Charles Avenue in 1894, but medical school classes were held on the uptown and downtown campuses until the 1960s. The Tulane University Health Sciences Center in downtown New Orleans now includes the School of Medicine and School of Public Health and Tropical Medicine, while the Tulane National Primate Research Center is in Covington, Louisiana.

Research in many disciplines has flourished at Tulane through the establishment of centers such as the Roger Thayer Stone Center for Latin American Studies, the Middle American Research Institute, the Tulane/Xavier Center for Bioenvironmental Research, the Murphy Institute, the Tulane Cancer Center, the Tulane Center for Gene Therapy and the Newcomb College Center for Research on Women.

In the fall of 2005, following the nation's worst national disaster—Hurricane Katrina—Tulane was confronted with unprecedented challenges and, if those challenges could be mastered, tremendous opportunities. The administration and the Board of Tulane University faced redefining and renewing the university for the future. University President Scott Cowen called the resulting plan “the most significant reinvention of a university in the United States in over a century.”

A broad-based Renewal Plan was adopted that has at its center a focus on superb graduate, professional and research programs that build on the university’s historical strengths and distinctive characteristics. Admissions that were previously handled through the Graduate School are now processed by the individual schools. In this way, graduate and professional students receive individualized attention from the moment of application to the completion of their degree.

These changes reflect a bold approach to reinventing Tulane University and allow the university to hold fast to its ideal of world-class quality. The university’s ultimate goal remains to offer students the maximum opportunity to be successful—academically, intellectually, and in their personal commitments and aspirations.
Graduate Degrees

Tulane University offers research-oriented graduate programs leading to the degrees of Doctor of Philosophy (PhD), Master of Arts (MA), and Master of Science (MS), offered primarily through the Schools of Liberal Arts, and Science and Engineering. It also offers professionally oriented programs leading to the degree of Master of Fine Arts (MFA). The Master of Liberal Arts (MLA) program is offered by the School of Continuing Studies, the continuing education division of Tulane.

The degree of Doctor of Philosophy is offered in the fields of anthropology, biology, biomedical engineering, biomedical sciences, business administration, chemical engineering, chemistry, earth and environmental sciences, history, Latin American studies, mathematics, neuroscience, philosophy, physics, psychology, public health and tropical medicine, and Spanish. The degree of Doctor of Philosophy may also be earned in an interdisciplinary field.

The Master of Arts degree is offered in the fields of anthropology, art, classical studies, policy economics, English, French, history, Latin American studies, music, philosophy, political science, Portuguese, sociology, and Spanish.

The Master of Science degree is available in the fields of biomedical engineering, cell and molecular biology, chemical engineering, chemistry, international development, earth and environmental sciences, economics, mathematics, human genetics, pharmacology, neuroscience, physics, and psychology.

The Master of Fine Arts degree is offered in the fields of art, music, and theatre.

In addition, there are professional graduate degrees at both the masters and doctoral level in the Schools of Architecture, Business, Law, Medicine, Social Work, and Public Health and Tropical Medicine. The general characteristics of each program of study are outlined on the next page; but as with admissions, specific requirements for all of graduate degrees may be obtained from the school in which the programs are to be carried out.

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Graduate Degree Requirements

The Doctor of Philosophy Degree

For PhD programs, the minimum course requirements are usually 48 semester hours; however, students should refer to the specific departmental requirements. One academic year must be in full-time residence status. Where necessary, a department will require additional hours of coursework. For additional foreign language, general examination, preliminary examination and qualifying examination requirements, please consult with the departmental graduate adviser or dean of the appropriate school or program. The graduate student’s entire program of study will often be within a single department. In some cases, however, a student may take some of the work outside the major department with the approval of the chair of both the major department and the other department or departments concerned. Occasionally, the needs of individual students may require a special interdisciplinary PhD. program. For further information see Special Interdisciplinary Programs. Some Schools offer doctoral degrees other than the PhD.

Master's Degrees

For Master of Arts (MA) and Master of Science (MS) programs, the minimum requirement is 24 semester hours plus thesis or equivalent. For the MA and MS without thesis, the minimum course requirement is 30 semester hours.

The Master of Fine Arts degree is given through the Departments of Art, Music, and Theatre and Dance. The Department of Music requires a minimum of 30 semester hours; the Department of Art requires a minimum of 48 semester hours; and the Department of Theatre and Dance requires a minimum of 54 semester hours. It is expected that most students will spend a minimum of two years (three years for Theatre and Dance) of graduate study in fulfilling the requirements for the MFA degree.

The Master of Liberal Arts (MLA) program is offered by the School of Continuing Studies. Requirements for the degree include completion of two core courses within a single track and seven other graduate-level courses; additional core courses may be taken as electives. Finally, completion of a project, normally a thesis, related to the theme of the student’s track or educational plan, is required.

In some programs, Tulane undergraduate students have the option of obtaining a master’s degree with one additional year of study beyond the bachelor’s degree (4+1). Program requirements vary, but most 4+1 degrees do not require a thesis, in which case 30 credit hours of graduate-level coursework are required. Those programs that offer a thesis-based 4+1 option require 24 credit hours of graduate coursework. Interested students are advised to consult with their school’s graduate adviser prior to their junior year to obtain specific instructions for participation in the 4+1 program.

Joint Degrees

Tulane University offers the qualified student the opportunity to work toward two different degrees concurrently. For additional information on joint degree programs, consult the sections of the Schools of Architecture, Business, Law, Liberal Arts, Medicine, Public Health and Tropical Medicine, Science and Engineering, Social Work.
Intro

The School of Liberal Arts consists of 15 departments and offers a range of PhD, MA, and MFA programs. The PhD prepares students to be practicing scholars in the offering disciplines. Students receiving the PhD from departments and programs in the School of Liberal Arts have obtained academic positions at prestigious colleges and universities all over the country. The MA is an appropriate degree for students who are unsure whether they want to continue in a PhD program, for students who want to teach in secondary school, and for a wide range of other careers, depending on the discipline. The MFA is the terminal degree for practitioners in studio art, music performance and theatre.

Students in the School of Liberal Arts are able to enter a wide variety of fields of work because they master skills that are critical to all professions and develop interests that can enrich the rest of their lives. They also excel in the many new professions that are emerging in today's global society. Our students are at the heart of an intellectual community based on outstanding instruction by distinguished scholars and intellectual dialogue. Students in the humanities, social sciences, and fine arts develop long-lasting relationships with their professors and fellow students in a wide variety of settings inside and outside the classroom.
Admission Requirements

Application to the School of Liberal Arts is normally for admission to a graduate degree program. An applicant may seek admission as a special, non-degree student to pursue study which does not lead to a degree. Applicants who have earned an undergraduate degree from a recognized institution may be admitted to the School of Liberal Arts if their academic records and personal attributes indicate the ability to pursue advanced study successfully. Applicants must present evidence, to the satisfaction of the department or the program committee concerned, of adequate preparation for the subjects in which they seek to specialize. All students must hold the undergraduate degree before enrolling.

**Application**
The graduate application for the School of Liberal Arts at Tulane University is available online or by downloading a paper application. Online applications are preferred.

**Online Application:**
https://app.applyyourself.com/?id=tulane-g

**Downloading a paper application:**
You may download the application in Adobe PDF format ([www.liberalarts.tulane.edu/documents/GraduateApplication.pdf](http://www.liberalarts.tulane.edu/documents/GraduateApplication.pdf)) or Microsoft Word ([www.liberalarts.tulane.edu/documents/SLAGraduateApplication.doc](http://www.liberalarts.tulane.edu/documents/SLAGraduateApplication.doc)).

Once downloaded, the package should include:
- Instructions (1 page)
- Application (3 pages)
- Statement of Purpose (1 page)
- Letter of Recommendation (2 pages)
- Application Acknowledgment (1 page)

**Instructions for the Tulane University School of Liberal Arts graduate application**
Your application package must be complete before you mail it to the School of Liberal Arts. It should include all of the following items:

- An official transcript from each institution, submitted in a sealed envelope and signed across the back by the registrar. The college or university should mail the transcripts directly to you, to be submitted unopened with the application. For transcripts in a language other than English, please provide a certified English translation with an explanation of the grading system.
- Recommendations from three professors, preferably in your major field, should be submitted in a sealed envelope and signed across the back by the recommender. Ask each recommender to return the form to you to be submitted unopened with your application.
- A completed application form. Please note that the application for admission also serves as the application for merit-based financial awards.
- A statement of purpose including the disciplinary aspect or area of study in which you are most interested, and your plans concerning your career in the field.
- U.S. $45.00 application fee (made payable to Tulane University)
- The acknowledgement sheet with your name and address filled in.

Remember that you should take the Graduate Record Exam (GRE) in the fall. We cannot complete our review of your application without your official GRE scores taken within 5 years of enrollment.

International students must also take the Test of Spoken English (TSE) or the Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL). You must ask the Educational Testing Service (ETS) to send your official GRE and TOEFL test scores directly to Tulane.

All application materials, with the exception of the GRE and TOEFL score reports, should be mailed in one envelope (9”x12”) to:

Director of Graduate Studies
Office of the Dean
School of Liberal Arts
Newcomb Hall
Tulane University
New Orleans, LA 70118

Only completed application packets are forwarded to the departments for review. Therefore, it is very important that all of the required documents accompany your application. Sending application materials separately could cause a delay in the processing.

Materials submitted in support of an application are not released for other purposes and cannot be returned to the applicant.
Anthropology

Doctor of Philosophy
Anthropology is the study of human diversity in the past and present. Anthropologists take a holistic, comparative approach towards understanding the human experience. Graduate students in anthropology at Tulane can specialize in linguistics, cultural anthropology, physical anthropology, and archaeology. Topical interests of members of the department include language and identity, language change, language acquisition, linguistic theory, human evolution and speciation, primate behavioral ecology, bioarchaeology and forensic anthropology, gender, ethnicity, medicine, colonialism, urbanism, globalization, currency and economy, ethnohistory, ethnobotany, historical ecology, archaeology and Mayan hieroglyphs. Geographic areas in which we actively conduct research and about which we publish and teach include Mesoamerica, North America, Africa, China, Southeast Asia, Amazonia, the Andes and Europe. Programs and research centers at Tulane with close ties to the Anthropology Department include the Middle American Research Institute, the Stone Center for Latin American Studies, Religious Studies, Women’s Studies, Asian Studies, African and Diaspora Studies and the interdisciplinary program in linguistics.

The Latin American Library at Tulane is rich in topical holdings, rare manuscripts, glyphic rubbings and manuscript collections, which are open to our students for reference and research.

Requirements for the PhD in anthropology:
(1) 48 hours of coursework beyond the BA, (2) certification of professional level reading proficiency in one foreign language, (3) demonstration of competence in statistics, (4) written comprehensive examinations, (5) for linguistics, socio-cultural anthropology and archaeology students, oral examination on geographic or topical foci, (6) approximately one year of approved anthropological fieldwork, (7) presentation and defense of a dissertation prospectus, (8) presentation and defense of a dissertation.

The department awards stipends to students for their first three years of graduate study, after which point students seek grants and other forms of support. Advanced graduate students may also teach some sections of introductory undergraduate courses in our department.

http://anthropology.tulane.edu/grads.cfm

Art Studio

Master of Fine Arts
The MFA degree program is designed to enable mature and committed students to achieve a high degree of professional competence, both technical and conceptual, and is considered the terminal degree for the studio arts. Many candidates plan teaching careers at the college and the university level. Our program includes apprenticeship training as assistants in the undergraduate program and as instructors in Tulane’s School of Continuing Studies, excellent training grounds for such goals. We believe that the development of artistic breadth, personal accomplishment and critical maturity is the best preparation for college teaching in the visual arts.

MFA Requirements: (1) 48 hours of graduate level courses including: Two courses in art history (6 hrs.) and attendance in the MFA seminar classes (12 hrs.) held each semester. (2) The remaining courses (30 hrs.) are in the studio discipline and are designed to meet individual needs and interests. Thesis: A body of work demonstrating professional maturity constitutes the thesis proper. It is completed by the end of the second year and exhibited in the Department of Art galleries. In addition, an oral examination is conducted by an appointed faculty thesis committee.

http://pandora.tcs.tulane.edu/art/studio_print_grad.html
Art History

Master of Arts
Since 1960, the MA program in the history of art at Tulane has prepared outstanding students for careers in research, teaching, and museum work. The program welcomes students who have majored in fields other than art history.

MA Requirements: (1) 24 credit hours (8 courses) at the 600 and 700 levels, plus a thesis. The distribution requirement calls for two courses in each of three areas: (A) Classical, Byzantine, Medieval, Pre-Columbian; (B) Renaissance, Baroque, Colonial Latin American; (C) American and Modern. (2) Language: Reading proficiency in at least one foreign language relevant to the student’s work is required. The requirement is satisfied by passing a reading exam. (3) Thesis: The last step in the MA program is the writing of a thesis and its subsequent oral defense. The MA thesis should demonstrate the student’s ability to do research of publishable quality.

http://pandora.tcs.tulane.edu/art/degree.html

Art History/Latin American Studies

Doctor of Philosophy
Tulane is one of the few universities in the U.S. with the faculty, library, and other resources to support a strong PhD program in Latin American art. The Latin American library is one of the finest in the nation, and the Stone Center is one of the most prominent centers for Latin American studies in the country. Demand for PhDs with expertise in Latin American art is growing, as colleges and universities across the country add non-Western and Latin American specialists to their art departments. The joint PhD in Art History and Latin American Studies addresses this demand by drawing on Tulane’s strengths.

The joint PhD program unites a disciplinary grounding in art history with the breadth and comparative perspective of Latin American Studies. The program in Art History provides the strong disciplinary foundation graduates need for careers in teaching, research, and museum work in art history. The Program in Latin American Studies provides more comprehensive knowledge of Latin America and encourages a comparative perspective within Latin America and between Latin America and other areas of the globe. The program encourages study in such related fields as anthropology, history, languages, literature, and culture of Latin America, and comparative work with cultures outside of Latin America (e.g., Europe, Africa). This unique, ideal degree requires a range of art history courses and teaching proficiency in the art history survey courses as well as interdisciplinary breadth in Latin America.

PhD Requirements: (1) 54 credit hours (including an MA thesis or equivalent) in addition to the dissertation. The Latin American Studies core seminar is required, as is a course on art historical method and/or theory. All courses must be at the 600 and 700 levels. (2) Languages: A good working knowledge of two languages is required, one of which must be Spanish or Portuguese. The second language should also be pertinent to the student’s work.

http://pandora.tcs.tulane.edu/art/arthistory_grad_phd.html
Classical Studies

Master of Arts
The MA program in Classical Studies emphasizes preparation in Latin and Greek and can include coursework in ancient history, archaeology, philosophy, and ancient religion. The program generally requires two years for completion. In the first year, students normally take three courses each semester. In addition, students who are receiving a stipend serve as assistants to help a professor with course materials and grading. In the second year, students normally take two courses each semester and work on the MA qualifying paper under the direction of a professor. Second-year students receiving stipends will be given full responsibility for one section each semester of first-year Latin or Greek, or a mythology course. We offer our best qualified applicants for the full-time MA a full tuition scholarship and, in addition, an annual stipend.

www.tulane.edu/~classics/graduate.shtml

Economics

Master of Arts
The Master of Arts in Policy Economics at Tulane University integrates economic analysis and quantitative methods in a program of study designed for practitioners. Successful students will be prepared to enter the job market with a set of analytical skills designed for economic policy analysis. Also, some students may be interested in the certification of dual competency conferred by joint degrees in economics and Latin American studies, economics and business administration, or economics and law. In courses offered jointly with the undergraduates, MA students are held to higher academic standards and are generally assigned supplementary research work. Successful students can expect to complete at least seven applied projects in the course of earning the MA degree.

www.tulane.edu/~economic/masters.shtml

English

Master of Arts
Designed for recent baccalaureate students with majors in English or other literary studies, the MA program prepares students for success in a doctoral program in literary studies. Students interested in careers in fields for which an MA in English would be helpful, such as museum curating, publishing, journalism or media studies, those wishing to enhance their careers as teachers, or those who wish simply to enrich their understanding of literature, are also encouraged to apply. The program admits a limited number of excellent students from schools other than Tulane University. Students will receive instruction from our faculty members with national reputations who provide examples of professional scholarly activity in small seminars. This program is designed to provide students with the tools they need to understand the profession of literary scholarship and teaching.

Each student receives coursework in critical theories, research methods, literary fields and concentrations, and interdisciplinary approaches. Students are given practical experience in pedagogy, scholarly presentation and publication. We mentor students to successfully apply to doctoral programs or other further study and employment.

Students share in the intellectual life of the department and enjoy the benefits of a one-to-one student-faculty ratio. Each student will serve as a research assistant to a faculty mentor in an area of interest to them for at least two semesters. In the third and/or fourth semesters, students receive mentoring in pedagogy and classroom management, and they may apply to become a teaching assistant to a faculty mentor.

www.tulane.edu/~english/Grad/grad.htm
French & Italian

**Master of Arts**
From Occitan to Louisiana Creole, from codex to hypertext, graduate study at Tulane offers a comprehensive program in French and Francophone literatures and cultures. Faculty research and teaching are marked by transhistorical and interdisciplinary approaches. Areas of strength include Francophone studies, cultural studies, gender studies, medieval and Renaissance studies, the origins and evolutions of print culture, technologies of the book, film theory, creole linguistics, European and African philosophy, poetics, history of medicine, performance, psychoanalysis, national identity and transnationalism, life-writing, rhetoric and critical theory.

The French program at Tulane builds on the historical identity of New Orleans as a center of French-speaking and Caribbean culture to develop a graduate program with a broad focus on the Francophone world including the Afro-Caribbean region and Africa, a focus sustained by the Yvonne Arnoult chair in Francophone Studies. The department houses a program in less-commonly-taught languages and offers instruction in Arabic and Haitian Creole.

www.tulane.edu/~fren_it/french_ma_PhD.htm

History

Graduate programs in history are designed to train professional historians who will excel both in research and in teaching. The city of New Orleans offers varied research opportunities. With its unique French, African and Spanish heritage and its successive waves of immigrants, New Orleans has been and remains a city with a remarkably rich and multi-layered past. Records of this past—scattered throughout the city—are a constant reminder of the complexity of the human condition even to those whose research interests lie elsewhere. Some notable holdings housed on Tulane’s campus include: the Southern Jewish Archives; an outstanding Latin American collection; the world’s largest historical research collection pertaining to the Mississippi River; this country’s third largest African-American archives; a world-renowned archives of New Orleans Jazz; an Imperial Russian and Early Soviet rare book collection; a rare book collection of British shire histories; and one of the world’s major archival collections of the American Civil War.

The primary areas of faculty research and availability of historical sources are in United States History, with special emphasis on southern history; Latin American History; Britain; Europe from the Renaissance to the present; ancient and medieval Europe. In addition, graduate work as a second field is offered in Africa, Asia, Middle East, Germany, Russia and Spain. A student may combine late medieval and early modern Europe (ca. 1000-1789) as a first field. Topical fields such as Women’s History or Religion, for example, can also be approved.

**Doctor of Philosophy**
The PhD program entails 48 hours of course work (16 courses), one or two foreign languages depending on the area of specialization, written comprehensive exams, teaching, thesis and a dissertation. All PhD candidates are expected to teach within the department and to participate in at least one year-long research experience prior to the awarding of their degrees.

**Master of Arts**
The MA program has two different tracks. The MA with thesis degree is usually taken by students who wish to earn a PhD degree. It entails 24 hours of course work (8 courses), one foreign language, and a thesis. The non-thesis option is a terminal degree in which the student completes 30 hours of course work (ten courses), and passes a comprehensive examination.

http://history.tulane.edu/graduate.htm
The Roger Thayer Stone Center for Latin American Studies is one of the largest and most prestigious interdisciplinary units at Tulane University. It functions in many capacities to provide programming and degree plans to a broad range of educational constituencies. Students gain comprehensive knowledge about Latin America through a mixture of academic study, specialized training and research abroad. The program embraces linguistic fluency, fieldwork and direct engagement in Latin America and the Caribbean as essential to critical consciousness. The program encourages comparative studies that provide a more profound understanding of differences among socio-cultural systems developed within Latin America, as well as of differences between Latin American systems and others throughout the hemisphere and globe. The core faculty of seventy Latin Americanists represents the largest contingent of faculty associated with any department or program at the University. Students and faculty benefit from the holdings of the Latin American library and a network of contacts with public officials, non-governmental organizations and academic leaders in Latin America.

The design of both the MA and PhD curriculum in Latin American Studies is dependent upon the student’s particular research interests. The graduate advisor and the student will discuss these research interests before the start of the student’s first semester of coursework and will map out a comprehensive program of study with the goal of developing an interdisciplinary research project. Students accumulate the research skills and tools by undertaking coursework in multiple disciplines or fields. Students should expect to narrow their coursework to one primary and two secondary concentration areas.

The Stone Center also collaborates with other units across the University to offer specialized graduate degree programs. Such programs include joint professional degree programs with the Law School (MA/JD) and the Business School (MA/MBA), and a dual Doctor of Philosophy degrees (a Ph.D. in Latin American Studies and Art History).

Doctor of Philosophy
The Stone Center accepts a few highly qualified applicants each year based upon recommendations, performance, and other indicators of academic excellence and the ability to conduct original, clearly articulated interdisciplinary research that will advance the frontiers of knowledge. Students must have an earned MA or a relevant professional degree to apply to the PhD program. Students with Master degrees in disciplines like Political Science, History, Art History, Latin American Literature or Public Health are encouraged to apply to the program and will find that Tulane generally has strength in their areas of specialization.

Master of Arts
This program provides interdisciplinary training for students and professionals for whom in-depth knowledge of Latin America provides a strong foundation for future study or employment. The current 2-year MA is conceived to provide flexibility for students who wish to explore diverse options upon graduation. These include: (1) entering the professional world directly, (2) continuing in the interdisciplinary PhD program in Latin American Studies or (3) transferring to a discipline-based program or professional school to pursue degrees there.

http://stonecenter.tulane.edu/html/Academics.htm
Music

The Department of Music offers the Master of Arts degree in Composition, Music History, Jazz Studies and Music Science and Technology and the Master of Fine Arts degree in Performance and Musical Theatre.

Master of Arts Composition Candidates must complete at least 24 semester hours of course work and must present a recital of original compositions including a major, extended work for a large chamber ensemble.

Candidates for the MA degree in Musicology or Jazz Studies can study various types of local music such as opera, blues, gospel and jazz. Candidates must complete at least 24 semester hours of course work, pass a reading knowledge examination in one modern foreign language (normally French or Spanish) by the end of the first semester, write an acceptable thesis and defend this thesis in an oral examination.

Students who focus on the area of composition or performance are expected to perform a recital in place of a thesis and take specialized courses in addition to the other requirements.

Candidates will work in the famous Hogan Jazz Archive and the Amistad Center on campus and utilize the vast archival and human resources of the city of New Orleans. Experts in jazz performance, music history and regional history provide the candidates with a thorough, in-depth knowledge of the living tradition of music in the city that inspired jazz and many other kinds of local music.

Candidates for the MFA degree in Performance must take 30 hours of course work, with 18 hours in music literature, theory, history, performance or other appropriate areas and 12 semester hours of lessons in voice or in the specialized instrument. In place of a thesis the candidate must perform a full-length recital of 90 minutes or direct a major musical theater production.

The MA program in Music Science and Technology offers students the opportunity for multidisciplinary research and for concentration on multi-focus music technologies. The unique combination of musical and technical training encompassing music composition in our new state-of-the-art 8-channel digital studio as well as exploration of topics in computer science, acoustics and engineering prepares our students to carry out distinctive creative projects. Candidates must complete 36 credits semester hours of course work and write, and defend, a thesis.

www.tulane.edu/~music/programs/gradprograms.html

Philosophy

The Philosophy Department offers PhD study in a broad range of fields, including ethics and political philosophy, history of philosophy, metaphysics, and philosophy of mind. Our department is closely connected with the Center for Ethics and Public Affairs of the Murphy Institute, which sponsors fellowships for visiting faculty and graduate students.

An undergraduate Major in philosophy is desirable for graduate study in philosophy, but it is not essential. Students admitted with insufficient background in ethics or logic or the history of philosophy will be required to take courses in these areas without graduate credit.

Doctor of Philosophy
Requirements include: (1) Satisfactory completion of 48 hours (16 courses) of coursework in accordance with departmental distribution requirements. (2) Submission of two satisfactory Qualifying Papers. (3) Presentation and defense of a doctoral thesis.

Master of Arts
The MA Degree may be earned in one of two ways: (1) Satisfactory completion of 24 hours of coursework (8 courses) and submission and defense of a thesis. This route is not intended for candidates for the PhD. (2) Satisfactory completion of 30 hours of coursework (10 courses) and passing one qualifying paper.

www.tulane.edu/~phil/graduate/phd.html
Political Science

Master of Arts
This graduate program aims to provide students with the analytical and methodological tools necessary for understanding the complex, volatile and multi-faceted politics of the contemporary world. The goal is to develop scholars who pursue answers to important questions about politics by drawing upon a variety of modes of inquiry, bodies of literature, analytic strategies, and research methods within political science, as well as tools from related disciplines. The faculty has a particular focus on Latin American and international politics.

Joint Juris Doctor/Master of Arts
The MA can be earned concurrently with a Tulane Law degree. Law students in the program develop useful research and analytical skills while deepening their knowledge of political processes and global affairs.

Joint MBA/Master of Arts
Successful business management often depends on a knowledge of and ability to analyze politics, particularly the state institutions that regulate and intervene in markets. The A.B. Freeman School of Business and the Department of Political Science at Tulane University offer a joint degree program that provides students with analytical skills appropriate to business, politics and the interface between these two fields.

www.tulane.edu/~polisci/Grad/ma.html

Political Science/Latin American Studies

Doctor of Philosophy
This new program combines training in current theories and methods of Political Science with immersion in the languages, cultures, and history of Latin America. Candidates for this Doctor of Philosophy degree are required to take a minimum of 60 semester hours (or a minimum of 51 credits at Tulane if the student holds an MA from another university).

Candidates must complete 10 courses in Political Science and 10 courses in Latin American Studies as well as all of the course distribution requirements listed above. Students must take at least one non-Latin American content course in each of the four fields of political science.

The student will formally advance to candidacy for PhD when, having fulfilled the above requirements, he or she selects a dissertation advisor and defends a satisfactory dissertation prospectus. The candidate must then write a dissertation and defend it orally before a committee of professors including the dissertation advisor. Here the dissertation committee must be constituted of four faculty members, two from Political Science (one of these would normally serve as chair), and one from each of the minor field concentrations in Latin American Studies. See page 10 for more information about the Latin American Studies program.

www.tulane.edu/~polisci/Grad/ma.html
Spanish & Portuguese

**Doctor of Philosophy and Master of Arts**

Tulane University is home to one of the country's leading graduate programs in Spanish and Portuguese. Our faculty consists of nationally and internationally recognized scholars and teachers in the literatures and cultures of Spain, Portugal, Spanish America, Brazil and Lusophone Africa, in addition to linguistics and second language acquisition. Areas of research and advanced instruction include Latin American cultural studies, Spanish film and visual culture, contemporary Brazilian culture, Medieval Iberia, Amerindian studies, post-dictatorship literature, comparative modernism, race and national discourse, performance, psychoanalysis, feminist criticism and critical theory.

The Howard-Tilton Library contains extensive holdings that support our respective fields, including the Latin American Library, one of the largest collections of its kind in the United States. Tulane is also home to the Stone Center for Latin American Studies, which has been a generous source of research support for our graduate students. Candidates for graduate study may apply for teaching assistantships that afford a highly competitive stipend in exchange for departmental teaching. The richness of Tulane's academic and social life and the attractions of New Orleans enhance the experience of graduate study at Tulane. Recent PhD graduates have found employment at research universities and top-tier liberal arts colleges.

**Doctor of Philosophy**

The PhD Program provides preparation for teaching and research in Hispanic and Luso-Brazilian languages and literatures. A minimum of 51 hours (17 courses), including MA course work, are required. For students entering with an MA completed elsewhere, a minimum of 27 hours (9 courses) must be completed. In addition, PhD candidates must pass a qualifying exam, pass reading exams in two languages and defend a dissertation prospectus before writing the dissertation.

**Master of Arts**

The MA degree program provides advanced preparation for teaching language and it furnishes a basis for future study and research in literary and cultural studies for those who qualify and choose to enter the PhD program. Students are required to complete 30 credits (10 courses) within two years of full-time work.
Interdisciplinary PhD Program

Doctor of Philosophy

In addition to the regular disciplinary programs leading to the PhD degree, the School of Liberal Arts recognizes that individual student needs may require interdisciplinary programs. Frequently, these can be arranged by a candidate’s major department simply by incorporating courses or fields from other departments in the candidate’s program. However, a special interdisciplinary PhD program may occasionally become desirable to meet the educational and career needs of an individual student using university resources not reflected in any single department. For example, it might be desirable to approve a program leading to the PhD degree in linguistics, even though there is no regular degree program in linguistics or organized department in that field in the university. The Special Interdisciplinary Program is a formal ad hoc inter-departmental or inter-school program leading toward the PhD. It will consist of work taken in two or more departments.

Interested students should check with the school and/or department graduate advisor on details regarding the Interdisciplinary PhD.

www.liberalarts.tulane.edu/InterdisciplinaryPhD.cfm

It is the philosophy of the design faculty that the design process is best taught through the realization of designs in actual production situations. Each year, the Department of Theatre and Dance provides a number of opportunities for such realized design projects. The department produces three to four mainstage productions and one dance concert each year directed by faculty or guest directors.

Students in design and technical direction are assigned to these projects as their skills develop. The Third Year Thesis Project becomes the culmination of a number of realized projects. The selection of this production is intended to provide a showcase of each student’s talents and skill. Each student’s work is reviewed by the faculty on a semester-to-semester basis.

www.tulane.edu/~theatre/designProd.html

Master of Fine Arts

The MFA degree in Design at Tulane University offers an in-depth study of theatrical design areas with an emphasis on preparing the student for a career in the professional theater or as a teacher of a specialized field at the university level. Applicants to the program must have completed an undergraduate degree in Theatre or have had equivalent training and experience.

The MFA degree in Design places concentration and emphasis on design as a collaborative process with equal emphasis on technical and creative skills as learned both through classwork and practical production.

The program is a three-year program. Two and a half years are spent in residence and one semester of the third year in an internship with a professional theater. Students with an MA in design or production may, at the discretion of the faculty, complete their degree sooner. Normally, 48 hours of course work are required for completion of the degree. In addition, six hours are earned with the internship assignment and a thesis production.
Our Goal

Our goal is to excel, on the international scene, in the complimentary aspects of research and in graduate education. Tulane University in New Orleans is an ideal place to study and to join the technology leaders of the future.

Our departments and programs are nationally recognized for providing interdisciplinary opportunities for graduate education and research. Tulane pursues excellence in selected areas through its research centers and institutes, devoted to areas such as advanced materials, alternative energy, bioengineering, computational science, environmental issues, nanotechnology, and more.
Admission Requirements

SCHOOL OF SCIENCE & ENGINEERING

Each graduate student is assigned an academic advisor and can choose from a variety of courses, to meet his/her career goals and academic expectations. A 3-to-1 student to faculty ratio allows for close interaction with the faculty. Such extraordinary conditions produce influential graduates who understand the necessity for life-long learning. Our graduates find employment in leading universities, companies and research laboratories world wide.

Application
The graduate application for the School of Science and Engineering at Tulane University is available online or by downloading a paper application.

Online Application:
https://app.applyyourself.com/?id=tulane-se

Downloading a paper application:
You may download the application in Adobe PDF format (www.sse.tulane.edu/pdfs/sse_graduate_application.pdf).

Once downloaded, the package should include:
Instructions (1 page)
Application (3 pages)
Statement of Purpose (1 page)
Letter of Recommendation (2 pages)
Application Acknowledgment (1 page)

Instructions for the Tulane University School of Science and Engineering graduate application

Your application package must be complete before you mail it to the School of Science and Engineering. It should include all of the following items:

• An official transcript from each institution, submitted in a sealed envelope and signed across the back by the registrar. The college or university should mail the transcripts directly to you, to be submitted unopened with the application. For transcripts in a language other than English, please provide a certified English translation with an explanation of the grading system.

• Recommendations from three professors, preferably in your major field, should be submitted in a sealed envelope and signed across the back by the recommender. Ask each recommender to return the form to you to be submitted unopened with your application.

• A completed application form. Please note that the application for admission also serves as the application for merit-based financial awards.

• A statement of purpose including the disciplinary aspect or area of study in which you are most interested, and your plans concerning your career in the field.

• The acknowledgement sheet with your name and address filled in.

Remember that you should take the Graduate Record Exam (GRE) in the fall. We cannot complete our review of your application without your official GRE scores taken within 5 years of enrollment.

International students must also take the Test of Spoken English (TSE) or the Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL).

You must ask the Educational Testing Service (ETS) to send your official GRE and TOEFL test scores directly to Tulane.

All application materials, with the exception of the GRE and TOEFL score reports, should be mailed in one envelope (9"x12") to:

Office of the Dean
School of Science and Engineering
201 Boggs
Tulane University
New Orleans, LA 70118

Materials submitted in support of an application are not released for other purposes and cannot be returned to the applicant.
Biomedical Engineering

The mission of the Department of Biomedical Engineering is to inspire and work with students to develop and apply engineering methods to current health science challenges. Tulane is one of the oldest biomedical engineering departments in the nation (founded in 1977). The faculty, staff, and students are all important parts of the team that provide distinctive opportunities for creative solutions to biomedical engineering research and design problems. Graduate students are furnished with the advanced and current coursework, professional guidance and equipment/facilities that are critical to their participation in biomedical engineering research and scholarship. These resources are developed largely through peer-reviewed funding by the NIH, NSF, NASA and private foundations. Students as they conduct independent research and pursue careers related to one of the major themes of biomedical engineering (e.g., biomechanics, bioelectronics, biomaterials, bioelectricity or cell/tissue engineering).

Doctor of Philosophy
The PhD requires 48 semester hours of course work including additional courses in biomechanics, bioelectronics or bioelectricity, biomaterials or cell and tissue engineering and either the medical physiology course as taught to medical students or the two-semester sequence of Anatomy and Physiology (703/713) and Quantitative Physiology (704/714) taught by the medical school faculty and an approved dissertation. The course work for the doctorate generally requires two years, and most doctoral candidates spend about five to six years in residence.

Master of Science
The MS requires 24 semester hours of approved course work including at least one advanced mathematics course and at least one graduate-level course in each of the following subjects: biomechanics, bioelectronics or bioelectricity and biomaterials or tissue engineering.

Also required is an approved thesis or, by petition to the faculty, 30 hours of approved course work for the nonthesis option.


Cell & Molecular Biology

Doctor of Philosophy
In the doctoral program, students choose from one of two research focus areas, neurobiology and developmental biology, in which they concentrate their coursework and research efforts. Emphasis is placed on basic research to enable students to develop into capable, independent research scientists. This program offers students the opportunity to personalize their course of study and achieve success in an intimate and nurturing research setting.

The Department of Cell and Molecular Biology offers students the opportunity to earn PhD degrees in a stimulating, dynamic research environment.

Master of Science
The one-year master’s program, is an excellent choice for students interested in postgraduate professional school. While many of our students go on to Medical School, others enter Law School, Business School, or opt to earn their PhD degree. By limiting enrollment in this program, we are able to provide a highly individualized degree plan for each student. Students learn direct, practical application of their knowledge by choosing either a Service Learning or Research component to their studies.

The MS degree is a 1-year non-thesis degree in which students take 30 credit hours during 2 semesters.

http://cell.tulane.edu/graduate.htm
Chemical & Biomolecular Engineering

The Department of Chemical and Biomolecular Engineering at Tulane was the first Department of Chemical Engineering in the Southeast, and is the third oldest department in the country. Graduate programs are available at the MS and PhD levels, though the emphasis is on Doctoral education. The department has ten total faculty, all of whom are active in both teaching and research. The department has been expanding steadily over the past several years, with significant increases in both the number of graduate students and the amount of funded research.

The graduate student body is a diverse mixture of both domestic and international students. Approximately 25% of the students are female. The department strongly promotes a research environment where one-on-one interactions between faculty and students are highly encouraged. Research is highly interdisciplinary with several collaborative projects with the Medical School (vaccine delivery, stem cell research, gene therapy) and the Physical Sciences (nanotechnology, polymer engineering, transport and interfacial phenomena, colloid science). The department stresses fundamental engineering science and seeks to train students to do research in high impact, forefront research areas.

www.tulane.edu/~ceng/grad/Grad.htm

Chemistry

Tulane's graduate program in chemistry offers a balance between coursework and research. During the first two semesters, in addition to starting courses, students meet with individual faculty members and select a dissertation research advisor. After the first year, emphasis shifts towards research. Some special areas of faculty research are bio-organic, biophysical, physical inorganic, organometallic, synthetic organic, polymer material, surface chemistry, as well as crystallography, spectroscopy, quantum theory and statistical mechanics.

The chemistry department offers programs of study leading to both MS and PhD degrees.

Doctor of Philosophy
Requirements include: (1) Four core courses and two additional courses, (2) Presentation of a literature seminar and seminar attendance, (3) A dissertation research prospectus, (4) Successful completion of six cumulative examinations, (5) Progress in research, (6) Final departmental seminar based on dissertation research, (7) Oral defense of the dissertation research.

Master of Science
For the MS degree, students are required to take three of the core courses, one additional course, and pass two cumulative exams. There is no final research seminar for the MS degree.

An advanced degree in chemistry can provide access to many different career possibilities. Most of the Tulane chemistry graduates either continue research with post-doctoral appointments at well-known universities or establish careers at leading chemical and pharmaceutical companies.

http://chemistry.las.tulane.edu/graduate.html
Earth & Environmental Sciences

The department has a strong focus on river-ocean studies that are primarily field- and lab-based, with access to a research vessel and a variety of analytical and computing facilities. Particular strengths are in sedimentology, stratigraphy, marine geology, paleoclimatology, neotectonics, isotope geochemistry and environmental geochemistry. There are also opportunities in structural geology, paleontology, petrology and volcanology.

**Doctor of Philosophy**
All students working for the PhD degree must satisfy the general requirements. The master’s degree is not a requirement for the PhD in Earth & Environmental Sciences.

For students seeking the PhD, laboratory research assistance under the direction of a faculty member is vital to the proper training of an advanced graduate student and all full-time PhD. candidates are required to perform such assistance.

Candidates must demonstrate a high degree of creative or research ability and fulfill the following requirements: (1) Take an advisory examination upon completion of 12 semester hours of course work. (2) Complete at least 48 semester hours of course work approved by the graduate advisor. (3) Pass oral and written qualifying examinations which cover the broad aspects of geological knowledge as well as the depth of the student’s acquaintance with scholarly work in the chosen field of specialization. (4) Present an original contribution in the form of a written dissertation suitable for publication in a learned journal and successfully defend it in a public oral defense of the work.

**Master of Science**
Applicants may pursue either a thesis or non-thesis program. Those expecting to continue into a PhD program should opt for the thesis program. To be acceptable, the thesis must contain an original contribution to knowledge and be in form and of literary quality worthy of publication. In addition to the thesis 24 semester hours of course work are required. The non-thesis program requires a minimum of 30 semester hours of course work, as approved by the department.

[www.tulane.edu/~eens/geol/degrees.htm](http://www.tulane.edu/~eens/geol/degrees.htm)

Ecology & Evolutionary Biology

The department employs an integrative approach to research and teaching, focusing in three areas of study: tropical ecology, wetland ecology and global change. The graduate curriculum is designed to encourage broad student choice and independence while maintaining a close student-advisor relationship. Students are encouraged to adopt an integrative view of science and biological research. Course offerings address areas such as animal and plant physiology, plant-animal interactions, population biology, evolutionary biology, systematic biology, marine/estuarine ecology, tropical ecology and biological statistics.

**Doctor of Philosophy**
Students complete an entrance interview with a faculty committee at the beginning of the first semester to determine any courses that should be taken. Each student is expected to take a preliminary exam in general organismal biology, ecology, and evolution by the end of the first year. In the second year, students select a dissertation committee, write a detailed research prospectus, and complete an oral qualifying exam addressing the proposed dissertation research. Before receiving the PhD degree, students are expected to complete 48 course credits, to submit for publication one or more manuscripts, to teach for at least one semester (usually as a graduate assistant), and to complete an approved dissertation. The doctoral degree normally requires four or five years of study leading to the production of a publishable dissertation.

**Master of Science**
Students complete 24 hours of course work in addition to 6 credits of thesis research toward an acceptable master’s thesis. They also are expected to complete the master’s comprehensive exam (i.e., doctoral preliminary exam). A non-thesis master’s degree is available to those students who have been admitted to the graduate program in the department and will not complete a dissertation or master’s thesis. Students completing this program are expected to complete 30 credits of approved course work.

[www.tulane.edu/~ebio/grad.htm](http://www.tulane.edu/~ebio/grad.htm)
Mathematics

**Doctor of Philosophy**
The PhD programs take 4-6 years to complete. The goal is to teach the student to do original research that will advance the mathematical sciences. To be a university professor in the U.S., it is usually necessary to have a PhD. Research positions are also possible with this degree.

**Master of Science**
MS degrees are offered in Mathematics, Applied Mathematics, and Statistics, and usually take 1-2 years to complete. They are designed to further the students’ knowledge considerably beyond the undergraduate level.

www.math.tulane.edu/graduate/index.html

Neuroscience

The interdisciplinary Neuroscience Program consists of graduate students and faculty from four schools and 13 departments at Tulane University. Research strengths include neuroendocrinology, ion channels, sensory systems, cortical structure and function, signal transduction mechanisms, neuropeptides, computer modeling of neural nets, memory, and developmental neurobiology. The research efforts are well funded by grants to faculty and students. Graduate students perform dissertation research and are expected to publish their results in highly-respected journals.

The major goal of the Neuroscience Program is to provide graduate students with broad education in both the theoretical and practical aspects of research in neuroscience. Our students receive a diversified training in neuroanatomy, neurophysiology, neuropharmacology, molecular and cellular neurobiology, and research methods in neuroscience. In addition, the students have the opportunity to obtain experience in teaching and in presenting research results. Our goal is to produce PhDs and MS who will engage in neuroscience research as postdoctoral fellows, and eventually as researchers in academia or industry.

www.som.tulane.edu/neurograd/

Physics

The Physics department offers PhD and MS programs in pure and applied physics that provide the student with a variety of options for careers in universities, government research laboratories, industry and many applied fields of physics ranging from nanotechnology to mathematical analysis. The atmosphere is collegial. Students usually begin research in their first year. Awards are given annually to the best graduate student in research and to the best in teaching. Most students finish a MS in two years and a PhD in about five years.

**Doctor of Philosophy**
Interested students are encouraged to check the website below and in their application to explain how their interests fit the available research programs. Most students pursue their PhD’s, and the master’s degree is not a requirement. For the PhD at least 48 credits of graduate courses, exclusive of research credit, must be successfully completed. All students are required to take Mathematical Methods in Physics I & II, Classical Mechanics, Statistical Mechanics, Quantum Mechanics I & II, and Electrodynamics I & II and six credits of an advanced specialty. Courses in other science and engineering departments may be also available for credit.

**Master of Science**
For the Master’s degree, a student electing to write a thesis must complete a minimum of 24 credits of graduate courses approved by the department, and defend the thesis in the oral examination. Those electing not to write a thesis must successfully complete 30 credits of graduate courses.

www.physics.tulane.edu/phd.htm
Psychology

SCHOOL OF SCIENCE & ENGINEERING

Doctor of Philosophy and Master of Science

Graduate studies leading to the PhD in psychology are designed to offer the student training in a major research area within psychology, expertise in quantitative and design methodology and varied research opportunities. Students focus their studies within one of four sub-disciplines: Behavioral Neuroscience, Developmental Psychology, School Psychology, and Social Psychology. Faculty across these sub-disciplines conduct research to understand the contextual, cognitive, and biological factors that determine the expression of behavioral and psychological processes. Specific research interests are in the three broad areas of Culture & Context, Development and Aging, and the Psychopathology of Stress, Trauma, and Anxiety. To investigate research questions in these areas, graduate students have outstanding opportunities to work closely with faculty members and gain expertise in behavioral and neuroscience methodologies. Throughout the graduate career, students conduct research with any department faculty member, and often elect to conduct research with several faculty members to support interdisciplinary interests.

The Developmental, Social, and Behavioral Neuroscience Programs provide training in basic research areas of psychology. The majority of graduates from these programs secure academic positions. The School Psychology Program is fully accredited by the American Psychological Association. Doctoral research training is grounded in an ecologically focused scientist-practitioner model, with a particular emphasis on the contexts of development and culture. After securing competitive predoctoral internships, program graduates are employed in a variety of excellent positions in school and community settings.

NOTE: The Department does not offer graduate training in counseling or clinical psychology. The Department does not offer a terminal Master of Science degree outside of the 4+1 Masters Program.

http://pandora.tcs.tulane.edu/psych/grad_programs.cfm

Interdisciplinary PhD Program

SCHOOL OF SCIENCE & ENGINEERING

In addition to the regular disciplinary programs leading to the PhD degree, the School of Science and Engineering recognizes that individual student needs may require interdisciplinary programs. Frequently, these can be arranged by a candidate’s major department simply by incorporating courses or fields from other departments in the candidate’s program. The School of Science and Engineering also recognizes that a special interdisciplinary PhD program may occasionally become desirable to meet the educational and career needs of an individual student using university resources not reflected in any single department. The Special Interdisciplinary Program is a formal ad hoc inter-departmental or inter-school program leading toward the PhD. It will consist of work taken in two or more departments.

Interested students should check with the school and/or department graduate advisor on details regarding the Interdisciplinary PhD.

http://www.sse.tulane.edu/pages/Grad.degrees.interdisciplinary.php
Admission Requirements

Selection is based upon academic excellence and the demonstration of superior ability in research and design. Professional experience after the professional degree is desirable but not required. Students who have received their Bachelor of Architecture from Tulane are admitted only under extraordinary circumstances. Applications for admission to the graduate program should include:

- Transcripts, GRE scores, TOEFL scores (for applicants who are not native English speakers).
- Three letters of recommendation.
- Statement of research intentions.
- A portfolio of undergraduate and professional architectural design work.
- Additional information and application forms are available from the Graduate Admissions Committee in the School of Architecture.

Inquiries regarding admission should be made before or during the fall preceding enrollment.

Master of Architecture program applicants from abroad should pay particular attention to the section on foreign students.

All application materials must be received prior to February 15. Applicants are notified of the admissions decision by April 1.

www.tulane.edu/~tsahome/gradapp.htm

Application Deadlines

February 15 - Fall admission (and financial aid consideration)
December 1 - Spring admission
The School of Architecture currently offers three degree programs. The Master of Architecture, a professional degree program, is accredited by the National Architectural Accrediting Board (NAAB). In the U.S., most state registration boards require a degree from an accredited professional degree program as a prerequisite for licensure. (NAAB is the sole agency authorized to accredit U.S. professional degree programs in architecture, recognizes two types of degrees: the Bachelor of Architecture and the Master of Architecture.)

**Master of Architecture (M.Arch)**
The M.Arch program is structured with required courses and electives to give students a thorough professional preparation, and opportunities for study in the liberal arts, and for advanced study in architecture.

Master’s degree programs may consist of a pre-professional undergraduate degree and a professional graduate degree, which, when earned sequentially, comprise an accredited professional education. However, the pre-professional degree is not, by itself, recognized as an accredited degree.

Students enrolling with an undergraduate degree: Students with Bachelors degrees in other disciplines are eligible to enroll in an accelerated curriculum leading to the professional Master of Architecture I as a professional degree. Students in this program must begin their studies during the summer and can complete this professional degree in one summer and three academic years.

Students with a Bachelors of Architectural Science or equivalent degree are eligible to apply for advanced standing upon enrollment into the M.Arch I program. Those students can complete their studies in four semesters or two academic years.

A **Master of Architecture** is also offered as a post-professional degree (M.Arch. II). The degree is offered in a two-semester program beginning each fall.

A **Master of Preservation Studies (MPS)** is offered to students with an undergraduate degree. The degree is offered as a two-semester and one summer program in any discipline.

**Joint Degree Programs**
The School of Architecture is developing a series of interdisciplinary and joint degrees with other academic units at Tulane, including programs in Urban Studies, Architecture and Business, and Architecture and Social Work.

[www.tulane.edu/~tsahome/](http://www.tulane.edu/~tsahome/)
Admission Requirements

**General Information**
Applications for the MBA program at the Freeman School are accepted October through June. There are four submission dates when the majority of applicants will apply and be admitted. You need to submit completed application forms, transcripts from all colleges attended, an essay, test scores and recommendations. An interview may be requested by the graduate admissions office. Admitted applicants submit an additional essay/questionaire focused on career goals prior to enter the MBA program.

**Admission Criteria**
The Freeman School is the right place for you to pursue your MBA if you are career focused and professional; enjoy working with people who challenge your intellectual, cultural, and social norms; and are looking for a dynamic MBA experience in a challenging MBA environment.

**Academic Aptitude**
While participating in the academic programs at the Freeman School your knowledge and experience are valuable to your peers. As such, the admissions committee seeks candidates who can contribute and challenge their peers. Admitted students will be participating in classes with candidates who have evidenced the ability to perform in the top tier of MBA programs.

**Professional Experience and Managerial Potential**
While not every MBA candidate will have prior experience in an entrepreneurial or corporate setting, the committee is looking for your application to illustrate how you have excelled in management opportunities and developed professional. It is great to show the committee how the undergraduate program you selected, led to the first job you found and how your professional experiences have led you to the Freeman MBA.

**Application Deadlines**
There are four submission dates:
November 15, January 15
March 15, May 1
The Freeman School offers a selection of internationally recognized degree programs in business. World-class programs focus on the student, and are designed to provide maximum career impact while offering unique opportunities to work with leading faculty and business leaders. In addition to the full-time MBA program, the Freeman School offers evening and weekend MBA options for working professionals at campuses in New Orleans and in Houston. When career objectives require more than a single focus, Freeman responds with joint-degree programs in law, health systems management and Latin American studies, as well as a combined baccalaureate and MBA program. A Master of Accounting, a Master of Finance, doctoral studies and a dynamic undergraduate program complement the range of academic programs available at the Freeman School.

**Master in Business Administration (MBA)**
The two-year MBA features an intensive set of core courses delivered in a team setting and electives that build on the core topics and enable you to focus on your potential.

**Professional MBA New Orleans**
Students who are employed full-time can obtain the MBA through evening studies. The Professional MBA program begins with a the Executive Perspectives module. Courses are sequenced to enable you to complete the program in three years.

**Executive MBA**
Designed for mid- to upper-level managers and professionals, Tulane’s EMBA programs offer weekend schedules, accelerated curricula, and advanced services, and provide an excellent format for candidates to earn an MBA without interrupting their careers. Executive MBA classes are conducted in New Orleans, Houston, Taipei (Taiwan), Shanghai (China), and Santiago (Chile).

**Professional MBA Houston**
Held on alternate weekends on Tulane’s Houston campus, students earn a Tulane MBA in 23 months. The lock-step program includes an international seminar and weekend residencies in New Orleans and Mexico.

**Master of Accounting (MACCT)**
Enabling the student to meet CPA requirements and building a solid foundation of accounting skills is the focus of Freeman’s MACCT. An undergraduate in business is the suggested foundation for the MACCT. A core set of accounting courses is required to begin the one-year program.

**Master of Finance (MFIN)**
Intended for talented, recent graduates that have an interest in the quantitative side of Finance. The MFIN at the Freeman school is a 37 credit graduate program intended for you if you are ready for quantitative analysis or are working toward a PhD.

**Doctor of Philosophy in Business Administration**
The Ph.D. program offers research-oriented programs leading to the degree of Doctor of Philosophy in Business Administration with majors in the fields of finance and management. The degree of Doctor of Philosophy may also be earned in an interdisciplinary field. The Ph.D. in Business Administration is designed for a highly select group of individuals who exhibit a lifelong commitment to research, scholarship, and teaching. The program is a full-time, research-intensive program. The objective of the Ph.D. in Business Administration is to prepare individuals to become research scientists in either finance or management so that they can contribute to innovative research in their chosen fields. The program is designed to be small, high quality, and very individualized. Doctoral students work closely with faculty members on faculty research projects and on their own research projects. The application deadline for admission is April 15 for the following fall semester.
Admission Requirements

Applicants to the Juris Doctor (JD) program typically hold a four-year baccalaureate degree prior to enrollment. (Tulane is also willing to consider for admission to the JD program exceptionally well qualified candidates who will have completed at least three-fourths of the work toward a four-year baccalaureate degree.) Applicants must complete and submit the application form, including a personal statement, and provide a score on the Law School Admission Test (LSAT), as well as an LSDAS report of all prior academic work. (The latter requires that transcripts of work at all colleges and universities attended be sent to the Law School Admission Council.) Letters of recommendation are not required but are encouraged.

Applicants to any of the one-year Master of Laws (LLM) programs must hold a first law degree prior to enrollment. Applicants must complete and submit the application form, transcripts of all prior academic work, letters of recommendation from two faculty members under whom the applicant has studied, and—if the first law degree is from a law school where English was not the language of instruction—a score on the Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) and the Test of Written English (TWE).

Applicants to the Doctor of Juridical Science (SJD) program must hold both the first law degree and a graduate law degree, such as the LLM. In addition to completing the application form and submitting transcripts of all prior academic work, letters of recommendation from two faculty members under whom the applicant has studied, and, where appropriate, a score on the TOEFL, applicants must also submit a comprehensive research proposal.

Application

Go to www.law.tulane.edu, and click “Apply” for application materials.

Applications may be submitted in hard copy or on-line. Hard copy application materials for the JD, LLM and SJD programs are available from the Tulane Law School Office of Admission or may be downloaded in PDF format from the Law School’s web site, http://www.law.tulane.edu/admissions/index.cfm?d=apply&main=pdfappmat.htm

We encourage on-line applications to the JD and LLM programs through the electronic application service of the Law School Admission Council (www.lsacnet.org). The on-line application can also be accessed through the Tulane Law School web site, https://www4.lsac.org/LSACD_on_the_Web/login/open.aspx

Admission Criteria:

We look for students who demonstrate the potential to succeed as law students and as lawyers, to contribute in significant ways to the Tulane educational community and to the legal community at large. This determination is made through our review of the candidate’s application materials, supporting documentation, previous academic work, and test scores.

Application Deadlines

October 1 - We begin processing applications
December 1 - We begin reviewing applications
January 15 - We begin announcing admission and merit-based scholarship decisions
March 15 - Date by which we recommend that applications be complete for optimal consideration
Law Graduate Studies

The graduate studies programs have diverse goals. Students who have strong interests in particular areas of the law (for example, admiralty, corporate law, international and comparative law, environmental law) may pursue intensive studies in those areas and receive a specialized advanced degree: the LLM in Admiralty, the LLM in American Business Law, the LLM in International & Comparative Law, or the LLM in Energy & Environment.

The Juris Doctor (JD) is the first professional law degree in the United States. In almost all cases, candidates for the JD hold a four-year baccalaureate degree prior to enrollment. At Tulane Law School, the JD program is a three-year (six-semester) program, offered on a full-time basis only. The degree requires satisfactory completion of 88 semester hours of law coursework.

Joint Degree Programs: The JD may be combined with other graduate degrees at Tulane University, enabling eligible students to complete two degrees in less time than it would take to complete them sequentially. Application must be made to each degree program separately; candidates admitted to both degree programs are then considered by a joint-degree committee which makes the final determination. Joint degree programs include the JD/MBA, JD/MACCT, JD/MHA, JD/MSW, JD/MS in International Development, and JD/MA in Latin American Studies. Other joint-degree programs can sometimes be arranged on an ad hoc basis.

Tulane Law School offers five Master of Laws (LLM) programs: the General LLM, the LLM in Admiralty, the LLM in American Business Law, the LLM in Energy & Environment, and the LLM in International & Comparative Law. Candidates for any of the LLM degrees already hold a first law degree from a law school in the United States or from a law school elsewhere in the world. All of Tulane’s LLM programs require completion of 24 semester hours of law coursework, including at least three credits of directed research or seminar enrollment. Students who received the first law degree outside of the United States must enroll in Introduction to US Law prior to the start of the fall semester, as well as a legal research and writing course during the fall semester.

General LLM: Students in this program may enroll in virtually any non-clinical course in the Law School curriculum. Because the General LLM requirements are so flexible, students can design a course of study that will enable them to concentrate in one or two areas within the curriculum, for example, intellectual property or international trade. Alternatively, they may survey a broad range of areas, gaining exposure to a variety of topics in US law.

LLM in Admiralty: Generally acknowledged to have the strongest admiralty and maritime law program in the world, Tulane offers over a dozen courses in this area each year. Students in this degree program complete at least 13 of the 24 hours of coursework in maritime courses. While most students complete this program on a full-time basis over two semesters, attorneys practicing full time in the New Orleans metropolitan area may pursue the LLM in Admiralty program on a part-time basis over four semesters. An important resource for students pursuing this degree is the Tulane Law School Maritime Law Center, which was established to provide a focus for Tulane’s many activities in the field of admiralty and maritime law. The Center brings distinguished scholars of maritime law to Tulane each semester and organizes continuing education programs and conferences in the US and abroad on a variety of international maritime topics.
**LLM in American Business Law**: Students interested in pursuing the study of US corporate and commercial law find a strong program at Tulane Law School. Candidates for this degree take Business Enterprises I, Business Enterprises II, Contracts II, and two other corporate or commercial law courses. Remaining credits may be chosen from any of the courses open to LLM students.

[http://www.law.tulane.edu/admissions/index.cfm?d=grad&main=llmambuslaw.htm](http://www.law.tulane.edu/admissions/index.cfm?d=grad&main=llmambuslaw.htm)

**LLM in International & Comparative Law**: The breadth and depth of the comparative and international law curriculum at Tulane Law School provide unparalleled opportunities for both US and foreign lawyers to obtain a basic foundation in international legal practice. Tulane’s program offers courses in public international law, private international law including international business transactions, and comparative law. In addition to courses in European Union institutions and law, courses in substantive areas of foreign law are available. Tulane’s unique perspective in a historically mixed common law/civil law jurisdiction results in an unusually rich experience for students. In addition to a strong faculty with significant international experience and training, and an outstanding international and comparative library, the program offers the resources of the Eason-Weinmann Center for Comparative Law, which enriches the program of the Law School by bringing together outstanding legal scholars from various countries and legal systems for seminars and lectures. Candidates for this degree enroll on a full-time basis and complete at least 13 semester hours of international and comparative courses. Each student’s course of study is dependent on his or her background and previous legal education.

[http://www.law.tulane.edu/admissions/index.cfm?d=grad&main=llmint.htm](http://www.law.tulane.edu/admissions/index.cfm?d=grad&main=llmint.htm)

**LLM in Energy & Environment**: Tulane is an ideal place for the study of both environmental and energy law, largely because it is located in an area of the United States in which these two areas come into frequent conflict. New Orleans and Louisiana are natural laboratories for a variety of energy and environmental issues. Students may enroll in this program on a full-time basis, or on a part-time basis over two years. The degree requires completion of the Energy & Environment LLM Seminar and 15 credit hours (five courses) selected from a broad range of courses dealing with environmental law issues, energy-related issues, and related topics. Remaining credits may be chosen from any of the courses open to LLM students. The Energy & Environment program is enriched through the Institute for Water Law & Policy, which functions as the research entity of the program.

[http://www.law.tulane.edu/admissions/index.cfm?d=grad&main=llmenergy.htm](http://www.law.tulane.edu/admissions/index.cfm?d=grad&main=llmenergy.htm)

**The Doctor of Juridical Science (SJD)** program is a very selective one, encompassing a small number of students who hold both the first law degree and an LLM degree with distinguished record. The SJD program requires one additional semester of coursework beyond the LLM. Thereafter, candidates proceed to the dissertation phase of the program. It is expected that the final SJD dissertation will be submitted within three years after initial enrollment in the SJD program. The dissertation must make an original and significant contribution to legal scholarship.

Admission Requirements

Applicants who have earned an undergraduate degree from a recognized institution may be admitted to the Graduate Program in Biomedical Sciences if their academic records and personal attributes indicate the ability to pursue advanced study successfully. Applicants must present evidence, to the satisfaction of the department or the program committee concerned, of adequate preparation for the subjects in which they seek to specialize.

A master’s degree is not prerequisite to the beginning of study for the Doctor of Philosophy degree, but a student may be required to qualify for the master’s degree while working toward the doctorate.

Students who wish to be admitted to the Graduate Program in Biomedical Sciences should apply online. The program will not consider any student for admission until all the following documents, plus the $40 online application fee, have been received:

- Completed application form,
- Three completed recommendation forms
- Official transcripts of all undergraduate records and of any previous graduate work
- A statement of career objective not to exceed 500 words
- An official score report for the Graduate Record Examination General Test (certain departments require the appropriate Subject Test score as well) or MCAT scores for Human Genetics Master’s degree.

Provisional admission may be granted to students who have not completed all the application requirements, e.g., the submission of acceptable GRE or TOEFL scores.

Physician Scientist and MD/PhD

Applicants must have evidence of meaningful research experience with strong letters of support from their supervisors. Publications are not required but are a means of demonstrating research productivity. Applicants whose research experience is limited to a summer in a laboratory will be at a significant disadvantage. Applicants must also be able to articulate cogent reasons for becoming a physician rather than a non-physician medical researcher. In this regard, exposure to “people professions” (such as teaching, nursing, social work) may be invaluable.

Guidelines:

- Individuals who wish to apply to the P/SP at Tulane must complete the AMCAS MD/PhD application in addition to marking the “Physician/Scientist Program” box on the Tulane School of Medicine secondary application form. The GRE is not required. Application to the Graduate School is not required but you should keep a copy of your application for use by your chosen graduate program.
- The deadline for applications is December 1. All material must be postmarked by this date.
- The application is reviewed by the P/SP selection committee. Applicants who are invited for an interview will be asked to select one of three dates.
- Applicants who are not selected for an interview or for admission to the program may have their applications forwarded to the Medical School for consideration.
- We encourage applicants to stay with students during their visit to New Orleans. A list of student hosts is available from the Office of Admissions in the School of Medicine.

Application Deadlines

February 1 - Fall admission (and financial aid consideration)
Graduate Program in Biomedical Sciences

The goal of the PhD program in Biomedical Sciences at the Tulane University is to educate individuals dedicated to pursuing careers as scientists and scholars in the biomedical sciences. To achieve this goal an academic environment is maintained which fosters creative thinking and supports programs leading to excellence in scholarship, research and teaching.

PhDs are awarded based on academic achievements in combination with superior research as measured by contribution to a particular field of thought. During the first year of study, students take core courses in the areas of biochemistry, cell biology and genetics as well specialized courses in their chosen field of interest. They also begin structured laboratory rotations that expose them to hands-on research. The second year is devoted to focused laboratory work and a limited number of advanced elective courses and seminars. Beginning in year three, students conduct dissertation research in the laboratory of their choice; this research typically takes three to four years.

Areas of Concentration
After the first year students select a laboratory and affiliate with one of six Areas of Concentration. These Areas of Concentration are designed to assist the student in obtaining competency in their desired area of study.

- Biochemistry
- Human Genetics
- Microbiology & Immunology
- Pharmacology
- Physiology
- Structural & Cellular Biology

Physician Scientist Program (P/SP) & MD/PhD
The primary aim of the P/SP is to provide an integrated learning environment to foster the development of physicians who are committed to the advancement of the medical sciences. Students will acquire the necessary skills to become both sound clinicians and accomplished scientists. Students are considered for the combined degree program when applying to medical school. They must indicate by marking the appropriate MD/PhD box on the AMCAS application and by providing the additional information required by AMCAS.

First and second year medical students who wish to pursue an MD/PhD may apply for admission to the Graduate Program in Biomedical Sciences. If accepted, these students follow the same training plan and curriculum as P/SP students.

Combined MSPH/PhD
Graduate Students enrolled in the combined degree program take classes in both Public Health and Biomedical Sciences, including courses overlapping both fields. Each program is designed on an individual basis with the student, Biomedical Sciences Program, School of Public Health and the students’ dissertation advisor.

Combined MS/DE
This is a combined MS/PhD or DE degree in Engineering offered jointly by the Department of Biochemical Engineering and the Graduate Program in Biomedical Sciences.

Master of Biomedical Sciences
The Graduate Program in Biomedical Sciences offers a master degree in two programs:

Human Genetics - The Human Genetics department offers a 1-year non-thesis Master of Biomedical Science Degree with a concentration in Human Genetics. The program is designed to be a multidisciplinary, interdepartmental program that strives to prepare qualified individuals for careers in the health sciences and to provide a more in-depth educational experience to enhance the opportunity of an individual being admitted to a postgraduate professional school.

Pharmacology - The Department of Pharmacology offers a 1 year thesis Master of Science in Pharmacology designed to attract students who are interested in achieving their professional goals as well as in improving their credentials to compete for admission to a postgraduate professional school. The objectives of this program are to train the students in the principles underlying the discipline of medical pharmacology.

www.biomedicalsciences.tulane.edu/programs.htm
Admission Requirements

Applicants for spring and summer may submit a paper or online application; three sealed letters of recommendation; sealed, official transcripts from all previous university course work; and a career statement essay. These should be submitted to the Office of Admissions with a non-refundable $50 application fee. Online applicants pay a reduced fee of $40. Applicants submitting paper applications are advised to submit all materials in one envelope. Applicants must also request that official copies of standardized test score reports be sent directly to the school. Students should apply through the centralized application systems for schools of public health at www.SOPHAS.org.

**Doctoral Programs**
Applicants for the Doctor of Philosophy (PhD), Doctor of Public Health (DrPH), and Doctor of Science (ScD) must have the following:
- 30 completed credits of graduate level course work or current enrollment in a master’s degree program related to public health.
- Grade point average of 3.5 on a 4.0 scale for all graduate course work. Any exceptions must be made in writing by the departmental chair and approved by the associate dean for admissions and student affairs.
- Combined verbal and quantitative score of at least 1100 on the GRE.
- Test of English As a Foreign Language (TOEFL) score of 525 or above on the paper-based test or 200 on the computer-based test for applicants from non-English speaking nations. Students scoring below 525 may be required to take an ESL course before enrolling in course work.
- Recommendations from three individuals who are familiar with the academic and/or professional performance of the applicant. At least one recommendation must be from outside Tulane.
- 500- to 1000-word written statement of career goals.
- Interview with the chair or the chair’s designee for the department in which the applicant intends to study. This may be in person or by phone. In exceptional circumstances, the chair may waive this requirement.
- Completion of the proposed doctoral progress form. After an initial screening at the departmental level, the applicant will be assigned an academic advisor who will complete this form in consultation with the applicant. This form will be submitted with the entire application package to the school doctoral committee for final approval. Applicants unable to complete the form may request advanced graduate special student status and complete the form during their first semester.
- Foreign nationals must provide certification of adequate funding or a letter of sponsorship from a recognized sponsoring agency in order to obtain a visa.

**Master’s Programs**
Please note that school requirements are the minimum and that individual departments may request additional or different criteria.

Applicants for the Master of Public Health (MPH), Master of Public Health and Tropical Medicine (MPH&TM), Master of Science in Public Health (MSPH), and Master of Health Administration (MHA) programs must have the following:
- Baccalaureate degree from accredited institution
- Official transcripts from all academic work
- A strong undergraduate record with a grade point average of 3.0 or better in the major subject
- Three letters of recommendation
- GRE, GMAT, or MCAT scores as appropriate
- Written statement of career goals.
- Test of English As a Foreign Language (TOEFL) scores for applicants from non-English speaking nations with a minimum score of 525 on the paper-based test or 200 on the computer based test
- Foreign nationals must provide certification of adequate funding or a letter of sponsorship from a recognized sponsoring agency in order to obtain a visa.

Application Deadlines

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Public Health & Tropical Medicine

SCHOOL OF PUBLIC HEALTH & TROPICAL MEDICINE

The seven departments within the school offer students the opportunity to study public health from a variety of perspectives. Students complete core courses that provide them with a well-rounded introduction to public health which is then expanded on through departments’ specialized course offerings. Some of the departments offer specialty majors and tracks as well. Each department offers a Master of Public Health degree as well as others appropriate for their specialty.

The school offers the following degrees:

- Doctor of Public Health (DrPH)
- Doctor of Philosophy (PhD)
- Doctor of Science (ScD)
- Master of Public Health (MPH)
- Master of Science in Public Health (MSPH)
- Master of Health Administration (MHA)
- Master of Public Health and Tropical Medicine (MPH&TM)
- Master of Science (MS)
- Master of Medical Management (MMM)

**Doctoral Programs**

The school offers the Doctor of Public Health (DrPH), the Doctor of Science (ScD), and the Doctor of Philosophy (PhD) degrees.

The DrPH provides in-depth study of theory and application of public health principles. It’s designed for those who conduct research in public health and who seek careers in public health practice. The doctorate is offered in community health sciences, epidemiology, health systems management and international health and development.

The ScD is designed to provide in-depth study of a technical area relating to public health. It’s offered in biostatistics, environmental health sciences, health systems management and parasitology.

The PhD graduate is expected to have an in-depth knowledge of theory and methods and is usually interested in a research or teaching career.

**Combined Degree Programs**

The school has collaborative relationships with other schools throughout Tulane University, allowing students to seek two degrees concurrently. Students applying for combined degrees must submit their application to both the School of Public Health and Tropical Medicine and the appropriate school. Students must be accepted in both schools.

Combined degrees are offered with the following schools:

- School of Medicine – MD/MPH, MD/MPH & TM, MD/MSPH
- A.B. Freeman School of Business – MBA/MPH
- School of Social Work – MSW/MPH
- School of Law – JD/MPH, JD/MS PH, JD/MHA, LLM/MS PH

www.sph.tulane.edu/main/academics/programs.htm
International Development Program

SCHOOL OF PUBLIC HEALTH AND TROPICAL MEDICINE

International Development (ID) is a science that embraces interdisciplinary theories and practices of improving the quality of life of people in the developing world.

**Doctor of Philosophy**

This doctoral program in *International Development* is competency-based and is designed to be highly competitive. The program is designed with two types of students in mind: (1) experienced professionals who want to update their theoretical and conceptual knowledge and analytical tools; and (2) individuals with a more limited experience but who have demonstrated a strong interest in gaining a deeper understanding of the issues and who seek to formalize their thinking and enhance their knowledge, skills, and competencies. The faculty will only recommend for admission students who have shown strong potential to excel in a rigorous academic program and to function effectively in professional settings. Thus, students will be selected for admission into this doctoral program based on these criteria: (1) Demonstrated commitment to the field of development through past work or scholarly activities, (2) GPA at undergraduate and graduate level (minimum GPA of 3.2), (3) Personal Statement of Career Goals, 4) Prior accomplishment in the field.

**Master of Science**

The Master in *International Development* emphasizes a comprehensive approach to international development analysis by incorporating not just economic, but social, environmental and cultural dimensions as well. International Development, as a field of study, is relatively new. It emerged from critiques of post-World War II programs designed to alleviate poverty and promote economic, political, and social development in newly independent countries. International development studies, therefore, promote a cross-disciplinary understanding and incorporation of economics, sociology, political science, anthropology, language and so forth in the curriculum.

The goal of the Master in International Development is to provide students with a focused and international framework for analysis and research of current development issues. A student in the program will graduate with a sophisticated understanding of contemporary development issues, especially as they pertain to the developing world.

http://payson.tulane.edu/graduate/index.htm
Admission Requirements

Admission to the program is highly competitive and limited to graduates of accredited colleges and universities who have completed a well-rounded liberal art program that included study in the humanities, social sciences, and human biology. A grade point average of 3.0 or better on a 4.0 scale is preferred. Applicants with less than a 3.0 may be considered if they are able to document a high level of academic ability through either a recent Graduate Record Examination (GRE) with combined verbal and quantitative scores of 1000 or better, a strong performance in the junior and senior years of undergraduate study in a postgraduate degree program, or strong employer references. The GRE is not required of candidates with a 3.0 or higher GPA.

All applications are reviewed as they are received. Strong candidates who do not meet grade point average criterion may be admitted on academic probation for the first 15 credit hours. Upon successful completion of the first 15 credit hours with a GPA of 3.0 or better, the probationary status will be removed. Failure to achieve the academic requirements will result in automatic dismissal.

Begin your professional future today, by applying through our web site or by contacting:

Tulane School of Social Work
New Orleans, LA 70118-5672
Phone: 504-865-5314

Applications are processed as they are received, so early application is encouraged. Deadline for applications is March 31.

www.tulane.edu/~tssw

Application Deadlines
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Social Work

Our History –
The Southern School of Social Sciences and Public Services was the first training program for social workers in the deep South. Under the sponsorship of the Kingsley Settlement House, a group of Tulane social science faculty offered the first classes in social welfare in 1914. Sponsored by grants from the American Red Cross, a formal one-year program was implemented in 1921. By 1927, with funding from a Rockefeller grant, the school became a separate program with a two-year curriculum qualifying students for the Master of Arts. In 1935, the University established the degree of Master of Social Work. The School has awarded the Master of Social Work degree to more than 4,700 students from all 50 of the United States and over 30 other countries.

Our Present –
There is no more exciting time to be a part of the renowned Tulane School of Social Work or of the intriguing city of New Orleans than now. Fully accredited by the Council of Social Work Education and ranked in the top 40 schools of social work in the country, Tulane offers a "clinical-community" curriculum based on relationship-centered practice. This course of study is designed to offer the best of class in clinical and community training that addresses the unique needs of individuals, families, groups, organizations and communities. Students in the program enjoy a variety of learning experiences, including traditional and non-traditional class experiences. Team projects, problem-based learning, creative simulation, team teaching, field work, and electronic learning exchanges are just some of the enriching experiences our students enjoy while fulfilling the requirements for the Master of Social Work.

Your Future with Us –
You may complete the required 60-hour class and field curriculum through three options: (1) Accelerated 16-month program over four semesters: fall, spring, summer and final fall semester; (2) Extended program, including part-time study, which must be completed within three years; (3) Joint degree programs with the Tulane School of Public Health and Tropical Medicine (MSW/MPH) and the Tulane Law School (MSW/JD).

As a graduate of the Tulane School of Social Work you should be:
• capable of building collaborative partnerships and networks of relationships;
• cognitively and affectively self-aware in all aspects of relationship process;
• skillful at thinking contextually, extending the boundaries of units of service and building on stakeholder strengths;
• able to critically evaluate the impact of human diversity while attending to multiple facets of relationships and solutions;
• a knowledge builder and catalyst for change with individuals, families, groups, organizations, communities, and governments; and
• passionate, proud, inspired, and committed to the values and ethics of social work grounded in the history of social work and equipped to shape its future.

www.tulane.edu/~tssw/
Admission Requirements

The School of Continuing Studies awards the MLA degree following the successful completion of nine courses, comprised of two core courses and seven graduate courses, which may include additional core courses or courses from other Tulane departments in the liberal arts. Students must also complete a thesis, which includes an oral examination on a topic in the student’s selected field of interest. All MLA students should maintain a “B” average or above. Students may not earn graduate credit for grades of “C+” or lower.

Admission

Applicants may apply for part-time or full-time study. Students applying to the MLA program must hold a baccalaureate degree from a regionally accredited college or university. To apply to the MLA program, students must submit an application, including a brief statement about the proposed focus of study. In addition, students must submit official college transcripts, which indicate that the candidate has completed an undergraduate degree with at least a 3.0 grade point average. Before submitting an application, prospective students should contact the MLA Director to talk about the program. In addition to these admission requirements, international students must provide the results of the Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL).

Transfer Credits

A student may petition to transfer a maximum of nine credit hours (three courses) of graduate coursework in the liberal arts from other colleges or universities to the MLA degree. However, only courses with grades of “B” or above, completed within five years of enrolling in the MLA program, may be considered for transfer credit. The MLA director will review transfer credit requests after a student completes the two core courses.
Continuing Studies

Master of Liberal Arts (MLA)
The MLA degree program focuses on a set of core courses under the general framework of “Emerging World Society.” These courses cover a broad range of academic disciplines including anthropology, communication, comparative literature, history, philosophy, political science and sociology. After successfully completing two core courses, students may take graduate courses in any department of liberal arts. In consultation with the MLA director and tailored to their interests, students develop an individual plan of study, which culminates in the Master’s thesis project. Students may enroll in the Master of Liberal Arts program on a part-time basis, which consists of one or two courses each semester, or a full-time basis, which consists of three or four courses each semester.

www.tulane.edu/~uc/degrees_programs/degrees_programs.htm