

COLLEGES

Students choose their programs of study from the university's academic colleges:

- College of Business and Economics (<http://catalog.towson.edu/undergraduate/business-economics>)
- College of Education (<http://catalog.towson.edu/undergraduate/education>)
- College of Fine Arts and Communication (<http://catalog.towson.edu/undergraduate/fine-arts-communication>)
- College of Health Professions (<http://catalog.towson.edu/undergraduate/health-professions>)
- College of Liberal Arts (<http://catalog.towson.edu/undergraduate/liberal-arts>)
- Jess and Mildred Fisher College of Science and Mathematics (<http://catalog.towson.edu/undergraduate/fisher-science-mathematics>)
- Honors College (<http://catalog.towson.edu/undergraduate/honors-college>)

Once students have determined a program of study, they become members of, and graduates from, the academic college administering the program.

Students in teacher education programs may have requirements listed in more than one college. Teacher education programs are screened and highly competitive, requiring successful completion of specific prerequisite courses and attaining a minimum cumulative GPA, to be considered for admission.

Students interested in pursuing a career in teacher education should review the Admission and Standards for Teacher Education (<http://catalog.towson.edu/undergraduate/education/admission-teacher-education>) before deciding on a teaching career.

College of Business and Economics

The College of Business and Economics develops high-quality and innovative programs and resources, connects individuals to opportunities, and transforms students who will have a positive impact within Maryland and beyond. The CBE embraces a culture of striving for excellence, learning, ethical behavior, respect, civility, accountability, diversity and inclusion.

The CBE's high-quality, contemporary and relevant curriculum focuses on achieving concrete and measurable objectives in student knowledge, skills and attitudes (KSAs). These KSAs are designed to lead CBE graduates to obtain an integrated understanding of the functional areas of business; think critically and creatively; make ethical decisions; produce effective written and oral communication; use technology appropriately; demonstrate leadership and teamwork; and develop the accredited business knowledge, skills and attitudes that lead to marketability and professional success—whether in careers with multinational and Fortune 500 companies or entrepreneurial pursuits.

Students may earn degrees in Accounting, Business Administration, e-Business, and Economics. Within the Business Administration major, students choose from concentrations/tracks in Economics, Entrepreneurship, Finance, International Business, Human Resource Management, Legal Studies, Management, Marketing, and Project Management and Business Analysis. TU's Accounting and Business Administration programs are accredited by AACSB International—the

Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business—the highest distinction that business schools can receive worldwide.

College of Education

The mission for professional education at Towson University is to inspire, educate, and prepare educators as facilitators of active learning for diverse and inclusive populations in environments that are technologically advanced. The professional education unit is accredited by the National Council for Accreditation of Teacher Education and the Maryland State Department of Education.

As the first teacher-training institution in Maryland, Towson University has been preparing men and women for teaching careers for more than 145 years. Today, the College of Education has a nationwide reputation as a leader in teacher education. Programs of study lead to the baccalaureate degree in education with certification to teach Early Childhood Education, Integrated Early Childhood and Special Education, Elementary Education, Integrated Elementary Education and Special Education, Middle School Education, and Special Education. In addition, the college offers programs that lead to teacher certification in secondary education (13 content areas) and PreK-12 education for students enrolled in other colleges of TU.

College of Fine Arts and Communication

Recognized as a center for arts, media and communication in Maryland, the College of Fine Arts and Communication educates talented men and women to pursue careers in the arts, media and communication. Additionally, the college offers all TU students the opportunity to participate in both academic and artistic experiences in these areas.

Because the creative process involves close dialogue between teacher and student, programs are structured to allow for individual attention. All programs provide a broad liberal education as well as specialized professional training.

TU holds national accreditation for several programs in the college: the National Association of Schools of Dance for the B.F.A. degree programs in dance; the National Association of Schools of Music for the degree programs in music; the National Association of Schools of Theatre for the degree programs in theatre arts; and the National Council for Accreditation of Teacher Education for the teacher certification programs in art education, dance education and music education.

College of Health Professions

The departments of the College of Health Professions have the common goal of preparing students to provide health and sport-related services designed to improve the quality of life. The college is composed of the departments of Audiology, Speech-Language Pathology and Deaf Studies, Health Science, Interprofessional Health Studies, Kinesiology, Nursing, and Occupational Therapy and Occupational Science. Graduates of the baccalaureate programs in Athletic Training and Nursing, and the combined B.S. Occupation and Well-Being/M.S. Occupational Therapy are eligible to sit for their respective certification examinations.

A major in the College of Health Professions can prepare students for one of many health care and sport-related careers. Some examples include nursing, occupational therapy, speech-language pathology, community health, health education, health care management, gerontology, athletic training, physical education, exercise science, deaf studies and sport management.

College of Liberal Arts

The largest of Towson's colleges, the College of Liberal Arts includes humanities and social science disciplines, as well as interdisciplinary programs. Students in the College of Liberal Arts explore ideas and values as they discover the complexity of cultures and institutions. They learn to think critically, communicate effectively, organize and analyze data, conduct research, solve problems, work as members of a team, and practice civility. Learning to recognize, understand and appreciate the values and perspectives of a wide range of diverse cultures, students are well prepared to engage the globally interconnected and interdependent world in which they find themselves. By making connections and thinking across disciplines, students are well prepared for careers and opportunities that are available now and for those that will emerge in the future.

Learning inside and outside the classroom, students develop the skills to work independently through a range of internships and study abroad programs. They also have opportunities to collaborate with professors on research projects and publish creative or scholarly work in campus publications.

Focused on educating the whole person, a liberal arts education liberates the mind, fosters self-reliance, and encourages intellectual risk taking. Graduates are prepared to engage the complexities of their world locally, nationally and globally. They acquire the habits of the mind and heart to become life-long learners.

Jess and Mildred Fisher College of Science and Mathematics

The Fisher College of Science and Mathematics provides students with the science, mathematics and technology dimension of their liberal-arts education. Courses are offered in all of the traditional physical, mathematical and life sciences disciplines. Programs are rigorous, yet highly flexible. Students may choose a traditional science major or may elect interdisciplinary majors, such as Environmental Science and Studies; or Molecular Biology, Biochemistry, and Bioinformatics. A Dual-Degree Engineering program; and pre-professional preparation in pharmacy, medicine, dentistry and veterinary medicine are also available. Students who major in Mathematics or in one of the sciences may also pursue certification to teach at the secondary, middle or elementary level.

The Honors College

The Honors College is a unique community for academically talented and high-achieving undergraduate students. More than 800 Honors students participate in all majors, compete in varsity athletics and are accomplished musicians, student government leaders, community volunteers and more. All accepted first-year students receive a renewable merit scholarship. Honors students experience smaller class sizes (20 or fewer students per class), priority registration, enriched curriculum, faculty advisers, scholarship opportunities and advising, recognition of honors course work on transcripts, diploma and at graduation, a strong support network, and the option to live in Honors residence halls. Students also have opportunities to participate in special social, cultural and leadership activities.

Office of Graduate Studies

Towson University has offered graduate degrees since 1958. Recently, it has expanded programs and streamlined administrative processes to accommodate a graduate student population which has grown to more than 4,000 students. The mission of the Graduate Studies Office

at Towson University is to support programs of study that will allow individuals to advance their knowledge, increase their professional skills, and develop leadership abilities in a broad spectrum of professions. The Office of Graduate Studies also aims to help students enhance knowledge of their disciplines; collaborate on research projects with faculty; be actively engaged in the process of improving the quality of life for others and themselves; and develop the desire to become a continuous life-long learner. The office currently supports five doctoral, 55 master's and 24 certificate programs.

A hallmark of graduate education at TU is the emphasis on applied programs that provide the skills and knowledge needed by career professionals. Faculty and student research is closely related to graduate education and advances the mission of Towson University. The Office of Sponsored Programs and Research (OSPR) was established to assist faculty and staff in obtaining external support for research and scholarly activity. It serves the dual function of protecting TU's interests in matters relating to external funding, while providing a high level of service TU faculty and staff members in identifying funding opportunities, and submitting complete and competitive proposals for research and scholarly projects. Towson University actively seeks external funding for research and other scholarly projects.