

# COLLEGES

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Students choose their programs of study from Towson University's academic colleges:

- College of Business and Economics
- College of Education
- College of Fine Arts and Communication
- College of Health Professions
- College of Liberal Arts
- Jess and Mildred Fisher College of Science and Mathematics
- The Honors College
- Office of Graduate Studies

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 before deciding on a teaching career.

## College of Business and Economics

The College of Business and Economics develops high quality, innovative and inclusive programs and resources, connects individuals to opportunities by applying theory to practice in curricular, co-curricular and scholarship activities, and transforms students into professionals who will have a positive societal 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, Business Systems and Processes, and Economics. Within the Business Administration major, students choose from concentrations/tracks in Economics, Entrepreneurship, Finance, International Business, Human Resource Management, Management, Marketing, and Project Management and Business Analysis. The College also offers an undergraduate certificate in Entrepreneurship and minors in Accounting, Business Administration, Business Analytics, Business Law, Economics, Entrepreneurship, Finance, and Marketing. 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 TU is to inspire, educate, prepare the next generation of diverse educators and leaders committed to meeting the individual needs of all learners. The professional education unit is nationally accredited by the Council for the Accreditation of Education Preparation and approved by the Maryland State Department of Education.

As the first teacher-training institution in Maryland, TU has been preparing men and women for teaching careers for more than 150 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, Early Childhood and Special Education, Elementary Education, Elementary and Special Education, Middle School Education and Special Education. In addition, the college offers programs that lead to teacher certification in secondary education 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 individuals 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 Council for Accreditation of Educator Preparation (CAEP) for the teacher certification programs in art education, dance education, and music education.

## College of Health Professions

The College of Health Professions provides outstanding graduate and undergraduate interprofessional education as it prepares lifelong learners and leaders who exhibit high ethical standards and professional, inclusive behaviors. Students participate in a wide variety of experiential learning activities that foster engagement with community partners to promote health and well-being and work with faculty as they advance knowledge through implementation of innovative, evidence-based practice and applied research.

The programs in the College prepare graduates to assume roles in a variety of clinical, teaching, administrative, community and wellness-related settings. Each program integrates this professional preparation with a rigorous grounding in the liberal arts and sciences. Faculty members support students' development to assure that graduates possess the knowledge, attitudes and skills necessary for career success. Internships and clinical experiences are an essential part of students' education. Key values of the College are experiential learning, interprofessionalism, evidence-based practice, inclusion and integrity.

The College of Health Professions contributes to the well-being of TU's students, faculty, staff and many off-campus communities through

collaborative outreach, applied research, educational partnerships and professional practice. Programs in the College are accredited by appropriate professional and educational accrediting agencies. Graduates of professional entry to practice programs are eligible to sit for their respective licensure or certification examinations.

The College of Health Professions enrolls more bachelor's and master's health care and wellness-related professional students than any other institution in the state of Maryland and has one of the largest enrollments in the mid-Atlantic region.

## College of Liberal Arts

The largest of TU'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 preprofessional preparation in pharmacy, medicine, dentistry and veterinary medicine are also available. Students who major in Mathematics, Computer Science, or in one of the biological or physical sciences may also pursue secondary teacher certification to teach at the secondary and middle school 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

TU 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 3,100 students. The mission of the Office of Graduate Studies is to provide resources, services and leadership that support and guide graduate academic programs across TU. Its vision is to be a powerful advocate for advancing graduate programs that prepare ethically and globally minded professionals who have the knowledge, skills and abilities to be leaders in their fields and to make substantive contributions in their chosen disciplines. The Office of Graduate Studies aims to help students enhance knowledge of their disciplines; collaborate on research and scholarly 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 continuous life-long learners.

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 TU. 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 to 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.