In 1942, the History Department, a component of today's College of Liberal Arts, awarded UTEP's first master's degree. Since then, most of the departments in the College have developed graduate programs. Master of Arts (MA) programs are available in Art with options in Art Education and Studio Art, Communication, English, History, Linguistics, Political Science, Psychology, Sociology, Spanish, Teaching, and Theatre Arts. The Department of Music offers the Master of Music (MM) degree with options in Performance and Music Education. The Master of Fine Arts (MFA) is the degree offered by the Department of Creative Writing. In September 1993, the first students began course work in the PhD program in Psychology— the first doctoral degree program in Liberal Arts. In September 1999, the first students entered the PhD in History, and in August 2004, a PhD in English with an emphasis in Rhetoric and Composition began.

Students wishing to expand their knowledge in areas outside their previous training or present profession can pursue the Master of Arts in Interdisciplinary Studies (MAIS). Students in this program take MAIS courses that emphasize cross-disciplinary approaches, and are encouraged to pursue an individualized course of study designed to further their particular interdisciplinary interests.

Also offered is a joint UTEP-UT Austin doctorate with a concentration in Border Studies. Students in this program can complete much of their coursework in residence at UTEP, with the doctoral degree awarded by UT Austin. For more information on this program, students should consult the Graduate School section, under **Cooperative Programs.**

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**Programs**

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Programs

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English

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Programs

Master of Arts

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Master of Arts in Teaching

• Master of Arts in Teaching English (http://catalog.utep.edu/grad/college-of-liberal-arts/english/teaching-english-master-of-arts/)

Doctor of Philosophy

• Ph.D. in English Rhetoric and Composition (http://catalog.utep.edu/grad/college-of-liberal-arts/english/english-rhetoric-composition-phd/)

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History

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Programs

Master of Arts

• M.A. in History (http://catalog.utep.edu/grad/college-of-liberal-arts/history/history-ma/)

Doctor of Philosophy

• Ph.D. in History (http://catalog.utep.edu/grad/college-of-liberal-arts/history/history-phd/)

Certificate

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Master of Arts
- M.A. in Linguistics (http://catalog.utep.edu/grad/college-of-liberal-arts/languages-linguistics/linguistics-ma/)
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Certificate
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Philosophy
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Programs
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Programs
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- Master of Public Administration (http://catalog.utep.edu/grad/college-of-liberal-arts/political-science/master-of-public-administration/)
- Master of Public Administration Online (http://catalog.utep.edu/grad/college-of-liberal-arts/political-science/master-of-public-administration-online/)

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Psychology
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Programs
Master of Arts
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Doctor of Philosophy
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- Ph.D. in Psychology (http://catalog.utep.edu/grad/college-of-liberal-arts/psychology/psychology-phd/)

Certificate

- Graduate Certificate in Quantitative Methods in Psychology (http://catalog.utep.edu/grad/college-of-liberal-arts/psychology/quantitative-methods-psychology-graduate-certificate/)

Sociology and Anthropology

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Programs

Master of Arts

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