On the back cover:
Banks Hall houses Admission, Financial Aid, Business Affairs and the Registrar. It’s the first stop for visitors and potential students as they explore all the exciting opportunities LaGrange College has to offer.
This book will help you choose wisely.

It is an overview of the 50-plus academic and pre-professional programs offered at LaGrange College and it outlines:

- What you’ll be doing in and out of the classroom
- Potential careers associated with each study area
- Some of the campus resources and research opportunities that can help you find answers, create solutions and make things happen

If you have not decided which major to pursue, we encourage you not to think of your undergraduate major—or majors—as the be-all and end-all of career choice, but rather as a fun learning experience. Be in the present and take courses that look interesting to you. If you pick a subject that you enjoy now, chances are that you will be able to sustain that level of interest throughout your life.
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Faculty Facts

LaGrange College teachers and advisers are approachable, accessible and available. They are exceptional instructors who make every effort to involve undergraduate students in their scholarly work and research projects. Eighty-five percent of our full-time faculty hold the highest degrees in their fields.

Following are just a few examples of our faculty members’ most recent accomplishments.

Dr. Celia Hay (Nursing) attended a first-of-its-kind gathering of Florence Nightingale scholars from the U.K. and U.S.A. at the ancestral home of the Nightingale family, Embley Park in England. “Florence Nightingale: Influence and Inspiration” marked the 100th anniversary of her death.

Tim Taunton (Art & Design) opened an exhibition of his ceramics and sculpture at the Macon Museum of Art and Sciences in April. The show was reviewed by Dr. Dorothy Joiner (Art History) in the Hong Kong-published magazine World Sculpture News.

Dr. John Williams (English) won last year’s Society of Southwestern Authors’ one-act playwriting contest and was invited back in 2010 to present workshops on short story writing and writing dialogue. The conference in Tucson was called “Wrangling with Writing.”

Dr. Lydia Rosencrants and Assistant Professors Cindi Bearden and Karie Davis-Nozemack (Accounting) presented a paper on “Obtaining Accounting Accreditation” at the ACBSP National Conference in Los Angeles. LaGrange College is still the only school in the world with ACBSP accreditation.

Dr. David Oki Ahearn (Religion & Philosophy) gave the presentation “Sustainability in the Higher Education Curriculum” at the United Methodist Board of Church and Society “Caring for Creation” conference in April. He also taught, for the 4th year in a row, Personal and Social Ethics at the Candler School of Theology Summer Course of Study School.

Dr. Don Livingston (Education) has been contracted to write on the effects of poverty on academic achievement for publisher Peter Lang’s new collection, “Understandings Emerging Through the Southern Mist: A Curriculum of Place.”

Dr. Toni Anderson (Music) published “‘Tell Them We Are Singing For Jesus’: The Original Fisk Jubilee Singers and Christian Reconstruction, 1871-1878,” a history of the famous nine-member choral ensemble made up of former slaves. This summer she attended the National Association of Teachers of Singing conference in Salt Lake City as its Southeastern Regional Governor.

Michael Bishop (Writer-in-Residence, English) taught the inaugural week of the Clarion West Writers’ Workshop in Seattle. His novelette “Vinegar Peace” was a finalist for the Nebula Award in its category and will appear in the annual Nebula Awards anthology edited by Kevin J. Anderson of the Science Fiction and Fantasy Writers of America.

Charles Thompson (Graduate Studies, Albany campus) was a workshop presenter at the Greenleaf Center for Servant Leadership Conference in Atlanta.

Dr. Terry Austin (Chemistry & Physics) presented a paper at the American Physical Society’s Atomic, Molecular, and Optical Physics conference entitled “Hydrocarbon Bond Rearrangement Following Ionization by a Single Attosecond Pulse from a Fast Ion.”

Dr. Tracy Lightcap (Political Science) published an article about U.S. Supreme Court decision making in the Tulane Law Review, and “To Be or Not To Be: Torture, American Politics, and America’s Future” in the scholarly review New Political Science.
Accountancy
It’s more than numbers. It’s personal.

Why accountancy?
Accountancy is the language of business. As an accountant, you will measure and record financial information. You will also analyze, think critically, and make intelligent business decisions that benefit and protect management and investors. CEOs often have accounting backgrounds, so this is a career ladder that can reach the very top.

Why LaGrange?
It offers the first accounting program in the world to be accredited by the Association of Collegiate Business Schools and Programs.

What makes the LaGrange College Accountancy program special is its focus on project-based learning. During your final three semesters, you will simulate the activities of a public accountant by leading the audit of an entire company from start to finish.

The Accountancy program at LaGrange goes beyond the classroom and textbooks. In addition to the ability to work with computers, spreadsheets and information systems, students also develop:

- Knowledge in marketing and management
- Superior communication abilities
- Essential people skills
- Ethical decision making abilities

Why is a small department better?
It helps students think big. At LaGrange College, classes are not taught by graduate assistants. Compared to business programs at larger schools, with up to 150 students per class, LaGrange students write more, present more, and debate more. With small class sizes, students get quality one-on-one time with professors.

What about Internships?
Accountancy majors have the opportunity to participate in a variety of internships, including interim term, summer and extended, off-campus internships from the beginning of January until the end of March of their senior year. The payoff? Up to six hours of academic credit and valuable experience that is attractive to future employers.

What if I want to seek a minor in accountancy?
A minor in accountancy is available to any LaGrange student, regardless of major. An accounting minor is a great way to enhance your employment opportunities.

What about graduate school?
Many of our degree-holders go on to study at some of the most prestigious graduate schools in the country. A partial list of those schools would include:

- Auburn University
- Cumberland Law School
- Georgia State University
- Kennesaw State University
- Mercer University
- Shorter College
- University of Alabama
- University of Georgia
- University of West Florida
- Winthrop University

Is this a valuable career choice?
It is one of the most valuable career choices. Accountants are at the heart of our economic system. Corporations, not-for-profits and governments look to accountants to:

- conduct financial audits
- devise financial plans
- prepare financial statements
- lead strategic planning
- develop businesses
- understand complex tax codes

ACCOUNTING IS ONE OF THE BEST JOBS IN NORTH AMERICA, ACCORDING TO WORLDWIDELEARN, THE ONLINE DIRECTORY OF EDUCATION. STRESS LEVEL IS LOW, COMPENSATION IS HIGH, AND CAREER PLACEMENT AFTER GRADUATION IS FAST.
Where do LaGrange graduates work?

A sample list of businesses that have employed our Accountancy graduates would include:

• Bennett Thrasher, P.C.
• Cherry, Bekert and Holland
• Chick-fil-A, Inc.
• Comcast Communications
• Deloitte
• Duracell
• Ernst and Young
• Habif, Arogeti and Wynne, LLP
• Interface, Inc.
• Reznick Group
• Suntrust Banks, Inc.
• Tarpley and Underwood, P.C.
• Thomas Enterprises
• Verizon Enterprises
• Wheelabrator, Inc.
• Windham Brannon, P.C.

Ferguson’s Top Careers for Business Graduates says competition for Accountancy jobs “will remain high, certification requirements will become more rigorous, and accountants and auditors with the highest degrees will be much sought after.”

“After graduation, I’ll take the CPA exam, the CFE exam, and hopefully work for the FBI as a forensic accountant. That’s all about digging and searching for evidence related to financial transactions that can be used in the court system to help solve crimes. Advice to freshmen? Get involved. LaGrange means so much more to you once you truly experience it.”

– T.D. Clinton
Accountancy graduate, future FBI agent
Art & Design
Explore your own world.

Why art & design?
A personal relationship between faculty and students as well as camaraderie with classmates creates a close-knit and supportive environment in the department. Students are given a solid foundation in traditional techniques and in art history, but are then encouraged to explore their own creative expressions. Professors who practice in their fields serve as role models for aspiring artists. Visiting artists underscore the goals of the program by offering alternative viewpoints in the contemporary arts.

Is there a career for me in art?
LaGrange College art students have gone on to graduate school and to careers as teachers, commercial and journalistic photographers, graphic designers, studio artists and museum professionals.

Are there opportunities for outside study and travel?
In addition to frequent class-related visits to museums and galleries in the area, Art and Design students take advantage of Jan Term classes at the beginning of each calendar year.

Jan term is a month-long opportunity for LaGrange students to explore course content both in and outside their majors. Past classes with appeal to all majors include The Art of the Book, Clay and the Art of Tea, Watercolor and Scenic Design. Students also take courses such as The Arthurian Legend, Classic American Film and Applying to Graduate School, a practical guide to the possibilities and pitfalls of seeking advanced education.

For LaGrange students, travel opportunities abound. During Jan Term, the department offers courses involving trips to France, Spain, Italy, Greece, Turkey, Japan and China.

What about facilities?
The Lamar Dodd Art Center offers excellent space for education and expression. A three-story, 32,000 square-foot facility named in honor of celebrated Georgia artist Lamar Dodd, the building provides large, open classrooms and private studios, a state-of-the-art ceramics and sculpture area, and a well-equipped shop for woodworking and welding.

The photography area contains both a traditional darkroom, as well as both Mac computers and printers for digital imaging.

The Graphic Design program enjoys a fully updated Mac lab with current software. The printmaking studio has the capacity for intaglio, lithography and relief printmaking. Art history lectures are held in a tiered lecture room using LED projection.

Art students have access to a permanent collection of over 2500 works in the college museum, including works by Rembrandt, Picasso and Rauschenberg. LaGrange College students, moreover, are exposed to an exciting series of rotating exhibitions of traditional and contemporary art.

What scholarship opportunities are available?
Prospective students compete for scholarship funds during portfolio reviews held in the fall and the spring. The faculty evaluate portfolios containing 2-D and 3-D work, slides and CDs. Portfolios should include approximately 15 examples of the prospective student’s strongest work. Sketchbooks are encouraged. For information, contact Dawn Briggs at (706) 880-8211 or dbriggs@lagrange.edu. During an annual Honor’s Day program, cash and purchase awards are given to juniors and seniors who excel in their concentrations. Work study opportunities are also available in the art department.

What concentrations in art are available?
In addition to traditional studies in painting and drawing, graphic design, ceramics and sculpture, photography, and art history, we offer a unique program which couples museum studies with art history. The museum studies program draws on the resources of the college museum as well as on opportunities within the community, including three local museums.
LaGrange art students enter the working world well-trained to become professional artists, designers and educators. Our graduates are employed throughout the country as art directors, art teachers and business entrepreneurs. They attribute much of their success to the hands-on knowledge they received here in areas such as electronic imaging, digital photography, graphic communication, photography, ceramics and illustration.

“Religion and design both hold deep meanings for me. They both require a critical mindset, and they both have emotional concepts that I can get attached to. I’m always coming up with crazy ideas for new things to learn and ways to push the limits. And I have that freedom in the Art Department with my professors encouraging me in any direction that I want to go.”

– Trevor Jones
religion major, children’s book illustrator
Biology
Explore life itself.

Why choose to major in biology?
As a biology major at LaGrange College, you will be studying life itself, from the subcellular to the organismal level. Your courses will prepare you to go on to graduate or professional school in medicine, dentistry, veterinary medicine, pharmacy or physical therapy, or pursue careers in a number of other fields.

What makes LaGrange’s biology department such a standout?
• A strong curriculum providing a firm foundation in fundamental topics in biology
• A highly qualified and broadly trained faculty
• One-on-one student/faculty interaction
• Opportunities to work with faculty on independent, original research projects
• Multiple field-study and laboratory environments, including a new cellular/molecular lab

What about facilities?
The Cason J. Callaway Science Building houses the Biology Department and features a variety of classrooms, laboratories, offices, and specially equipped learning areas for instruction in General Science, Biology, Chemistry, Math and Physics.

A low student-to-faculty ratio offers unique learning experiences for our students. They may work alongside faculty in the deep forests and rolling fields surrounding nearby West Point Lake and its 525 miles of shoreline, which provide an “outdoor classroom” and natural laboratory. Not only does the beautiful countryside surrounding LaGrange, Georgia, offer a variety of recreational opportunities, it serves as the site of numerous short- and long-term biology field experiences.

Students may also work in newly renovated lab space to conduct original cellular and molecular research projects that answer questions using important model organisms or model systems, as well as foundational and innovative laboratory techniques and equipment.

What unique experiences does the program offer?
Our student-to-faculty ratio of 11:1 and small class sizes provide you with the attention you deserve. There are also opportunities for out-of-class interactions, such as seminars, study and review sessions, and informal gatherings.

January Interim Term, LaGrange College’s unique, month-long opportunity to pursue on campus projects, independent study, internships or overseas travel traditionally offers research-related trips to study the natural wonders of the Galapagos Islands, the animals of Costa Rica or the biodiversity of the Apalachicola River basin.

The LaGrange Biology Department understands the value of internships and will help you find and apply for opportunities that provide practical experience in your chosen field.

What if I am planning a career in medicine or other health professions?
Majoring in biology at LaGrange College provides the necessary coursework for admission to graduate school or professional programs in medicine, dentistry, veterinary medicine, pharmacy, physical therapy, physician assistance, or other programs in allied health. The biology faculty guide students individually and collectively along the path to admission to these programs by advising students on appropriate coursework and extracurricular activities, by arranging shadowing or research experiences and by preparing for standardized tests.

During the January Interim Term, a shadowing course is offered for those students who would like to work with a medical field mentor to learn what the profession is really all about.

New careers in biology
One of the advantages of becoming a biologist is that your career can be combined with other interests, resulting in a number of new and exciting pursuits. Research areas that continue to expand are those dealing with efforts to combat global climate change and our growing energy deficit. A degree in biology is exactly the foundation you need to make a difference in one of these new, important fields:

• biodiversity monitoring
• biotechnology
• environmental science
• forensics
• forest protection
• pharmaceutical development
• science illustration
• science writing and communication
LaGrange College biology professors are quick to point out that a good education is not limited to the classroom. Educational journeys may be as simple as a short afternoon trip to West Point Lake, a weekend hike along the Pine Mountain Trail, or a two-week field experience tracking the rare red-eyed poison dart frog through the rainforests of Costa Rica.

“I wanted to minor in Oikos because of my interest in environmental issues and nonviolence. With each new class, I’ve learned more about the unique and interesting ways that sustainability relates to political science, sociology, religion and biology.”

— Jessica Shaver
For more on Oikos as a minor, see page 41.
Why a Business Management degree from LaGrange?

Our business management program is similar to that of most schools in terms of curriculum (economics, accounting, finance, management, marketing, etc.) but distinguishes itself as a unique learning experience through the range of opportunities it offers.

From your first day in class, you’ll do independent research, work in teams, debate, participate in panel discussions, and make individual and team class presentations. We want you to take charge of your own learning, to engage yourself in the experience, and come to know the satisfaction and the sheer joy of becoming a lifelong learner.

Why the emphasis on lifelong learning?

We live in a fast-moving and complex world where economic conditions change day to day. As business models change and evolve, individuals must constantly update their skill sets to remain relevant and employable.

Much of the contextual content you will retain from your college experience is obsolete by the time you begin your first job, but the cognitive development (thinking, analyzing, synthesizing and evaluating) that you gain while at LaGrange College can be applied to problem solving, research and creative thinking that will set you apart in a competitive job market.

Why do employers hire business management graduates?

Each year 1.5 million new college graduates enter the job market. And while the business management degree is consistently listed as one of the top five most popular degrees among employers, you will still be competing in a “buyers’ market.”

Our expectations are that upon completion of the degree in Business Management, you should be able to:

- Demonstrate general knowledge and comprehension of business concepts and the ability to integrate this knowledge
- Synthesize and make connections among different ideas, as well as demonstrate the ability to think creatively and critically, and to formulate logical arguments
- Show an intrinsic desire to learn and a curiosity about the world and about business by actively participating in class, group work, and individual research
- Formulate and defend ethical judgments and develop an understanding of individual moral responsibility, particularly in a group or corporate setting
- Communicate in a professional manner, both orally and in writing, using technology appropriately
- Work in teams and demonstrate an understanding of interpersonal relations and the leadership and followership processes
- Accept and embrace risk and uncertainty in the business environment

What kind of career can I expect after graduation?

Business Management graduates typically receive higher starting salaries than most other degree-holders, and their capabilities tend to open a wider range of opportunities.

LaGrange grads have the knowledge and the skill sets to succeed in both the private and the public sector. They are prepared for careers in civic leadership, government and nonprofit organizations. And they have the knowledge and tools to succeed in industries and fields such as:

- banking and finance
- manufacturing
- product development
- human resources
- retailing
- business analysis

Don’t you need working experience to get a good job?

Yes, and that’s where the Business Management Internship Program can give participating students a definitive advantage. Many students find an internship to be a valuable crash course in working in the real world – proving and practicing what they have learned in class while earning course credit.

And Interim Term courses?

The Business Department traditionally sponsors a number of Jan Term internships and on-campus courses, including “Applying the Principles of Negotiation Theory,” “Christian Yoga,” an exploration of how the ancient practice can enhance one’s spiritual life, and a number of abbreviated internships.

Students intent on careers abroad as well as those looking to broaden their global perspectives enjoy the study abroad opportunities that Jan Term makes available. In past years, classes have journeyed to such exotic locations as London, Paris, Costa Rica and the Galapagos Islands.
“In Business Ethics class, we learn what you can do and what you ought to do. Some business decisions are ethically complicated. Our professors emphasize that and hold us to a higher standard.”

– Allie Jones
Business Management major, social change advocate

Some Business Management majors use the Internship program to discover companies that are a good fit for them. They connect with exciting work places and are often offered positions after graduation.

What about faculty?

Our department is student-focused, with an emphasis on student engagement. You’ll be challenged by full-time faculty members and never see a teaching assistant. Your professors will have diverse backgrounds and specialties that will bring the world into your classroom. A number of our faculty members are also active business consultants with companies and organizations, large and small.

The small class size at LaGrange College (typical student-to-professor ratio is 11:1) allows for excellent in-class interaction and collaboration. Most students, not used to being inspired and challenged in a caring and ethical classroom environment, find the experience exhilarating.
Why a chemistry or biochemistry degree?

For students who want a broad natural science background that will prepare them for careers in medicine, law or related fields, LaGrange offers the Bachelor of Arts (B.A.) degree in Chemistry. It’s a major whose requirements are not so demanding that students cannot find time for non-chemistry electives.

The Bachelor of Science (B.S.) program in Chemistry is designed for students who intend to pursue graduate school in chemistry or chemically-related fields such as chemical physics and environmental chemistry or work in research or industry as a bench chemist. A Bachelor of Arts (B.A.) in Biochemistry is designed to prepare majors for professional school or further study in disciplines that bridge the chemistry and biological sciences. The requirements of this major are few enough to leave significant time for nonchemistry electives.

Aren’t chemistry classes the same at every college?

No. At LaGrange, our classes involve group problem solving and the Socratic Method – asking questions that lead students to the answer rather than just giving a lecture. Every class is taught by a chemistry professor, not a teaching assistant. Our smaller class sizes amount to a more personalized learning experience than the auditorium-size classes often found at large universities. Classes are oriented toward the student and learning rather than showcasing the knowledge of the professor. Chemistry is a hands-on science, and at LaGrange you will perform hands-on experiments that illustrate concepts discussed in class.

Are there opportunities for undergraduate research?

Your success as a chemist depends on two things: the mastery of important classroom concepts and the capacity for independent thought. Undergraduate-level research projects in such areas as environmental, analytical and synthetic organic chemistry encourage both classroom participation and thinking on your own.

On occasion, students present their research findings via posters or oral presentations at scientific conferences such as those organized by the American Chemical Society and the Georgia Academy of Sciences.

Research into the chemistry and reactivity of fullerenes, supervised by Professor Melvin Hall, was presented by LaGrange senior Ben Williamson at the fall 2008 meeting of the American Chemical Society in Philadelphia, Pa. In 2005 and 2006, LaGrange biochemistry majors won the Hines Award for Undergraduate Research, the same honor awarded to chemistry majors in 2008 and 2009.

As part of the Bachelor of Science curriculum in chemistry, a research experience is required. The department will help you secure an appropriate situation on campus, in industry or in a research university summer program, preferably between your junior and senior years or during the first semester of your senior year.

Can a chemistry or biochemistry degree help me get a job in health care?

All of our degrees help majors prepare for the chemistry and chemical principles portion of the MCAT, PCAT and DAT entrance exams. LaGrange’s B.A. in Biochemistry major is particularly focused on Pre-Health Professional preparation, with course work in biology, chemistry, biochemistry, mathematics and physics.
“Formulas, molecules and compounds, electrons, acids and bases just amaze me. When I graduate, I plan to pursue an advanced degree in bio-chemistry, then go to work for the Centers for Disease Control in Atlanta. I’d like to do independent research and hopefully someday return to my home country and help to make a difference in the lives of the people.”

– Carl Kananda
native of the Democratic Republic of Congo, LC bio-chemistry major

Kristin Kozar’s dream of becoming a veterinarian began with a biochemistry degree from LaGrange College. Each summer, as a member of the Christian Veterinary Fellowship, she spends time out west on a reservation taking care of farm animals and pets. “But,” she says, “we spend most of our time ministering to the people.”

What do your majors do after graduation?

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Can I make a career out of my interest in computers?

Yes, and LaGrange is a great place to start building that interest into an exciting, profitable occupation. You’ll begin your Computer Science studies by exploring the guts of an assortment of programming languages, from Java to Visual Basic to PHP and MySQL. Once you’ve learned the basics, you’ll be able to design websites and administer databases and networks. Soon you’ll find yourself gaining experience as an intern at a local business and preparing for either a profession or graduate school.

Is computer science still a fast-growing field?

According to the Bureau of Labor Statistics, two of the top five fastest-growing occupations in the U.S. are Computer Science-related. Companies everywhere are staffing and enlarging their IT departments in order to become more productive and efficient. And industries that were not computer dependent two decades ago—automotive, communications, security and entertainment, to name a few—now stake their futures on emerging technology.

What about salaries?

According to a 2009 report on CNN, the top starting salary in the United States by college major was computer science. No degree led to a larger paycheck starting out. Not mathematics; not electrical, mechanical or industrial engineering; not business administration.

What majors are offered at LaGrange?

• Bachelor of Arts in Computer Science – This broad study includes a strong foundation in programming, computer organization, computer architecture, data structures for modeling real-world information and the mathematics of computer science. You’ll design websites, administer networks, and design databases.

• Bachelor of Arts in Computer Science with a concentration in Business – With this degree you’ll get the computing skills that you need to function in a business environment, plus get the coursework for a minor in either business management or accounting.

• Bachelor of Science in Computer Science – For potential graduate school candidates and those students who are more mathematically and scientifically oriented, this degree gives you the additional knowledge needed to succeed in graduate school or function as a computer scientist in a scientific or industrial organization.

Dozens of schools can teach me about computers. Why choose LaGrange?

For three good reasons:

• The Computer Science program at LaGrange builds on a strong liberal arts foundation. Rather than focusing on specific software and skills, this program teaches you the fundamental concepts of computing that transcend time. In addition to learning the difference between a bit and a byte, you’ll learn to write more effectively, how to make an effective presentation, and, most importantly, how to work within a team.

• LaGrange offers you a true campus experience. Here, you can get involved in organized campus activities with students who have interests similar to yours. Panther sports. Greek life. Concerts, movies and plays. Making new friends. Building new relationships. College can be so much more than time spent in class.

• We have small classes and involved faculty members. Unlike the stuffy and overcrowded computer labs you’ll often find at major universities, at LaGrange you’ll be able to ask questions and get answers from interested, caring professors who love teaching.

What about jobs?

The top five areas of entry-level employment are:

• PC support and troubleshooting
• Database administration
• Network administration
• Web design and programming
• Programming

Most LaGrange computer science graduates enter the job market as database administrators, network administrators, web designers, IT support specialists, or programmer-analysts. We have alumni working for the federal government and leading communications companies, including BellSouth, Charter and Total Systems. Some are self-employed as computer consultants and some have even started their own businesses or continued on to graduate school.
LaGrange College made it possible for me, a computer major, to study Japanese, linguistics and culture in Japan for four months. I discovered that in Japan there is a set way of doing everything. For example, if you order a McDonald’s Big Mac without pickles, suddenly everything kind of grinds to a halt because you didn’t get your hamburger the way everyone else gets their hamburgers. It’s a unique culture. I want to go back.”

– Matthew Landrum
computer science major, studied at Seigakuin University near Tokyo
Why become a teacher?

If you think you’ve got the temperament, energy, patience and mental resources to become a teacher, consider becoming part of the solution to the growing teacher shortage. Even though the teaching profession does not promise riches or fame, keep in mind that by becoming a teacher you will be answering a noble calling and affecting the lives of countless school-age children.

The LaGrange Education Department offers an innovative collection of courses calculated to graduate well-prepared teachers in four major degree programs:

- Early Childhood Education (B.A.)
- Middle Grades Education (M.A.T.)
- Secondary Education (M.A.T.)
- Combined B.A. and M.A.T.

For certified educators who would like to expand their knowledge and prepare for advanced credentials, the department offers a Master of Education in Curriculum and Instruction (M.Ed.). Only 14 months of coursework is required. For details, visit www.lagrange.edu/academics/education/MEd.

Want to teach Pre-K through fifth grades?

Then you belong here at LaGrange College. Our Bachelor of Arts with a Concentration in Early Childhood Education offers not only content, but philosophy, the art of professional teaching, service and cultural responsiveness, as well. As an Early Childhood candidate, you’ll spend at least 725 hours in supervised field experiences prior to student teaching.

Are you aiming to each middle grades or high school?

The Middle Grades Education Master of Arts in Teaching program prepares professionals to teach specific core subjects in grades 4–8. The program guides students through a series of planned and carefully guided field experiences that focus on instructional strategies, philosophy, pedagogy, cultural responsiveness and appropriate professional dispositions.

Teaching high school requires both content knowledge and instructional skills. LaGrange’s intensive program of field-based study and careful mentoring will ensure that you’re ready for the challenges of the classroom. You’ll begin by pursuing a bachelor’s degree in a subject area and then completing the M.A.T. program, which allows you to:

- Earn your Master of Arts in Teaching and your high school or middle grades teacher’s certification in 14 months.
- Receive certification in many areas
- Begin earning master’s-level pay as soon as you begin your career as a certified teacher

Each student teacher is guided by mentors from among the College faculty and faculty from Troup County high schools and middle schools.

No matter which path you take, you’ll do field work, student teach or intern before you graduate.

Is there a way to earn my Bachelor’s and Master’s at the same time?

Yes, there is. Undergraduate students who meet the admission requirements for the M.A.T. (passing GACE Basic Skills or a combined SAT score of more than 1000) and those who have a GPA of 3.0 or higher in their undergraduate studies may participate in a Combined B.A. and M.A.T. program after the completion of 90 semester hours. Once accepted, candidates may take one graduate course in each Summer Semester, then one three-credit graduate course during Fall, Interim, and Spring Semesters (if enrolled with 12 undergraduate credits).

Teaching in Georgia

Georgia, like much of the nation, has a serious teacher shortage, especially in critical areas such as science, mathematics and special education.

- About one quarter of Georgia’s teaching workforce has more than 20 years experience, meaning they are rapidly approaching retirement.
- While demand for mathematics and science teachers continues to rise, not enough of Georgia’s college students are going into these fields of education. For instance, in the next two years, we will need well over 1,000 new science teachers.

There’s never been a better time to become a teacher.
In June, 2010, LaGrange College unveiled its new Education Specialist (Ed.S.) degree in Curriculum and Instruction aimed at helping experienced teachers increase their content knowledge, improve their teaching skills and become teacher leaders.

- Candidates would be expected to hold a master’s degree and Level 5 certification.
- By comparing international teaching methods and outcomes, candidates learn how their global counterparts go about teaching children.
- Primary emphasis is on extending the candidate’s content knowledge.
- Included is a capstone research project where a specific international teaching practice is examined and compared to current practices in the United States.
- The program features an optional travel component, immersing the educator in another country’s culture of schooling for up to a full semester.

For more information, call or e-mail Jen Knox in the Education Department at (706) 880-8276 or jknox@lagrange.edu

“Our undergraduates and education faculty are all involved in service throughout the community. Several times during the year, they go out into the schools, doing special reading days dressed as characters from books. If you looked around the square downtown, you could see students dressed as the Cat in the Hat or Snow White or Mary Poppins, reading to groups of children.”

— Dr. Margie Yates
Chair of the Education Department
Should I major in English?

Consider your experience with English so far. If you have usually performed well in your high school literature and writing classes, then you may find similar success in a college-level program.

Have your verbal scores on standardized tests been higher than your math scores? Then you may prefer coursework that emphasizes the written word.

Even if your amusements involve wordplay (solving anagrams, playing Scrabble or Boggle, working crossword puzzles), then you may have what it takes to thrive as an English major.

If you have always been an avid reader (especially of challenging literary works), if you feel driven to express yourself in writing (be it poetry, fiction or journalism), if you find yourself watching a film and thinking, “The book was better than the movie,” then perhaps you should consider pursuing further studies in English.

How do English majors spend their time—in class and out?

First of all, we read. Of course, students in all disciplines have to read, but English majors are among the fortunate few who get to read fiction, poetry and drama in addition to nonfiction. We read closely and analytically, not just to understand plot details, but primarily to gain insight to the human condition and the world of ideas. We also read to develop an appreciation for the craft of writing and the artistry of literary construction.

We talk about what we have read in order to learn from our classmates and our professors. We conduct research into what scholars and other sources have to say about literature, authors and historical contexts. Whenever possible, we travel to sites of literary significance, within the U.S. and abroad.

And we write—for several rhetorical purposes: to express our views and feelings, to convey information, to analyze complicated material, and to argue a given point of view. By grappling with our own thoughts and words, we learn how to focus on one main idea, to develop it with explanations and support, to organize it effectively, to word it clearly and to present it in a clean format with no distractions from our message.

What can I do with a major in English?

To paraphrase Ferris Bueller, the question isn’t “What can I do?” but rather “What can’t I do?” People who work well with words are in high demand throughout the working world. Public relations, editing, journalism and teaching are obvious career paths, but English majors are also welcome in all sorts of corporations, non-profit organizations, government entities and professional associations.

There are also employment possibilities in creative venues such as composing song lyrics, screenplay writing and acting. Supplement your literary studies with the right blend of sciences and you can build a career in medicine, counseling or speech therapy. Pair your English major with extensive focus on a foreign language and you can become a translator or interpreter. Many a lawyer and librarian majored in English as an undergraduate. Ditto for radio and television newscasters. And businesses large and small depend upon administrative staff as well as managers with strong writing skills.

Join the Peace Corps. Manage a popular blog site. Develop advertising campaigns for new products. Run for political office. Write technical manuals for equipment.

LAGRANGE ENGLISH MAJORS ARE ENCOURAGED TO STUDY ABROAD, AND MANY TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THAT OPPORTUNITY TO GET A FIRSTHAND LOOK AT SIGNIFICANT LITERARY AND HISTORIC SITES IN ENGLAND, SPAIN AND FRANCE.
Negotiate mediations between disputing parties. If you type the phrase “famous English majors” into your favorite Internet search engine, then you may find some surprising names and careers on the resulting lists. In short, wherever people use words to accomplish their professional goals, you can find English majors at work.

**Why do employers, graduate schools and professional programs value applicants who have majored in English?**

Some people may assume that because you’ve majored in English, you’ve memorized the dictionary, can quote Shakespeare on demand, and serve as an undercover member of the Grammar Police. But employers, graduate schools and professional programs have more realistic—and plausible—expectations of you, and if you’ve worked hard in our program, then you won’t disappoint them.

They will appreciate your experience as a close reader with a well-honed analytical mind for teasing out the most subtle nuances of the written word. They will seek your skill as a wordsmith, as a person with a sizable vocabulary and above-average adeptness for crafting clear, intelligible prose. They will marvel at your ability to reason via thorough, well-organized explanations and ample evidence tailored to a specific audience. And they will recognize your intellectual versatility, developed from extensive contemplation of human behavior, values and concerns, both real and fictitious, across history and geography and into the future.

“I really believe in the ideals that we uphold at LaGrange College—civility, diversity, service and excellence. The goal here is to help our students become people of integrity. If you are going to be a teacher or a doctor or a lawyer or an accountant, we want you to be a good one. We want you to be a person of integrity in your professional and personal lives.”

— Dr. Nina Dulin-Mallory
Professor of English
Why become a History major?

By learning about the forces that shaped civilization, you’ll gain an appreciation for the way the world is now and be challenged to think about how it’s going to be in coming years.

Plus, someone who graduates with a history degree is considered a ‘prize catch’ by many successful employers. They know that a history major is not just some kind of apprentice archivist, but someone who knows how to read and write well—and whose knowledge of humans and human history can benefit the company when it comes to dealing with customers and associates.

Will I be challenged?

History majors at LaGrange are always challenged by their classes. You will take courses that examine everything from the Greco-Roman world to Comparative Colonization of North America. To complete the major, you will write a senior thesis and defend it before the college community. History majors at LaGrange also enjoy rare hands-on opportunities including internships and archival work.

You’ll also be able to join LaGrange College’s chapter of Phi Alpha Theta, the discipline’s professional honor society. We conduct regular field trips and sponsor a variety of special events on campus and present papers at regional and national conferences. LaGrange’s Phi Alpha Theta chapter is simply one of the most active academic organizations on campus.

LaGrange’s Interim Term (or ‘Jan Term’ as many call it) offers the opportunity to travel abroad and come face-to-face with world history. Japan. Paris. Southern Spain. Greece. Latin America. England. The explorations and once-in-a-lifetime discoveries are endless for LaGrange History majors, in and out of class.

What makes a History degree from LaGrange so special?

The faculty. This is a group of well-respected scholars who believe that all students benefit from an understanding of their past in order to prepare for their future.

Department members have contributed books and articles to their areas of specialization. Unlike at large universities where a great deal of faculty time is spent conducting research, faculty members at LaGrange consider quality teaching Job One. They serve as academic advisors and welcome individual meetings with students outside of class.

Your history classes at LaGrange will be small. The average student-to-professor ratio is 11:1. The environment will be relaxed but professional, with more discussions than lectures.

What if I can’t see myself as a professional historian?

The truth is, only a small percentage of history majors go on to be historians; most go on, instead, to become lawyers, librarians, businesspersons, writers, archivists, researchers, teachers, politicians, and even entertainers.

As a LaGrange College history major, you will cultivate the skills necessary to successfully research, analyze and communicate—qualities vital to many career choices. Leaders in every industry, from business to the arts, can point to their training as history majors as the starting point for their success.

New option: a minor or concentration in Public History

Today, the American public enjoys a fascination with history like never before, resulting in new job opportunities for trained history professionals. Individuals are employed to help archivists, living history interpreters, government historians, documentary filmmakers and others promote, facilitate and celebrate the past.

In response to these new job opportunities, LaGrange College offers a Public History concentration for history majors as well as a Public History minor open to all students. Both options provide students with opportunities to explore a variety of nonteaching careers in history, with a focus on research, critical issues in the field and practical hands-on experience.

Public History coursework may include an internship with a museum, historical site, government agency or corporation and a presentation to the college community. For more information, consult the Undergraduate Bulletin online at www.lagrange.edu/academics/catalogs.
“The professors at LaGrange College have inspired me immensely. They encourage us to be involved on campus, so I’m a history department research assistant and I’m involved with Phi Alpha Theta, the history honor society. I belong to a French conversation club, where we all get together and speak French—or do the best we can.”

— Caitlin Vest
History major, former intern at Roosevelt’s Little White House in Warm Springs, Ga.
Why become a mathematics major at LaGrange?

LaGrange College is known for offering a solid liberal arts-based education, and mathematics, as the foundation of the sciences, is at the core of that education.

Students major in mathematics for various reasons. Many value the analytical reasoning and problem-solving skills that it helps one develop. Some see it as a great way to prepare for graduate study. Still others know that the study of mathematics can open a variety of career doors in many fields, including:

- business
- chemistry
- computer science
- music
- physics
- political science
- psychology
- statistics

What mathematics degrees does LaGrange offer?

The LaGrange College Department of Mathematics offers both Bachelor of Arts (B.A.) and Bachelor of Science (B.S.) degree programs. Through either program you can prepare for graduate study in one of the mathematical sciences or for immediate employment in business, industry or government.

Are there opportunities to advance outside the classroom?

You’ll have several options outside the classroom to advance your mathematics education, including:

- Working with faculty members on research projects.
- Working as a math tutor, earning extra money as you explain mathematics to others.
- Attending annual professional meetings with members of the faculty.

Jan Term, LaGrange’s month-long series of courses designed to encourage students to explore subjects outside their majors, offers a number of opportunities that appeal to the mathematically minded.

Will I enjoy working with the faculty?

Ask any LaGrange mathematics graduate. They’ll tell you that LC’s mathematics faculty members have a diverse range of teaching and research interests. At some larger schools, students seldom talk with their professors. Here, it’s rare not to see faculty members meeting with study groups and individuals inside and outside of the classroom. LaGrange instructors simply enjoy working with students.

The class sizes in the Math Department are small, which means you can count on more help from professors—and no classes taught by grad students. With more individual attention, you’ll be better prepared for a career in math or grad school.

What about graduate school?

LaGrange mathematics graduates have gone on to take advantage of the college’s own M.A.T. program, as well as enrolling in graduate school at such places as Auburn, Clemson, South Carolina, Columbus State, Georgia Southern, Georgia College and State University, Western Michigan University and the Emory School of Law.

Are scholarships available?

Few students at LaGrange College pay the full cost of attendance. The Financial Aid Office awards generous grant assistance through dozens of scholarships, some of which benefit individuals in specific degree programs. The Georgia-Pacific Scholarship, for example, provides an annual scholarship to a LaGrange College student who has a 2.5 or better grade-point average, is in financial need and is pursuing a degree in mathematics, engineering, sciences, accounting, finance or business administration. The Financial Aid Office in consultation with the faculty selects the recipient of this scholarship.

What can a mathematics major do for a career?

Practically anything.
Mathematics provides rigorous training in thinking that is highly valued in many careers. It develops your reasoning skills and ability to analyze complex issues, far beyond the material you learn in class. While the courses you take are not focused on preparing you for a particular job, the evidence is strong that the major provides a strong flexible background to pursue many options:

- Mathematics majors nationally perform better than any other major on the Law School (LSAT) and Business School (GMAT) admissions tests, with scores approximately 13 percent higher on average (The Chronicle of Higher Education).
- A 2005 survey of starting salaries of those entering the work force from different majors showed Mathematics majors earning 37.7 percent more than English majors. For comparison, Economics majors earned 33.5 percent more, and Biology majors .08 percent more (National Association of Colleges and Employers).
- Job satisfaction rankings consistently place the mathematical careers of mathematician, actuary, and statistician at the very top (jobrated.com).

**But what are specific directions math majors follow?**

Law School, High School teaching, Actuary, Finance, Banking, Census Bureau, Graduate study in Engineering, Economics, or the Natural Sciences, Wildlife Statistician, Peace Corps, Business School, Biotechnology, Architecture, Risk Management, Computer services, Business consultant, Mathematical research and teaching, Biomedical statistician … and many more. Profiles of individuals working in some of these areas can be found on the links below.

For students wishing to work in the Southeast, there are particularly strong opportunities in Statistics and High School Teaching. Good mathematics teachers are needed practically everywhere in the nation. State agencies, such as the Department of Fish and Game, are particularly eager to recruit students with math degrees.

“For me, math is such a solid subject. Two plus two is going to equal four, whether you want it to or not. Eventually, I want to work with NASA – there, in the mission control pit, helping manage the space station. That’s my dream job.”

— George Lankford
Panther football strong safety, Math major.
How is this music program unique?
At LaGrange College, you’ll have the opportunity to work closely with professors who can mentor your musical development. They’ll challenge you to reach both your personal and professional goals.

Here, you won’t just sit in a practice room. You’ll have the opportunity to perform at premier venues at home and abroad. LaGrange College ensembles have performed in St. Patrick’s Cathedral in New York City and Notre Dame in Paris. You can also gain real-world experience through internships at local churches and businesses—or recording sessions in professional studios.

What degrees are there to choose from?
- Bachelor of Music in Performance (Voice/Piano/Organ/Guitar/Percussion) – designed for students seeking careers as classical performers, studio musicians, and/or studio teachers.
- Bachelor of Music in Composition & Music Technologies – teaches the skills you need for an entry level position in the music industry or graduate study in music.
- Bachelor of Music in Church Music – incorporates traditional and contemporary interdenominational worship music styles to prepare you for church music ministry or for graduate study at the seminary/graduate school level.
- Bachelor of Arts in Music – a broad, liberal arts-based music education. Students in this program often minor in another area, pursue graduate studies in a music-related field not included in the Bachelor of Music concentrations, or plan to pursue music more as an avocation than profession.

Are there music scholarships available?
Talent-based scholarships and/or awards are available to prospective music majors, and upperclassmen are eligible for prestigious named scholarships. A limited number of talent-based choir scholarships are also available for non-music majors who participate with the choir. A full list of music scholarship opportunities and a description of the audition process is available online at: www.lagrange.edu/academics/music/scholarships.htm.

What about facilities?
The Department of Music is located in the Callaway Education Building, which houses a recital hall, instructional and rehearsal space, student practice rooms, theory lab, keyboard lab, composition lab, edit/mix suite, video editing suite and two recording studios. Most laboratories are open 24/7.

Next door is Callaway Auditorium, a newly renovated 740-seat concert hall.

What is LaGrange’s innovative Composition & Music Technology program all about?
One of only a few such degree programs in America, this is a course designed to let musicians realize their creative potential in various fields, whether it be song-writing, contemporary classical composition, film music, jazz, dance music, electroacoustic music/sonic arts, experimentalism or pop/rock musicology. At each stage in the program, you will be encouraged to make creative use of the latest technologies in sound recording, mixing, sound design, live electronics, web authoring and multimedia, and by the end of the course you will be fully versed in the use of industry-standard hardware and software.

Composition and Technology students have received commissions for original compositions and feature film scores. Many earn their first professional credits at LaGrange, making them eligible for membership in ASCAP, NARAS and other professional music organizations. Some have charted on Billboard, others performed on radio and television.

And after graduation?
- After graduation, Aaron was accepted into the Graduate Musical Theater Writing Program at NYU.
- Jennifer chose to pursue a Vocal Performance degree in the Georgia State

Careers in music
- Music teachers are in demand all over the country. In fact, more college music majors go to work in public and private schools than anywhere else.
- With increased awareness of the rights of children and adults with disabilities, the importance of trained music therapists has increased.
- A career as a church music director or organist combines music performance and teaching with music composition, transposition and the theology and liturgy of worship.
- The music industry is broad in scope and encompasses retail, wholesale, manufacturing, importing, exporting, publishing, recording, repair and rebuilding, tuning and other businesses.

Other career opportunities are available at television and radio stations, production houses and postproduction facilities.
I wanted to get away from home and start fresh. I was looking for a college and this beautiful campus was impressive. Then I saw the music department and the recording studios. I decided this was a very good place for me to be, for my music and for me personally.”

– Jacob Freeman  
double major, music and religion

University Master of Music program.
• Robert entered the sound design program at the Savannah School of Art and Design.
• David and LaGrange classmate/writing partner Shandi wrote three chart-topping hits for Korean pop diva Hyori Lee.
• Alonzo teaches harmony at Berklee School of Music in Boston.

How does LaGrange recruit and retain premier music students from across the country?

“Students who come to LaGrange are exceptionally talented and bring a high expectation level in the quality of facilities, instruments, and education they will receive,” says Dr. Toni Anderson, Music Department Chair.

To meet the demands of talented students, in 2008 LaGrange College acquired two new Kawai Shigeru grand pianos, seven baby grands, 11 uprights, 13 electronic keyboards and perhaps the finest instrument of its kind anywhere, the Shigeru EX nine-foot concert grand.

The Shigeru EX takes 18 months to build and features soundboard wood that is air-dried for 15 years before it’s ready for installation. Each component is handrefined by Kawai’s highest level artisans, using the finest materials.

These excellent new instruments benefit LaGrange College faculty and students as well as artists from around the world who perform as part of the College’s Callaway Concert Series.

Sponsored by the LaGrange College Music Department and funded by Callaway Foundation, Inc., the Callaway Concert Series brings world-class performers to the stage of Callaway Auditorium—one of the finest acoustic concert halls in the Southeast.

Featured this year: the musical performance group Tres Vidas, celebrating Latin and South American music; uplifting spirituals by the renowned Fisk Jubilee Singers; and The Ahn Trio, whose latest CD was No. 8 on the classical Billboard Charts for 26 weeks.
Why become a nurse?

Nursing is a career filled with endless personal and professional rewards. If you choose to major in nursing at LaGrange, you are choosing to spend your life helping others, using skills that blend scientific knowledge with compassion and caring. There are few professions that offer such a rewarding combination of high tech and high touch.

How do I know that Nursing is for me?

Take a personal inventory. Ask yourself: Am I a caring individual who appreciates independent thinking; someone who strives for excellence and is committed to supporting the health of individuals and society?

You might also ask yourself if you’ve got the dedication needed to be a lifelong nurse. The LaGrange Nursing program establishes in you a sound foundation for the practice of nursing, for the pursuit of advanced degrees and certifications and continuous goal setting, both personal and professional.

What nursing degree options are offered at LaGrange?

The Bachelor of Science in Nursing degree qualifies you for licensure as a Registered Nurse.

A BSN degree completion option is offered for Registered Nurses who have an associate degree or diploma in nursing. The program recognizes previous education, accepts completed non-nursing courses and awards credit for ADN or diploma nursing courses. Earning the BSN degree adds the “extra edge” for RNs to meet career goals and the changing needs of nursing practice.

What does it take to major in Nursing?

Nursing courses are offered in a 4-1-4 semester sequence during your junior and senior years.

The total BSN curriculum can be completed in four academic years (8 semesters) and includes 46 credit hours in the Common Core, 16 credit hours in other required and elective courses, and 61 credit hours in nursing courses. Included are two elective Interim courses and one required nursing Interim course in the junior year (NURS 3321).

Do you require a nursing entrance exam?

We require the TEAS (Test of Essential Academic Skills) for entrance with a score at or above the National Mean – for study materials contact ATI (Assessment Technologies) at www.atitesting.com or 1-800-667-7531. You may transfer your score if you have taken the exam at another school.

What are the requirements for admission to the BSN program?

- A completed application available from the Admission Office, the Nursing Department, or online at: www.lagrange.edu/academics/nursing/application.htm
- A grade of C or higher is required in anatomy, physiology, microbiology, and English composition courses.
- You might also ask yourself if you’ve got the dedication needed to be a lifelong nurse. The LaGrange Nursing program establishes in you a sound foundation for the practice of nursing, for the pursuit of advanced degrees and certifications and continuous goal setting, both personal and professional.
- A cumulative overall GPA of 2.5 or higher is required at the time of entry into the nursing program, including all courses completed or attempted at any institution.
- An interview with a member of the nursing faculty will be required. Applicants are ranked by an overall admission score based on GPA, TEAS score and grades in science courses. Preference is given to those students with the highest admission scores.

What is “Jan Term?”

There are no regular classes during the month of January. Instead, all students participate in the January Interim Term, 31 days set aside for the exploration of alternative course content. The LC Nursing program traditionally sponsors overseas travel during this time (see sidebar). On-campus courses vary each year, but in the past nursing students have signed-up for Care Giving at the End of Life, The Science of Photography, and Developing the Female Warrior Within.

Where can I get nursing scholarship information?

Connect to over 100 nursing financial aid scholarship opportunities online at: www.nursingscholarship.us.

What does the job market look like for nurses?

Today, there is a significant nursing shortage, and statistics show that the need for nurses in years to come will only become greater. Here’s why:

- Because advances in health care are helping people live longer, there are more elderly people who need care.
- The number of people who are sicker and in need of more skilled nurses is growing.
- More nurses are needed outside of the hospital setting.
- The current nursing workforce is aging. As more nurses retire (many are expected to retire over the next 10-15 years), more will be needed to replace them.
- Nurses, particularly those with a BSN, are almost guaranteed jobs right out of college and an be assured of a secure career well into the future.
A favorite Jan Term event is Department Chair and Associate Professor of Nursing Dr. Celia Hay’s guided tour of London, tracing the evolution of nursing care since the Victorian era of Florence Nightingale. The course examines changing ideas about medicine and the shifting roles of nursing professionals since 1800. Students visit health museums, hospitals and historical sites, then are evaluated by journal and class presentations.

“The acquisition of our own METIman simulator has greatly enhanced our training. The simulator responds and follows instructions. He can cry and laugh, and he can show signs and symptoms of just about any disease. As a nurse, my focus will be on the patient and meeting their needs; making them feel better and more comfortable means a lot to me.”

– Heather Dalfiume
senior nursing major
Why political science?

If you’re looking toward a profession that challenges you to examine national governments, public policy, political processes and world events, political science may be for you.

This is a program designed to provide you with the knowledge and skills to become an active, useful citizen in a modern democracy. We will help you develop your capacity to understand and analyze the forces affecting public policy and help you learn how to make informed judgments about your rights and responsibilities as a citizen.

The study of political science prepares you for a useful and productive career in business, law, teaching, consulting or civil service.

What makes a political science degree from LaGrange so unique?

In today’s world, informed, well-researched decisions must be made every minute. LaGrange Political Science majors are taught to conduct research, not only as part of the curriculum, but also as a public service to the community.

Students conduct research projects for Servant-Leadership partners of the College. They design surveys for community organizations, neighborhood associations and local governments. They gather the information, analyze the data and then present the results. Many of these projects have been presented by student researchers at national conferences and accepted for publication.

Do students and faculty work on research together?

Yes. Every department faculty member has been honored with the John R. Hines Undergraduate Research Award, recognizing his or her commitment to student learning through research.

Students help create datasets for major research projects and write—or co-author with faculty—papers that have been presented to professional groups including, for example, the Georgia and Alabama Political Science Association. Student-produced research is frequently presented in class, as well.

What does proactive student-faculty research mean to me as a student?

• It means that you will get practical experience in work and research, practical experience that will give you the edge you need to obtain meaningful employment or advanced education.
• It means that your courses will be taught by a faculty dedicated to providing you an education attuned to current trends in political science.
• It means that you will get exposure to modern research techniques, equipment and applications.
• And it means that you will be given the tools for a lifetime of learning.

Have graduates of this program been successful?

Today, LaGrange political science degree-holders are actively involved in private business, education and government. Many have attended law school (University of Georgia, Mercer, Duke and others) or pursued graduate degrees (Emory University, Florida State University, American University and others).

What are some jobs that attract political scientists?

• attorney
• career counselor
• city planner
• Congressional office/committee staffer
• communications director
• customs officer
• foreign service officer
• labor relations specialist
• political commentator
• university professor

What courses are included in a political science major?

The political science major consists of five required and six elective courses (11 courses in all). The course load involved is low enough to allow students to easily accommodate a minor or a second major in another field. You can even take an internship for an entire semester (12 hours) that will apply towards graduation (three hours will apply towards the major).

The department also offers a minor in political science. The minor requires three basic classes and an additional two courses of political science electives.

What about internships?

Our department is a member of the United Methodist College Washington Consortium’s Capitol Hill Internship Program (CHIP), and our department chair coordinates placement in CHIP for LaGrange students. Recent internships have been with the White House, Representative David Scott, the Department of Justice Civil Rights Division, the Embassy of the Federated States of Micronesia and Children’s Hospice International.

How does the department support LaGrange’s Interim January Term program?

Professors in the Political Science Department often lead special studies during Interim Term. Recent courses included Law and Lawyers: Images of the American Legal System in Literature and Film and Testing the Myths of the War of 1812, an examination of how a second-tier power (the United States) was able to avoid annihilation by the superpower of the 1800s (Great Britain).
Alumni spotlight – “The guy’s simply unreal.”

That’s how Dr. Tracy Lightcap, Chair of the Department of Political Science, describes former student Calvin Williams. And with good reason.

As an underclassman, Calvin set a new standard for involvement and activism on campus. He served as a student government programming board member, contributed to the Hilltop News, and was a campus panel organizer. He created and hosted the Cypher, a weekly spoken word forum that provided a creative outlet for issues around political, cultural and social justice issues. All the while maintaining an outstanding GPA.

After graduation, Calvin joined the staff of Young People For, a leadership initiative based in Brooklyn, N.Y., that connects young leaders with other progressive leaders and organizations. There he found perhaps the perfect job for a Political Science major: working with over 200 campus organizers nationwide, creating, launching and sustaining progressive campaigns on their campuses and in their communities.

Today, as a Young People For Campus Camp Trainer, Calvin Williams travels the Americas, contributes op-ed articles to Wiretap Magazine, performs spoken word and guitar, blogs and occasionally brushes up on his basketball-playing skills.

Unreal, indeed.

Read Calvin’s blog at www.youngpeoplefor.org/blog/users/cwilliams.

“The professors here have really helped me. I feel like I’m better acquainted with them than I was with my high school teachers. When you’re in a class with five other students, you spend more time together; you’re held accountable for what you do. LaGrange College has challenged me to not only do well in my classes—but also to be a leader.”

– Carl Straumsheim
native of Norway,
Rotary Scholar
Why major in psychology?

According to a 2008 CNN.com report, psychology is among the most popular undergraduate majors in the United States today. It is a discipline dedicated to the study of behavior and the cognitive and physiological foundations that underlie that behavior. It touches on such diverse topics as personality, development, learning and memory, social behavior, psychological disorders, neuroscience and genetics.

Why earn a psychology degree from LaGrange College?

At LaGrange College we can help you plan a curriculum that is right for you—a course of study relevant to your personal career goals. Classes in abnormal psychology, behavior analysis, human sexuality and child development are available to students interested in becoming clinicians or counselors, while those planning to work in industrial or organizational settings can take courses in social psychology, cognitive psychology and survey research.

What are LaGrange Psychology graduates doing today?

Many LaGrange College psychology majors pursue advanced degrees, and recent graduates have been accepted into programs in areas such as:

- marriage and family therapy
- behavior analysis
- forensic psychology
- epidemiology
- industrial and organizational psychology
- school, sports and social psychology
- social work

LaGrange College psychology graduates have gone on to study at major universities in the region (Auburn University, Emory University and the University of Georgia), and have been accepted to graduate programs around the country, including the John Jay College of Criminal Justice in New York City, Loyola University in Chicago, the Ohio State University and the University of Southern Illinois.

One recent graduate was named a Rotary Ambassadorial Fellow and completed her master's degree at Surrey University in England. She is now preparing to begin doctoral studies at Heriot-Watt University in Scotland.

Many graduates of the LaGrange College psychology program can be found working in related fields as counselors, social workers, school psychologists, teachers and college professors, while others have applied their knowledge of human behavior in their work as lawyers, college basketball coaches, surgeons, financial advisors and business executives.

Are there internship opportunities available?

In the LaGrange College psychology department, internship opportunities and community service go hand-in-helping-hand. In years past, our majors have completed internships at sites such as the Burwell Psychoeducational Center, Central State Hospital, Good Shepherd Therapeutic Center and Troup County Family and Children's Services. Whether tutoring disadvantaged youth or aiding victims of domestic violence, you'll have the chance to make a difference.

Why emphasize hands-on experience and research?

Although most graduates won't spend the rest of their lives as students in a classroom, almost all will need to be able to apply the skills they develop there. Every day, people are called on to gather information, interpret that information and use it to make decisions. Hands-on research experience helps develop these important life skills.

At LaGrange College, students gain research experience both in required courses such as Research Methods and in elective courses such as Survey Research. Other students may elect to complete an independent research project or to work with a professor as a research assistant.

During your senior year, you may choose a research topic based on your specific interests, which you will then defend to your professor. After conducting the research and writing a major paper, you will then present your findings to your classmates. Recent student projects have involved:

- predicting classroom performance based on sleep time, classroom attendance and study time
- studying the relationship between computer use and academic performance
- examining the links between academic performance and age, gender and religious backgrounds

What Jan Term activities does the Psychology Department sponsor?

Past Jan Term courses with appeal to psychology majors have included:

- Exploring Animal Behavior – includes a two-week field experience in Costa Rica, observing over 800 indigenous species.
- Applying to Graduate School – this course demystifies the process of finding a graduate program that's right for you, applying, and getting admitted.
- Positive Psychology – a study of happiness and the institutions that encourage it. This is a very new field in psychology and a rare course for undergraduate study.

THERE ARE A NUMBER OF SUB-DIsciplines WITHIN THE FIELD OF PSYCHOLOGY; IF YOU ENJOY SOLVING PRACTICAL PROBLEMS, YOU WOULD BE WELL SUITeD FOR A CAREER IN HUMAN FACTORS OR INDUSTRIAL/ORGANIZATIONAL PSYCHOLOGY. OTHER SUB-DIsciplines INClude BIOPSYCHOLOGY (THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THE BRAIN AND BEHAVIOR) AND CLInICAL PSYCHOLOGY (Mental AND EMOTIONAL ILLNESSeS).
Each January, LC students are encouraged to explore courses outside their majors. Jan Term courses with appeal to psychology majors have included:

- **Exploring Animal Behavior** – includes a two-week field experience in Costa Rica, observing over 800 indigenous species.
- **Applying to Graduate School** – department chair Dr. Charles Kraemer demystifies the process of getting admitted.
- **Positive Psychology** – a study of happiness and the institutions that encourage it. This is a very new field in psychology and a rare course for undergraduate study.

“Diploma in hand, I’m now pursuing an MBA in Marketing and working a job that allows me to use my psychology training every single day as I manage my time, demonstrate patience with my co-workers and pay attention to detail. To new students I would say: make an effort to get to know your professors. They’ll teach you more about life than you ever imagined.”

– Sara Foshee ’09

**What January Interim Term activities does the Psychology Department sponsor?**
Why this major?

The Department of Religion & Philosophy at LaGrange College seeks to promote, within the framework of the Christian faith, the mental, physical, moral and spiritual capacity of each student. Whatever your vocational plans, a major in the department of religion and philosophy will provide outstanding preparation.

Why LaGrange College?

We offer two separate concentrations that cater to your personal career interests:

• The Religion and Philosophy Major is a traditional liberal arts study of the field. It is especially suited for those with a general interest in religion and philosophy or those who wish to prepare for graduate study of religion or theology.
• The Religion & Philosophy Major with a Concentration in Church Leadership is designed to prepare students for careers in full-time Christian service: youth ministers, ministers of Christian education or clergy.

We are one of only nine colleges in the nation – and the only one in this region – authorized by the United Methodist Church to offer certification programs in Christian Education and Youth Ministry to our Methodist students. The denomination’s Board of Higher Education and Ministry examined the quality of our program and, by awarding certification, declared that Methodist students who graduate from our program have accomplished coursework that is comparable to a full graduate program in Christian Education or Youth Ministry – a career advantage that has helped our graduates rise very quickly to top staff positions.

Are these programs of study also available as minors?

A Minor in Religion requires completion of three courses in addition to the exploratory religion core requirement: four courses in all.

The Church Leadership Minor consists of four courses in addition to the exploratory religion core requirement: five courses in all.

The Philosophy Minor consists of four courses in Area IV, of which at least two courses must be taken at the 2000-level or above.

The Church Music Program is administered through the Music Department in cooperation with the Religion and Philosophy Department. See the Music Department listing on page 22 of this guide for a program description.

The Oikos Program is an interdisciplinary minor program sponsored by the departments of Biology, Political Science, Religion & Philosophy, and Sociology & Anthropology. Oikos is the Greek word for “house.” It is the root word for both ecology and economics, and thus points to the dual aspects of ecological and social and responsibility that are central to the mission of the Oikos Program. The uniting theme across disciplines is how we might contribute to a just, sustainable and peaceful future. See the ‘Oikos program’ listing on page 41 of this guide.

What is the advantage of being a small department?

A small department can help you think big. Here, you won’t be taught by graduate assistants. Compared to religion programs at larger schools (with up to 300 students per lecture), LaGrange students write more, research more, present more and debate more. And since our class sizes are small, you’ll get more one-on-one time with your professors.

How does the faculty rate?

Each member of our faculty is also a dedicated teacher, deeply committed to student engagement and learning.

Department Chair Dr. David Oki Ahearn’s introductory textbook in Christian Ethics is used widely in colleges and seminaries throughout America.

Prof. Alvin Lingenfelter, Chair of the Church Leadership program, brings a wealth of professional experience in youth ministry and pastoral ministry to his craft.

What do LaGrange Religion & Philosophy majors do after graduation?

Our graduates are currently employed as:

• pastors of local congregations
• directors of Christian education
• youth workers
• missionaries
• church agency administrators
• religion professors at colleges and seminaries
• counselors in various human services

Just as majors of other departments may enter fulltime Christian service, many graduates with religion & philosophy degrees have enjoyed successful careers in business, education and other professions. Those who have elected to pursue graduate studies have had a great deal of success in being admitted to institutions such as Duke and Emory and have received strong financial aid.

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“I take all sorts of fun classes like youth ministry and Christian worship that are really applicable and practical. LaGrange is great because it opens up a lot of experiences. I’m a member of several organizations, and that gives me different perspectives on things, and that will help when I start looking for a job. I’ll be able to relate to many people and situations.”

– Kelsey Tinker
church leadership major, Spanish and Oikos minor

On a campus where servant-leadership is more than just a buzzword – where students give up their precious vacation days in order to gain a firsthand look at the AIDS crisis in Africa – there’s always a story to tell. That’s why we celebrate LaGrange College Sunday each February. That day, representatives of the institution fan out across Georgia, allowing more than 11,000 Georgia United Methodists in 104 churches the chance to hear life-changing stories from LaGrange students – and often hear them lead in worship. When you’re a college that’s equally committed to challenging the mind and inspiring the soul, you want to tell the story. In the photograph (right), Rachel Burch provides the children’s sermon at Pine Mountain First United Methodist Church.
Spanish

Living in a new global society.

Why a Spanish major?

More than 20 million people speak Spanish in the United States, making it the fifth largest Spanish-speaking country in the world. The Spanish major at LaGrange is designed to provide students with a working proficiency in Spanish and a familiarity with the cultures in which it is spoken, including the 21 countries of Latin America, Spain and parts of Africa.

What type of student majors in Spanish?

A successful Spanish major is particularly interested in learning about other cultures. He or she is committed to using Spanish daily in class in order to continually improve his or her linguistic skills and is willing to work hard to critically analyze and communicate their thought on assigned readings or films in Spanish.

What will I study besides the language?

The Spanish major progresses from courses in basic language skills through intermediate and advanced courses in conversation, grammar and composition to the study of the masterpieces of Spanish and Latin American literature, representative Hispanic films and the historical and contemporary civilizations of Spain and Latin America. Other offerings include profession-based Spanish courses such as Business Spanish and Spanish for Early Childhood and Elementary School Teachers.

How large are classes?

The student-to-professor ratio at LaGrange College is traditionally 11:1. Most classes average twelve students. Small class sizes permit our faculty to offer you more individual attention, reassurance and guidance if you are struggling with course material or just beginning to learn your way around a college classroom.

Are there internships available?

We strongly encourage internships because they provide hands-on experience in one’s future field of study or career. Internships have helped our graduates obtain jobs upon graduation or admission into professional and graduate programs.

The College’s Career and Placement Center, located on the first floor of Smith Hall, can help you design an internship working with the local Latino community.

What do Spanish majors do after graduation?

LaGrange Spanish majors possess sharp speaking and writing skills, practice openness to other cultures and can thoughtfully analyze situations—skills that impress companies and graduate schools alike.

LC Spanish majors have gone on to law school and medical school. Some have prospered in the field of nursing. Others have earned MBA’s, attended seminary, and have become stage managers at professional theater companies.

What about language-specific vocations?

Spanish degree graduates excel in a variety of satisfying careers, including:

- **Counseling/Social Services** – There is a great need for bilingual counselors and social workers. Most of these positions require a master’s degree in a human services field such as Social Work, Counseling, Mental Health or Psychology, although some positions require only a Bachelor of Arts degree.
- **Sales/Marketing** – The change in demographics brings about the potential for new markets and new consumers. Desiring to tap into this market, advertisers, retailers and marketing researchers are desperate to find individuals who are familiar with the Latino community and fluent in both Spanish and English.
- **Medicine/Health Care** – Many medical clinics and health centers are in need of bilingual doctors, nurses, office personnel and individuals who can translate, educate and handle patient complaints and concerns.
- **Educator** – Bilingual/ESL teachers and principals fluent in Spanish are in great demand. To teach, one will need a B.A. in the specific area in which he or she will be teaching plus classroom certification. Principals are typically required to have an advanced degree in Education or Educational Leadership.

- **Customer Service** - Individuals are needed to provide customer care to clients who do not fluently speak English. You will need to be patient, courteous and able to work well under pressure. Opportunities are available with manufacturers, software companies and the telecommunication industry.
- **Human Resources** - Employee Relations/Recruiters are needed to hire and train individuals who do not speak English.

American’s changing demographics are also prompting new work opportunities in fields such as real estate, banking, Foreign Service, government, travel & tourism, law and ministry.

Are there Interim Term courses for Spanish Majors?

Spanish majors have an innate interest in other cultures, and LaGrange College supports that interest by offering Jan Term, a 31-day period during which students are encouraged to explore course content outside their majors.

During Jan Term, some departments host overseas travel to exotic destinations such as London, Paris, Costa Rica and Spain. Campus-based courses popular with Spanish majors have included Medical Spanish and The Works of Julia Alvarez.

Visit www.lagrange.edu/janterm and discover ways to enhance your liberal arts education through new and different, hands-on opportunities.
Today, Spanish high school teachers are in great demand all over the country. But the pros say that even if you intend to teach, it’s a good idea to hone your expertise in other areas as well. If there are no teaching jobs available in your area, your translation and interpretation skills can keep you employed in the foreign language field. Talk with your advisor at LaGrange College for more ideas on how to keep your options open while getting the most out of your Spanish major.

“What I love about being a Spanish Major at LaGrange College is that you are encouraged to go out into the field and further your fluency in the most romantic language out there. And Dr. Amanda Plumlee is one of the most truly genuine professors on campus. She cares about her students, encourages them, and is incredibly patient in the process of learning a new language.”

– Meredith Tarrier
Spanish major,
Servant-Leader Award recipient
What makes the LaGrange College Department of Theatre Arts so special?

We offer an exciting, rigorous pre-professional training program that emphasizes two things: the practical aspects of theatre and the importance of process. With the belief that theatre is both an art form and a business, our curriculum provides a strong undergraduate foundation in theatre performance, design, production and literature.

How have LC theatre graduates succeeded professionally?


In Atlanta, our graduates have worked at Actor’s Express, 7Stages, Horizon Theatre and the Atlanta Center for Puppetry Arts.

Two Theatre Arts alumni, Ryan McWhorter and Valerie Longshore, are Resident Directors at the Lafayette Theatre Company in LaGrange. Recent projects include: Charlie Brown, Moon Over Buffalo, and Play It Again Sam. The Lafayette Theatre Company offers many and diverse opportunities for LC theatre students during the academic year.

Does the theatre program offer opportunity for travel?

Theatre Arts Department travel courses offer students opportunities to experience the process and production of live theatre in many different cities and performance spaces. For example:

In a course entitled Greek Theatre: The Classics Emerge, students spend 12 days traveling and studying in Greece, visiting ancient theatres in Epidaurus, Corinthe, Olympia and Delphi.

As part of a 2010 Jan Term course, The Lullaby of Broadway, students experienced a full week of plays on and off Broadway, toured Radio City, Lincoln Center and NBC Studios, and spent time backstage with comedy star Rachel Dratch.

One of the department’s most popular courses, The Play’s the Thing, gives students a chance to work on scripts in class before travelling to professional theatres such as The Alliance, The Alabama Shakespeare Festival, Actors Express and The Fox Theatre to see and critique productions of those same plays.

Is there professional experience available?

A good example of the professional theatres that enjoy a relationship with LaGrange College and offer invaluable student learning opportunities is The Papermill Theatre located in Lincoln, New Hampshire. Since 1996, this professional summer musical theatre has employed LC Theatre Arts students as actors/singer/dancers, technicians, writers, musicians and administrative staff. Professor and Department Chair Kim Barber Knoll was the Artistic Director and a guest Equity actor and director for twenty years at The Papermill. Recently, Tom Waddington (’10) served as Master Electrician and Mary Dutweiler (’11) was mainstage props assistant.

Currently, students also benefit from the experience of Yale School of Drama graduate Nate Tomncheck, who is building his professional portfolio by designing and working as a lighting and scenic designer for professional theaters in the surrounding area. Nate is the Technical Director of Price Theater and the Scenic and Lighting Design faculty member.

We are very excited to welcome Costume and Scenic Designer Ashleigh Poteat as the newest member of the Theatre Arts faculty. Ashleigh holds an MFA in Costume Design from The University of Nevada-Las Vegas and a B.A. in Theatrical Design and Production from the University of North Carolina, Asheville. She will offer such courses as Costume Design and Construction, Makeup, and Millinery. She will also serve as Costume Shop Supervisor, overseeing student work study in the area of costumes.

Does the program bring in guest artists?

Each year we bring in guest directors, designers and actors to teach, advise and work alongside our students. Recent professional guests have included:

James Tolman, Scenic Designer and Scenic Artist, who designed scenery for Dames at Sea, Macbeth, Lysistrata and Hay Fever. Mr. Tolman works in Boston as a professional scenic artist primarily for film and television.

Tracy Riggs, Adjunct Instructor and former Artistic Director of the Lafayette Theatre Company, who directed The Cherry Orchard, Eleemosynary, Daughters and Proof.

Alan Yeong, Costume Designer, who is currently an Associate Professor of Theatre at the State University of West Georgia and an Adjunct Instructor at LC. Mr. Yeong designed the costumes for Little Shop of Horrors, She Loves Me, Six Characters in Search of an Author and The Miser.

Are theatre arts scholarships available?

Over a dozen scholarships are awarded annually to those who qualify, including the Evelyn Powell Hoffman Drama Scholarship for the most promising freshman. Deserving upperclassmen may receive the prestigious William Hearnburg Endowed Theatre Achievement Scholarship, the Max Estes Drama Scholarship or the Mamie Lark Henry Arts Scholarship. To audition, contact Lori Knopp at (706) 880-8266.
“Students in the Theatre Arts department get instruction in everything from Russian literature to acting styles to lighting, costume and set design. We look at the group of actors and designers we have, and try to choose shows that will not only challenge them, but challenge our faculty and staff, as well.”

– Kim Barber Knoll, Chair, Theatre Arts Department
Who are pre-professionals?

Many LaGrange College students go on to earn advanced degrees and attend professional school—most often to pursue medical, dental, pharmacy, vet, or law careers.

Why start at LaGrange?

Because many majors require the same courses for graduation as professional schools require for admission. You can include a pre-professional concentration in your academic major without extending the time to graduate. And you won’t have to figure out the best way to get into professional school on your own—LaGrange provides advisors to assist students who are applying to professional school.

Dentistry

Though you don’t have to officially declare Dentistry as a major or minor, you will still have to take some extra classes depending on which program you plan to attend after graduation. It’s best to get together with the Health Pre-Professional Advisor early-on to help formulate a game plan.

Typically, you are required to take two semesters each of General Chemistry, Organic Chemistry and General Biology. One or more semesters of Physics and English should be completed by the end of your junior year.

LaGrange offers shadowing and internship opportunities that will help you gain essential field experience for admission to a professional Dentistry school. Again, as you plan ahead, the Health Pre-professional Advisor can be a valuable resource.

Engineering

As a dual degree engineering student, you will complete at least 90 semester hours (approximately three years) at LaGrange College, then continue your studies at Georgia Tech or Auburn for another two to three years. Upon graduation, you will have earned two diplomas, one from our top-notch liberal arts college plus an engineering degree from one of the country’s best engineering schools.

Law

Almost any major can give you the necessary background for a law career, but you have to plan ahead. The pre-law advising committee will help you get on the right track, meeting with you during your freshman year to guide you in the right direction. Law school bulletins (with requirements for different programs) and LSAT guides are available on campus.

Prior to admission, medical schools look for demonstrated signs of your desire and commitment. That’s where the shadowing and internship opportunities offered by LaGrange can make a real difference. They not only help you gain experience, they display your interest and willingness to work.

Optometry

You can enter the pre-professional Optometry program no matter what your major is, but science is recommended. You should consult with the Health Pre-professional Advisor as early as possible in order to map-out the best way to meet the program requirements.

Medicine and Allied Fields

You’ll begin the pre-med track by consulting with your Health Pre-Professional Advisor and declaring a major. Past LC grads accepted to medical school have majored in Biology, Biochemistry, Chemistry or Psychology, but any major is acceptable as long as the specified 32 hour core of sciences is completed—a core that includes Biology, General Chemistry, Organic Chemistry and Physics.

Pre-med track students should be prepared to take the MCAT (Medical College Admission Test) during the spring of their junior year.
Physician Assistant

Pre-physician assistant students begin by consulting with their advisors and declaring a major. At the same time, they should research the entrance requirements of PA programs to which they intend to apply. Requirements vary.

Either general chemistry or general biology should be taken in the first-year to stay on track for timely graduation. LaGrange College offers numerous opportunities to gain the direct patient care experience that PA programs expect. Students should begin acquiring this experience early and keep detailed records of dates, duration and types of experience.

Theology/Seminary

Pre-seminary students at LaGrange often major in religion and can choose special emphasis such as youth ministry or church leadership. Other popular pre-seminary majors are history, philosophy, psychology and English.

Faculty members stand ready to advise pre-seminary students regarding the selection of a major and of individual courses in light of the requirements of the target seminary. There is also an active program of discussions and social gatherings for those in the pre-seminary program.

Veterinary Medicine

Most veterinary schools want applicants to have some previous experience working with large and small animals along with at least 54 semester hours of college credit in specific fields. The majority of this coursework overlaps the Bachelor of Science in Biology major, so it is the preferred track for LaGrange students.

Vet Schools use the Graduate Regents Exam (GRE) as an admission requirement, and some schools additionally require the GRE subject exam in Biology. All testing needs to be completed no later than the fall of your senior year. The department will work with you during your freshman year to create a plan for winning admission to the vet school of your choice. If you’re planning to go the pre-veterinary route, you should choose a major and meet with the Health Pre-Professional Advisor as early as possible.

A veterinary medicine degree can lead to satisfying, animal-related careers that don’t immediately spring to mind. Public and private institutions employ Animal Behavior Trainers to help study the hows and the whys of animal response to diverse conditions and stimuli. Trainers are also in large demand in the entertainment and law enforcement fields. Some vet students go on to become Marine Biologists. Park Rangers protect endangered wildlife and their habitats.

While it is not required for entrance to pharmacy school, most students complete an undergraduate degree first – typically one in General Biology, General Chemistry, Organic Chemistry, Physics, Economics, English or Behavioral Science.

Different pharmacy schools have different admission requirements, so contact the Health Pre-Professional Advisor as early as possible to discuss your options. At the same time, ask about the shadowing and internship opportunities offered through the College. Real-world experience in a retail or clinical pharmacy environment can be invaluable.

Physical Therapy

Nearly all Physical Therapy Schools have moved to the Doctor of Physical Therapy (DPT) program and require completion of a bachelor’s degree prior to admission. Coursework varies substantially between schools, so consult with the Health Pre-professional Advisor at the earliest opportunity to identify target schools and plan an appropriate course of study.

Most physical therapy programs require significant experience in both in-patient and out-patient settings to be considered for admission. LaGrange’s shadowing and internship programs provide opportunities to begin gaining that essential experience.
A 15-hour coursework minor in coaching is available to any student. Students completing the minor in coaching will:

- Demonstrate knowledge of the profession of athletics.
- Understand professional practices, issues, trends, and literature essential for effective coaching.
- Demonstrate appropriate professional behaviors for athletic coaching.

This minor requires completion of the Core for the Physical Education/Coaching Minor. It covers every aspect of the coaching experience through such diverse courses as Sports Psychology, Principles of Strength, Condition and Nutrition for Athletes, and Prevention and Care of Athletic Injuries and Illnesses.

A 15-hour coursework minor also is available in physical education. Students completing the minor in physical education will:

- Demonstrate knowledge of the profession of physical education
- Understand professional practices, issues, trends and literature essential for effective teaching
- Demonstrate appropriate professional behaviors for classroom management.

French

A minor in French at LaGrange is designed to teach skills necessary for communicating with a variety of French-speaking peoples and to introduce their rich cultures, including their ideas, institutions and writings, past and present. It invites students to look at the impact these cultures have had on Western civilization and to examine all of them critically.

French and other foreign language studies teach skills that are essential to any career, among them problem solving, effective communication and the ability to perform complicated tasks.

International Economics at LaGrange are taught by the Eli R. Callaway, Sr., Chair in International Business. To pursue this minor, a student must complete 15 hours of coursework based on two introductory courses, one in economics and one in management, then complete a three-course sequence in International Economics.

Contact Dr. Birkeli at jbirkeli@lagrange.edu for additional details.

Japanese Studies

Take your education on the road. LaGrange College entered into a cooperative international exchange agreement with Seigakuin University of Tokyo, Japan, in 2003, allowing students who wish to complete a minor in Japanese Studies to complete at least two semesters of Japanese language study at LaGrange College, then at least 6 hours of study (one semester) at Seigakuin University.

For more information, contact the Japanese Studies Program Director.

Latin American Studies

In recent years, relations between the United States and its Latin American neighbors have taken on increasingly more social, economic and political significance, prompting new and original opportunities for Latin American Studies at LaGrange College.

If this region of the world interests you, take a close look at this minor offered by the Department of Latin American Studies & Modern Languages, either as a precursor to
Physics

Physics is crucial to understanding the world around us, the world inside us, and the world beyond us. It is the most basic and fundamental science, and leads to discoveries that change our lives.

A physics education equips a person to work in many different and interesting places—in industrial and government labs, on college campuses and in the astronaut corps. In addition, many physics grads leave the lab behind and work at newspapers and magazines, in government and even on Wall Street—places where their problem-solving abilities and analytical skills are great assets.

A minor in Physics encompasses the study of the universe from the largest galaxies to the smallest subatomic particles. Moreover, it’s the basis of many other sciences, including chemistry, oceanography, seismology and astronomy. Coursework includes a year of calculus-based physics, Introduction to Modern Physics and Introduction to Quantum Mechanics, each of which includes a laboratory.

The Oikos Program

The Oikos Program is an interdisciplinary minor program on the theme of sustainability. The program is sponsored by the departments of Biology, Political Science, Religion, and Sociology & Anthropology.

Oikos is the Greek word for “house.” It is the root word for both ecology and economics, and thus points to the dual aspects of ecological and social and responsibility that are central to the sustainability theme. The uniting theme across disciplines is how we might contribute to a just, sustainable and peaceful future.

The Oikos minor requires successful completion of courses dealing with social justice, ecological sustainability, toxicology and a Capstone Research Project.

Public History

The public history minor at LaGrange College provides students with a solid background in history and introduces them to such fields as archival and museum work, historical editing, historic preservation, costume conservation and design and archaeology. A crucial part of the program is an approved internship with a historical agency, historic site or other entity.

Public history professionals include museum curators, government and business historians, historical consultants, archivists, teachers, cultural resource managers, film and media producers, policy advisors, oral historians and others.

Public history is available as a concentration for History majors or as a minor open to all students. Course requirements are listed in the Undergraduate Bulletin online at www.lagrange.edu/academics/catalogs.

Women’s Studies

The women’s studies program at LaGrange College offers courses that explore women’s participation and contributions in such areas as art, business, education, history, literature, music, politics, religion and sociology. Many of these courses are cross-listed with other departments, and examine a range of issues that include women’s health, images of women in popular culture, violence against women and diversity among women both within the United States and across the world.

Participants learn how gender affects the social, political, economic and cultural organization of societies and about how gender intersects with race, class and other aspects of identity to shape women’s experiences.
What is ‘January Interim Term’?

Since 2001, LaGrange College has laid claim to being the only institution in the state that offers ‘Jan Term,” an intensive four-week learning experience designed to encourage students to explore specialized topics outside their majors.

Some students this year will fly to Spain to study culture, architecture or literature, while others will head to London to follow paths trodden by William Shakespeare and Florence Nightingale. Biology classes will explore Costa Rica and the Galapagos Islands, while those remaining stateside may choose to visit Civil War battlefields or catch a musical on Broadway.

Past ‘Jan Term’ classes have met on the College’s beautiful 120-acre campus. Or atop the Eiffel Tower. Or inside Westminster Abbey. Or in the Picasso exhibit at the Prado.

LaGrange students may choose from approximately 50 subjects during Jan Term 2011. For a complete listing of classes offered, go to www.lagrange.edu/academics/janterm. And while you’re there, watch a short video about some LC students own travel experiences. See and hear about Joe Wiegand’s adventures in “Shakespeare’s England,” Anna Adams’ trip down the Apalachicola River and Demetrice Tuttle’s Paris stopover while studying sustainability in France.
Where will Jan Term take you this year?

2011 International Travel Projects include The Ireland of Yeats and Joyce. Participants will fly to Dublin, the setting of Joyce’s fiction and the locale where Yeats, along with other playwrights, established the Abbey Theatre. From Dublin, participants will travel to Galway and Sligo where Yeats composed his early poems.

Dr. John Lawrence will lead his Picturing Spain class in a study of the uniqueness of the Spanish temperament that has provided the Western World with profound comment on the human condition, ranging from El Greco to Picasso. Before departing to Barcelona, students will be required to attend lectures on Spain’s art and history.

The Art and Architecture of China includes a two-week trip to Beijing, Xi’an, Chengdu and Shanghai. Students will visit the Forbidden Palace, Tiananmen Square, the Great Wall, the Xi’an Warriors and a number of other important museums and architectural sites.

Using nursing’s history as a framework for analyzing the evolution of nursing care since the Victorian era of Florence Nightingale, Dr. Celia Hay’s nursing students will visit health museums, hospitals and historical sites in London as part of the popular travel course, Nursing Since Nightingale.

Costa Rica is the ultimate destination of Dr. Sarah Beth Mallory’s Exploring Animal Behavior. Students will observe animals in the wild during a two-week field experience which includes visits to a variety of habitats (rainforest, cloud forest, tropical dry forest, sandy beach forest, rivers, volcanoes), biological stations and national parks.

Details are being finalized for another popular Fine Arts Jan Term travel-study adventure. Last year the LaGrange College Music and Theatre Arts departments collaborated on The Lullaby of Broadway, an historical analysis of Musical Theatre that culminated in a week-long stay in NYC, where students saw a bevy of Broadway plays, visited with LaGrange alum and working actress Allison Grieb, and spent time backstage with NBC comedy star Rachel Dratch.

From D-Day to the Battle of the Bulge, Normandy—the D-Day Invasion will offer students the opportunity to study one of the most significant military operations of modern warfare. The social and cultural history of the northern regions of France will be covered in class prior to travel abroad.

For more information contact Dr. Sarah Beth Mallory, Coordinator of the Interim, at (706)880-8338 or smallory@lagrange.edu.
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Take Interstate 185 North to I-85 South, use Exit 18, then follow directions below.

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Drive into town on Lafayette Parkway (Hwy 109 W). Follow Lafayette Parkway through 10 stoplights. At the 11th light, turn right on Springdale Drive. College parking will be on your right. Across the street, take the stairs up to Banks Hall (#1 on the map above). Campus tours depart from the Office of Admission in Banks Hall.

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