LSA Call-In
Resources and Frequently Asked Questions

Newnan Academic Advising Center
lsa.umich.edu/advising

Search on this site for information about: academic advising, degree options, academic planning & policies, success strategies, and opportunities for learning outside of the classroom.

Degree Requirements
lsa.umich.edu/advising/understand-degree-options.html

Get to know the requirements for all degrees within LSA. This site will link you to requirements for the Bachelor of Arts, Bachelor of Science, Bachelor in General Studies, and Bachelor of Science in Chemistry degrees as well as information about college-wide and distribution requirements.

U-M Parents Website
parents.umich.edu

This site provides a wealth of information to help parents and families support their student throughout their time here and includes information about student life, health, safety, finances, the Federal Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA), Mentorship Programs, and Parents & Family Weekend.

Resources for Student Success
lsa.umich.edu/advising/stay-on-track.html

This site provides information about resources to help students stay on track including specific academic resources, information on staying motivated, managing time, and getting the most out of class time.

COVID Website
coronavirus.umich.edu

This site provides you with the most recent U-M related COVID-19 updates.

Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

What does a liberal arts degree offer?

A liberal arts education opens the mind to an awareness of, and wisdom and reflection about, society and self. It not only highlights the necessity of lifelong learning in a complex and rapidly changing world, but also encourages adaptability to new and changing conditions which will serve individuals well in those rapidly changing work and life environments. Very importantly, the LSA liberal arts degree fosters the development of specific skills, such as effective communication, analysis, critical thinking, and problem solving, which today’s employers and professional schools are seeking. Explore what you can do with an LSA degree:
lsa.umich.edu/lsa/academics/what-will-you-do-with-an-LSA-degree.html
Can students receive AP and/or IB test credits from high school?

Some students will receive college credit depending on subject and test scores. During orientation, academic advisors will review the guidelines for how credit is granted for acceptable achievement on Advanced Placement Program tests and International Baccalaureate examinations. For a summary of how AP and IB credit is awarded, please see: admissions.umich.edu/apply/freshmen-applicants/ap-ib-credit

Will students receive credit for college courses taken while in high school?

Credit can be awarded for “dual enrollment” courses if the courses were taken at a community college or college (not at the high school) and were courses regularly offered to the enrolled college populations (and not courses specifically designed for the high school or high school students.) Students can submit their college transcript to the Office of Undergraduate Admissions and Admissions will send forms that ask for verification of the course or courses as college courses taught to college students.

Is it possible for an incoming student to take college credits over the summer before school starts?

Some students choose to take summer courses before they arrive on campus. All incoming students should check with the Office of Undergraduate Admissions or the LSA Academic Advising Center to make sure that transfer credit will be given for courses elected at other colleges and universities.

How big are the classes here at U-M? How are they different from high school classes?

In general, U-M classes range in size from hundreds of students in a few large lectures to 10 to 25 students in a seminar. U-M courses are much more intense than high-school courses: more material is covered in a shorter amount of time, and students are expected to work much harder, both in and outside of class, than is usually required for success in high school.

How many credits does it take to be a full-time student?

For the Fall and Winter Terms, a student must be enrolled for at least 12 credits to be full-time and can take up to 18 credits. For Spring and Summer Half-Terms, 6-9 credits is considered full-time.

How are academic advisors assigned?

Academic advisors are assigned during orientation, usually on a random basis.

Will a student always see the same academic advisor?

Students are encouraged to cultivate a strong and continuing relationship with an academic advisor. Students will be assigned an academic advisor and encouraged to meet with that advisor once students are on campus in the fall. They may, however, request to meet with any academic advisor they choose. Our goal in LSA is to foster an ongoing conversation between students and advisors. The objective of this continuing conversation is to help students set and achieve realistic academic and life goals.

Who should I contact for orientation and/or admissions-related questions?

For questions related to orientation, please refer to the Office of New Student Program’s website. For questions related to admissions, please visit the Office of Undergraduate Admissions website.