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Home to 15 departments, the College of Liberal Arts (CLA) offers students a small liberal arts college experience within a premier research university setting. The College and its departments are at the forefront of research within their various fields.

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- Fulbright Scholarship
- Goldsmith Book Prize from the Shorenstein Center on Media, Politics and Public Policy at Harvard University’s Kennedy School of Government
- Lindau (Germany) Nobel Laureate Meetings invitation
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- National Humanities Center Fellowship
- National Science Foundation Graduate Research Fellowship
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- Africology and African American Studies PhD
- Anthropology MA
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- Criminal Justice MA
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