

BLUE MOUNTAIN COLLEGE

POLICIES AND PROCEDURES

AREA: Academic Affairs

NUMBER: Policy 2.01

SUBJECT: Academic Organization

1. History of Blue Mountain College

When Mark Perrin Lowrey established Blue Mountain Female Institute in 1873, he and the daughters of the family provided the instruction. The venture, however, was so successful that the school was chartered as a college in 1877, and in 1920 the Mississippi Baptist Convention assumed the ownership. The program of the college was accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools in 1927. In 1956, the Mississippi Baptist Convention voted to add a coordinate academic program for men preparing for church-related vocations.

In the 1960s the academic program was reorganized in an effort to enhance supervision, development, and coordination of the academic areas. Fifteen departments under the supervision of six division chairs were established. An Academic Dean's Council, composed of the six division chairs and the academic dean, was formed to coordinate the programs and implement curricular changes. Members of the faculty recommended changes through the department heads to the division chairmen who presented such proposals to the Academic Dean's Council for approval.

During 2001-2002, the College revised the organizational structure for academic programs by establishing six academic departments, each with a department chair. Members of the faculty recommended changes through department chairs, to the Academic Dean's Council, and to the general faculty. In 2005-2006, the organizational structure was revised to include the Department of Business as the seventh academic department and during 2011-2012, the Department of Kinesiology and Health Studies was added as the eighth department.

2. Current Organizational Structure

Currently, the academic program at Blue Mountain College is organized around eight academic departments. The College offers courses of study leading to four degrees: Bachelor of Arts, Bachelor of Science, Bachelor of Science in Education (added in 1974) and Master of Education (added in 2006). The eight departments and the majors and minors offered within each are listed below.

Department of Biblical and Associated Studies:

Majors in: Biblical Studies [B.A.], Christian Ministry [B.S.]

Minors in: Biblical Studies, Greek

Department of Business

Major in: Business Administration [B.A. or B.S.]

Minor in: Business

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Department of Education

Majors in: Elementary Education (K-3, K-6) [B.S. in Ed. and M.Ed.];

Literacy/Reading (K-12) [M.Ed.] Secondary Education –Biology [M.Ed.]

Teaching areas as follows: [B.S. in Ed] (Majors in: Biology, English, Mathematics, Music (K-12), Physical Education (K-12), Social Science, and Spanish (K-12)

Department of Fine Arts and Speech

Majors in: Music (Piano or Voice) [B.A. or B.S. or B.S. in Ed.], Worship Leadership [B.A. or B.S.],

Fine Arts [B.A.]

Minors in: Art, Music, Speech and Theatre

Department of Kinesiology and Health Studies

Majors in: Exercise Science [B.S.], Physical Education [B.S. in Ed.]

Minors in: Coaching, Health Studies, and Kinesiology

Department of Language and Literature

Majors in: English, Spanish [B.A. or B.S. in Ed.]

Minors in: English, Spanish, Writing

Department of Mathematics and Natural Sciences

Majors in: Biology [B.S. or B.S. Ed.], Mathematics [B.S. or B.S. Ed.], Medical Technology [B.S.]; Pre-Physical Therapy [B.S.]

Minors in: Biology, Chemistry, Combined Sciences, Mathematics, Physics, Pre-nursing

Department of Social and Behavioral Sciences:

Majors in: History [B.A. or B.S.], Social Science [B.S. in Ed.], Psychology [B.S.] Criminal Justice [B.A. or B.S.], Liberal Arts [B.A. or B.S.]

Minors in: Criminal Justice, History, Psychology, Social Science, Sociology

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