

*B*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 1953, 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' 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.

2. Current Organizational Structure

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

Department of Biblical and Associated Studies:

Majors in: Biblical Studies [B.A.], Church Related Vocation [B.A., or B.S.]
Minors in: Biblical Studies

Department of Business

Major in: Business Administration [B.S.]
Minor in: Business, Accounting

Department of Education

Majors in: Elementary Education (K-3, K-6) [B.S. in Ed. and M.Ed.]; Physical Education [B.S. and B.S. in Ed.]
Minors in: Coaching and Physical Education
Secondary Teaching areas follows: [B.S. in Ed] (Majors in: Biology, English, Mathematics, Music, Social Science, and Spanish

Department of Fine Arts and Speech

[B.A.]
Majors in: Music (Piano or Voice) [B.A. or B.S. or B.S. in Ed.]; Church Music
Minors in: Art, Music, Speech and Theatre,

Department of Language and Literature

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

Department of Mathematics and Natural Science

Majors in: Biology [B.S. or B.S. Ed.], Mathematics [B.S. or B.S. Ed.], Medical Technology [B.S.], Natural Science [B.S.]
Minors in: Biology, Chemistry, Mathematics, Pre-nursing

Department of Social and Behavioral Sciences:

Majors in: History [B.A.], Social Science [B.S. or B.S. in Ed.] Psychology [B.S.]
Minors in: History, Psychology, Social Science

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