The McAnulty Graduate School of Liberal Arts offers 20 degree programs. Regardless of the field, in the McAnulty Graduate School of Liberal Arts you will find:

- A research-intensive university committed to a teacher-scholar model.
  Duquesne is one of only 206 universities out of 4,633 nationwide in the top two categories of the Carnegie classification — based on research productivity and other institutional measures. Some of the most productive researchers at Duquesne are in the liberal arts.
  The Chronicle of Higher Education ranked Duquesne University 16th among 61 small research universities, using an index of faculty productivity.
  However, research is not the faculty’s exclusive focus. Duquesne’s Liberal Arts faculty pride themselves on their teaching. They demonstrate excellence both in their research and in the classroom. Teaching awards frequently go to faculty in Liberal Arts.

- Bright students who have sought distinctive graduate programs.
  Our students come from top undergraduate institutions. Our focus on ethics, humanistic understanding, and faculty mentorship are some of the most popular reasons our students choose Duquesne.
  Duquesne’s programs are unique:
  - Computational Mathematics combines computer science, mathematics and statistics.
  - Psychology is known worldwide for its human science orientation and is the only APA-accredited program of its kind.
  - Social and Public Policy combines political science with sociology, and conflict resolution with policy analysis.
  - Theology has strengths not only in Roman Catholicism, but also in Orthodox and Protestant Christianity, Judaism, and African studies.
  - Phenomenology and existential philosophy are hallmarks of Duquesne’s Communication, Philosophy, Psychology and Theology programs.
  - The English graduate program is structured around the study of historical literary periods, within which students can pursue a diversity of aesthetic, philosophical, and cultural concerns. M.A. students can choose to pursue a concentration in Writing, Media Arts, and Technology.

- An emphasis on ethics and values.
  The values of Duquesne University’s Spiritan founders — global justice, the kinship of all peoples, and service to others — figure prominently at Duquesne. The study of ethics is an important component of all programs. For example, the Healthcare Ethics program specifically focuses on the ethical issues of medicine, healthcare and life sciences in a global, religious and clinical perspective.
• Attractive interdisciplinary opportunities, including certificate programs in interpretive and qualitative research, and women’s and gender studies.

Duquesne’s long alliance with phenomenology has made it a center for qualitative research. Duquesne’s Simon Silverman Phenomenology Center holds one of the nation’s finest collections of works on phenomenology. Women’s and Gender Studies reflect Duquesne’s environment of unconditional inclusion.

• Small seminars, with class sizes most often ranging between 6-15 students.

• A high level of academic discourse that connects faculty and colleagues.

Small class sizes encourage free discussion. Beyond the classroom, however, departments and programs sponsor frequent informal get-togethers between faculty and students, where academic conversations continue. For example, graduate students regularly participate in the monthly presentations and discussions sponsored by the Center for Interpretive and Qualitative Research.

• Up-to-date technology to support learning and practice.

The College and University provide resources for graduate students such as flex-tech classrooms, which promote problem solving and the ability to examine real-world issues, the Center for Teaching Excellence, which gives awards for innovative pedagogy, and Educational Technology, which helps faculty enhance the classroom experience with cutting-edge technologies.

• Close connections with Pittsburgh’s communities in several programs.

Because Duquesne University is at the center of a vibrant urban region, collaboration with communities, work with corporate, nonprofit and governmental clients, and internships and employment opportunities abound.

• Encouragement and support to present your work on campus and off, with dedicated travel funds to encourage conference presentations.

The annual Graduate Research Symposium includes presentations, poster sessions and prizes for the best graduate student research work. The Graduate School regularly pays a generous portion of the travel and conference costs of graduate-student presenters at domestic and international meetings and conferences.

• Mentored teaching opportunities in several programs.

The Ph.D. programs offer structured teaching opportunities that include mentoring as well as department workshops on pedagogy. Duquesne’s Center for Teaching Excellence offers seminars specifically for graduate teaching assistants, and the University annually recognizes excellence in teaching by graduate students.
• A strong graduate student organization, and strong cohorts of students in individual programs.

The Graduate and Professional Student Council meets regularly to improve the educational experience for graduate students across the University. This council also serves as an internal networking group for graduate students across Duquesne to meet and get to know one another.

• Outstanding support in career development and job placement.

Many departments support their students in the areas of professional development and interview preparation through individual mentoring and organized workshops. In addition, the University’s Office of Career Services has a dedicated career counselor for the liberal arts and offers lifelong service. M.A. graduates find exciting professional opportunities; others enter excellent Ph.D. programs. Ph.D. programs have an excellent academic placement record.