

College of Liberal Arts and Sciences

Mission Statement

The College of Liberal Arts and Sciences is committed to the tradition of liberal education and its values of broad inquiry and social responsibility. Our dedicated faculty is committed to excellence in teaching, research and service. In addition to a variety of majors and minors and a growing number of interdisciplinary programs, we offer the majority of courses in the General Education Program. Our principal mission is to help students acquire knowledge, insights and skills in the varied disciplines that constitute our academic unit and to prepare them to become productive, responsible citizens of the world. We care deeply about the life of the mind and the meaningful exchange of ideas across disciplines. We provide the foundation for a lifetime of learning, in a campus community that values a rich cultural, scientific and artistic environment and embraces diversity. We aim to empower students through the in-depth study of at least one discipline to achieve the following educational outcomes:

- Think and analyze critically and creatively
- Clearly express themselves orally and in writing
- Understand local, national and global histories and cultures
- Comprehend significant contemporary issues
- Become ethical, empathetic and contributing citizens.