

School of Humanities and Social Sciences

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The School of Humanities and Social Sciences consists of ten departments and fourteen degree programs and offers an array of minor programs and the largest share of the College's Liberal Learning program. Our school is a culturally and intellectually diverse and welcoming community of faculty, staff, students and alumni who value knowledge and the free and responsible exchange of ideas. Through the exercise of analytical rigor in the humanities and social sciences, our community: fosters disciplinary and interdisciplinary work to address significant social issues; develops knowledge and engages in creative activities; seeks to understand local, national, global, cultural, political, and historical perspectives; critically interprets language and symbols; thoroughly examines cultural artifacts and discourses; and promotes ethical reasoning and compassion. Working with our faculty, our students learn how to read and think analytically, solve problems creatively, work with diverse partners, communicate effectively in speech and writing, use technology wisely, and participate fully in civic life. The mission of the School of Humanities and Social Sciences is to prepare students for lifelong learning and responsible democratic citizenship. Upon completion of any of our majors, our graduating students are prepared to sustain and advance their communities and the world.