

GRACE COLLEGE AND SEMINARY CATALOG | 2016-2017

School of Arts and Sciences



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Introduction

The School of Arts and Sciences is the largest school on campus and includes: the Engineering Program (a dual degree program with Trine University); the History and Political Science Department; the Languages, Literature, and Communication Department; the Nursing Program (Bethel College program on the Grace College campus); the Science and Mathematics Department; the Visual, Performing, and Media Arts Department; and Interdisciplinary Studies. Exciting co-curricular opportunities include: theatre productions, field trips, research assistantships, internships, lab and clinical work, professional conferences, the [Mount Memorial Art Gallery](#), environmental field research in northern Indiana lakes through the [Center for Lakes & Streams](#), the [Winona History Center](#), and student publications.

Purpose

The School of Arts and Sciences is dedicated to a Christian liberal arts education that leads to transformative learning in the humanities, sciences, and professions. Central to our purpose is the integration of faith and learning which we define as modeling scholarship and engaging in interactive teaching within our disciplines that is informed by great Christian themes and thoughtful reflection. We also challenge our students to develop an approach to learning that fosters a vibrant life of the mind, artful creativity, a compassionate embrace of human societies, and a thirst to explore all that God has created. To this end our faculty mentor their students, inspiring them not only toward excellence in their respective fields, but to live purposeful lives dedicated to following Christ as they discover knowledge, apply the power of creative imagination, help to improve the human condition in all of its diversity, and work to extend the presence of God's kingdom while living in the hope of Christ's return.

Goals

- To help our students develop an understanding of the integration of faith and learning so that they can pursue scholarship that is both worthy of their profession and inspired by great Christian themes (i.e. salvation, love, reconciliation, justice, grace, honesty, truth, peace, perseverance, stewardship, etc.).
- To develop encouraging and challenging learning experiences that engage our students in real world applications, which are transformational in nature.
- To mentor our students so they become highly competent in their respective callings.
- To instill in our students a sense of purpose that leads them toward kingdom living.

INTERDISCIPLINARY STUDIES MAJOR

The Interdisciplinary Studies major is located within the School of Arts and Sciences and effectively allows students to create their own major with a total of 51 credit hours. Students in this major will integrate a variety of disciplines as part of their work at Grace College. Students will graduate with knowledge that spans the curriculum yet is sharpened to fit specific interests. Designed to promote creativity, original problem solving, and greater curriculum flexibility, this unique major requires completion of 15 credits in each of three curricular areas with an eye to weaving the areas together around individual interests. The integration that results will eventually be demonstrated in a 6 credit hour senior project. Students must have a 3.0 GPA to enter the major and entrance requires the completion of an interview process where the students explain their curricular intentions. Students who are in good academic standing following their first year of study at Grace may submit a proposal and apply for acceptance into this major. For more information, contact the Interdisciplinary Studies advisor, Professor Frank Benyousky.