

The School of Humanities, Arts, & Social Sciences

The School of Humanities, Arts, and Social Sciences (SHASS) consists of three departments - the English, Foreign Languages and Mass Communication (EFLMC) Department, the Fine Arts (FA) Department, and the Social Sciences and Criminal Justice (SSCJ) Department. The international faculty of sixty-nine members hail from Africa, Asia, Europe, North America, and South America. Each department is supervised by a Department Chair, who is assisted by an Assistant Chair or Program Coordinator, all of whom report to the School Dean.

With an emphasis on the current and historical experiences of New World African and indigenous peoples, the mission of the School is to offer academically rigorous interdisciplinary undergraduate courses that encourage students to develop both their analytical and communicative skills to combat economic, political, and social injustice in their local, national, and international communities—that is, to serve as a power for good.

Students receive preparation for graduate and professional school study in the humanities and social sciences. They also prepare for immediate employment in art, music, and English education; graphic design; criminal justice; mass communication; and government service.



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THE ENGLISH, FOREIGN LANGUAGES, AND MASS COMMUNICATION (EFLMC) DEPARTMENT

The English, Foreign Languages, and Mass Communication Department consists of two areas: the English and Foreign Languages area and the Mass Communication area.

The English Program offers two major curriculum options: teaching on the secondary school level or entry into graduate school or professional endeavors. The Mass Communication Program affords educational experiences that enable students to compete successfully for entry-level positions in radio, television, or print production. The new Benedict Broadcast Center is designed to provide opportunities for hands-on applications that mirror those found in the Mass Communication industry.

Foreign Language Placement

The department requires all entering students with previous course work in foreign languages to take placement tests in French or Spanish to determine levels of proficiency.

STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS

- English Club
- Spanish Club
- National Association of Black Journalists Student Chapter

- The Tiger - College Newspaper
- The Benedictus - College Yearbook
- Coming Soon - BETA Production Team
(Radio/Television On-Campus Programming)

MAJORS

- ENGLISH, TEACHING OF ENGLISH,
- MASS COMMUNICATION (BROADCAST)
- MASS COMMUNICATION (PRINT)

DEGREES

- B. A. IN ENGLISH
- B. A. IN MASS COMMUNICATION

THE FINE ARTS (FA) DEPARTMENT

The Fine Arts Department seeks to provide students with a broad knowledge of and appreciation for the arts, as well as to prepare students for careers and further study. The Department is composed of four areas: Visual Arts, Dance, Music, and Theatre. The curricula are designed to provide general education courses in support of a strong liberal arts education as well as specific concentrations in several disciplines.

CLUBS, PERFORMING ARTS UNITS, AND ORGANIZATIONS

- The Art Club
- BACARTI
- The Basketball Pep Band
- The Benedict College Community Orchestra
- The Brass Ensemble
- The Concert Choir
- The Elite Voices
- The Female Ensemble
- The Gospel Choir
- The Harold Odom Dance Theatre
- The Instrumental (Wind) Ensemble
- The Jazz Combo
- The Jazz Ensemble
- The Male Ensemble
- The Marching Tiger Band of Distinction
- Music Educator's National Conference Student Chapter
- National Art Education Association Student Chapter
- The Percussion Ensemble
- The Performing Arts Company
- Renaissance Theatre
- The Theatre Ensemble
- Vocal Jazz Ensemble
- The Woodwind Ensemble

MAJORS

- STUDIO ART
- TEACHING OF ART
- TEACHING OF MUSIC (VOCAL/CHORAL)
- TEACHING OF MUSIC (INSTRUMENTAL)
- FINE ARTS (THEATRE PERFORMANCE)

DEGREES

- B. A. IN ART
- B. S. IN MUSIC
- B. A. IN FINE ARTS

THE SOCIAL SCIENCES AND CRIMINAL JUSTICE (SSCJ) DEPARTMENT

The vision of the Social Sciences and Criminal Justice Department is to become an exemplary, growth-oriented teaching and research unit within the School of Humanities, Arts and Social Sciences.

The department is comprised of two areas: the Social Sciences and Criminal Justice. Its aim is to offer the highest quality programs in a nurturing atmosphere by attracting and retaining a dedicated, credentialed faculty who excel in teaching, student mentoring, scholarly research, and service to the community. It further aims to provide applied technological learning opportunities designed to advance the intellectual, analytical, and communication skills of its graduates.

STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS

- The Sociology Club
- The Benedict Byrd Chapter of the National Council of Negro Women
- The Model United Nations Team
- The Religion Club
- National Association of Blacks in Criminal Justice

MAJORS

- CRIMINAL JUSTICE (CORRECTIONS)
- CRIMINAL JUSTICE (COURTS)
- CRIMINAL JUSTICE (LAW ENFORCEMENT)
- HISTORY
- POLITICAL SCIENCE (INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS)
- PSYCHOLOGY
- RELIGION & PHILOSOPHY
- SOCIOLOGY

DEGREES

- B. S. IN CRIMINAL JUSTICE
- B. A. IN HISTORY
- B. A. IN POLITICAL SCIENCE
- B. A. IN PSYCHOLOGY
- B. A. IN RELIGION & PHILOSOPHY
- B. A. IN SOCIOLOGY