

# College of Arts and Sciences

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From its founding in 1883, the College of Arts and Sciences has offered an energetic and imaginative approach to education in the liberal arts and sciences. In all our degree programs, students work on the skills of gathering, interpreting, questioning, and communicating knowledge about themselves and the world they live in. They seek to become more reflective about their beliefs and principles, more skilled in ways of understanding the world, and more prepared to respond thoughtfully -- even joyfully -- to learning opportunities and personal and social challenges that will come their way over their lifetimes. Our emphasis is not on narrow training, but on the liberal or liberating skills and knowledge that can prepare graduates for fulfilling lives as well as meaningful life's work. *Education in the College seeks to transform students into informed, engaged, and empowered individuals and citizens.*

Through small class size and teaching that fosters active learning, we emphasize the rigor, depth, and engagement of our students' academic experiences. In our formal curriculum and campus culture, we offer multiple opportunities out of a range of disciplinary perspectives to respond to enduring and contemporary questions. Learning through first-hand experience is a way to substantial and meaningful education; students are encouraged to develop academic plans that include study abroad, community engagement, community-based research, internships in fields of interest, independent research, and out-of-classroom experiences that complement learning in the major, in general education, and in elective courses. The College is proud to host a chapter of Phi Beta Kappa, the oldest chapter at a private college in Florida. Alongside that commitment to the highest standards of academic excellence is a commitment to social justice and community engagement that has been recognized by the Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching.

## Undergraduate Degrees Offered

### B.A. and B.S.

Two undergraduate degrees are offered by the College: the Bachelor of Arts (B.A.) and the Bachelor of Science (B.S.). Traditionally, the B.A. has emphasized a broad education in the liberal arts and sciences, with a special emphasis on the skills of critical thinking, reading, problem-solving, speaking and listening, writing, and creativity. The B.S. builds on similar learning in the liberal arts and sciences to develop advanced knowledge and skills in more scientific, technical, or applied fields.

At Stetson, all degree programs emphasize breadth of learning, so the difference between B.A. and B.S. degrees is a matter of emphasis in majors. A candidate for either the B.A. or the B.S. degree must complete 32 units of academic work with a C (2.0) average overall. These units are roughly evenly divided into three categories: general education, the major, and electives. A unit in the College is roughly equated to 4 credits.

### The Major, Minor, and Elective

In addition to a breadth of study in general education, students in the College develop more advanced understandings through at least 10 courses in one of the College's majors or in the Individualized Major

available through the Honors Program. Additional courses in the chosen field of study may be taken as electives. Electives may be selected to pursue a self-defined, intellectual or creative passion or to strengthen preparation for graduate study or professional schools of law, medicine, education, music, counseling, or business. Students may also choose to use elective courses to complete a minor in the College or in the Schools of Business Administration or Music. A minor is not required, but many are available. Details of the requirements for each major and minor are listed separately in the *Catalog*. To earn a degree, a student must complete all requirements with at least a C average (2.0) in the major, as well as cumulatively in all courses.

## Internship Courses in the College of Arts and Sciences

Please visit the University policies page for internships:

View University-wide academic policies for undergraduate internships (<https://catalog.stetson.edu/undergraduate/student-policy/academic-affairs/internship/>)

## The Senior Project

Drawing on liberal study in the College's program of General Education and the knowledge and skills learned through a major curriculum, each senior undertakes a project appropriate to her or his field of study: an original research paper, an empirical study, development and analysis of a predictive model, a report on a laboratory experiment or field observation, gallery exhibition, a stage presentation, a computer program, a community-based project, or creative work.

Depending on disciplinary expectations, students might design their own research projects or, in other cases, join an ongoing faculty research project. In some cases, students who have pursued two majors might design one project that satisfies the capstone requirement in both majors simultaneously; in other cases, they might complete one senior project for each major. Faculty advisors mentor students in developing, researching, and producing the final project.

While disciplines in the College approach the Senior Project in different ways, the goal is to demonstrate applied, imaginative, and/or critical problem-solving. To do so, students use skills of close reading, careful observation, critical analysis, and persuasive writing and speaking to complete projects of their choosing.

Students have the opportunity to present their work at the Stetson Undergraduate Research and Creative Arts Showcase in the spring. Many seniors also present their work at conferences or publish with their faculty advisors in professional journals. Successfully completing the Senior Project is a capstone experience for all students in the College.

## Minors

The minors available to students pursuing either B.A. or B.S. degrees include the following:

- Accounting (<https://catalog.stetson.edu/undergraduate/business-administration/business-minors/accounting-minor/>)<sup>1</sup>
- Africana Studies (<https://catalog.stetson.edu/undergraduate/arts-sciences/interdisciplinary-minors/africana/#minorstext>)
- American Studies (<https://catalog.stetson.edu/undergraduate/arts-sciences/american-studies/#minorstext>)

- Anthropology (<https://catalog.stetson.edu/undergraduate/arts-sciences/sociology-anthropology/#minorstext>)
- Applied Statistics (<https://catalog.stetson.edu/undergraduate/business-administration/business-minors/applied-statistics-minor/>)<sup>1</sup>
- Art History (<https://catalog.stetson.edu/undergraduate/arts-sciences/museum-curatorial-studies/#minorstext>)
- Asian Studies (<https://catalog.stetson.edu/undergraduate/arts-sciences/interdisciplinary-minors/asian/#minorstext>)
- Biology (<https://catalog.stetson.edu/undergraduate/arts-sciences/biology/#minorstext>)
- Business Administration (<https://catalog.stetson.edu/undergraduate/business-administration/business-minors/business-administration-minor/>)<sup>1</sup>
- Business Systems and Analytics (<https://catalog.stetson.edu/undergraduate/business-administration/business-minors/business-systems-analysis-minor/>)<sup>1</sup>
- Business Law (<https://catalog.stetson.edu/undergraduate/business-administration/business-minors/business-law-minor/>)<sup>1</sup>
- Chemistry (<https://catalog.stetson.edu/undergraduate/arts-sciences/chemistry/#minorstext>)
- Communication and Media Studies (<https://catalog.stetson.edu/undergraduate/arts-sciences/communication-media/#minorstext>)
- Computer Science (<https://catalog.stetson.edu/undergraduate/arts-sciences/computer-science/#minorstext>)
- Creative Writing (<https://catalog.stetson.edu/undergraduate/arts-sciences/english/#minorstext>)
- Data Analytics (<https://catalog.stetson.edu/undergraduate/arts-sciences/interdisciplinary-minors/dataanalytics/>)
- Digital Arts (<https://catalog.stetson.edu/undergraduate/arts-sciences/digital-arts/#minorstext>)
- Economics (<https://catalog.stetson.edu/undergraduate/arts-sciences/economics/#minorstext>)
- Education (<https://catalog.stetson.edu/undergraduate/arts-sciences/education/#minorstext>)
- English (<https://catalog.stetson.edu/undergraduate/arts-sciences/english/#minorstext>)
- Entrepreneurship (<https://catalog.stetson.edu/undergraduate/business-administration/business-minors/entrepreneurship-minor/>)<sup>1</sup>
- Environmental Studies (<https://catalog.stetson.edu/undergraduate/arts-sciences/environmental-science-studies/#minorstext>)
- Family Enterprise (<https://catalog.stetson.edu/undergraduate/business-administration/business-minors/family-enterprise-minor/>)<sup>1</sup>
- Finance (<https://catalog.stetson.edu/undergraduate/business-administration/business-minors/finance-minor/>)<sup>1</sup>
- French (<https://catalog.stetson.edu/undergraduate/arts-sciences/world-languages-and-cultures/#minorstext>)
- Gender Studies (<https://catalog.stetson.edu/undergraduate/arts-sciences/interdisciplinary-minors/gender/#minorstext>)
- German (<https://catalog.stetson.edu/undergraduate/arts-sciences/world-languages-and-cultures/#minorstext>)
- Global Development (<https://catalog.stetson.edu/undergraduate/arts-sciences/global-development/#minorstext>)
- Health Sciences (<https://catalog.stetson.edu/undergraduate/arts-sciences/health-sciences/#minorstext>)
- History (<https://catalog.stetson.edu/undergraduate/arts-sciences/history/#minorstext>)
- Human Resource Management (<https://catalog.stetson.edu/undergraduate/business-administration/business-minors/human-resource-management-minor/>)<sup>1</sup>
- International Business (<https://catalog.stetson.edu/undergraduate/business-administration/business-minors/international-business/>)<sup>1</sup>
- International Studies (<https://catalog.stetson.edu/undergraduate/arts-sciences/international/#minorstext>)
- Jewish Studies (<https://catalog.stetson.edu/undergraduate/arts-sciences/interdisciplinary-minors/jewish-studies/#minorstext>)
- Journalism (<https://catalog.stetson.edu/undergraduate/arts-sciences/interdisciplinary-minors/journalism/#minorstext>)
- Latin American and Latino Studies (<https://catalog.stetson.edu/undergraduate/arts-sciences/interdisciplinary-minors/latin-american/#minorstext>)
- Management (<https://catalog.stetson.edu/undergraduate/business-administration/business-minors/management-minor/>)<sup>1</sup>
- Marketing (<https://catalog.stetson.edu/undergraduate/business-administration/business-minors/marketing-minor/>)<sup>1</sup>
- Mathematics (<https://catalog.stetson.edu/undergraduate/arts-sciences/mathematics/#minorstext>)
- Music (<https://catalog.stetson.edu/undergraduate/music/general-minor-music/>)<sup>2</sup>
- Music Technology (<https://catalog.stetson.edu/undergraduate/music/music-tech-minor/>)<sup>2</sup>
- Philosophy (<https://catalog.stetson.edu/undergraduate/arts-sciences/philosophy/#minorstext>)
- Physics (<https://catalog.stetson.edu/undergraduate/arts-sciences/physics/#minorstext>)
- Political Science (<https://catalog.stetson.edu/undergraduate/arts-sciences/political-science/#minorstext>)
- Professional Sales (<https://catalog.stetson.edu/undergraduate/business-administration/business-minors/prof-sales-minor/>)<sup>1</sup>
- Psychology (<https://catalog.stetson.edu/undergraduate/arts-sciences/psychology/#minorstext>)
- Public Health (<https://catalog.stetson.edu/undergraduate/arts-sciences/public-health/#minorstext>)
- Religious Studies (<https://catalog.stetson.edu/undergraduate/arts-sciences/religious/#minorstext>)
- Russian (<https://catalog.stetson.edu/undergraduate/arts-sciences/world-languages-and-cultures/#minorstext>)
- Russian, East European, and Eurasian Studies (<https://catalog.stetson.edu/undergraduate/arts-sciences/russian/#minorstext>)
- Sociology (<https://catalog.stetson.edu/undergraduate/arts-sciences/sociology-anthropology/#minorstext>)
- Spanish (<https://catalog.stetson.edu/undergraduate/arts-sciences/world-languages-and-cultures/#minorstext>)
- Sport Business (<https://catalog.stetson.edu/undergraduate/business-administration/business-minors/sport-management-minor/>)<sup>1</sup>
- Studio Art (<https://catalog.stetson.edu/undergraduate/arts-sciences/art/#minorstext>)
- Sustainable Food Systems (<https://catalog.stetson.edu/undergraduate/arts-sciences/interdisciplinary-minors/food-systems/#minorstext>)
- Theatre Arts (<https://catalog.stetson.edu/undergraduate/arts-sciences/theatre-arts/#minorstext>)

- World Language (<https://catalog.stetson.edu/undergraduate/arts-sciences/world-languages-and-cultures/#minorstext>)

<sup>1</sup> Administered through the School of Business Administration.

<sup>2</sup> Administered through the School of Music.