

# Learn more about Arts and Sciences Majors



## Anthropology

Anthropology is the study of human diversity in all places and at all times, addressing the most fundamental questions about human origins and human nature. It is usually divided into four sub-fields: cultural anthropology, linguistics, archaeology, and physical anthropology.

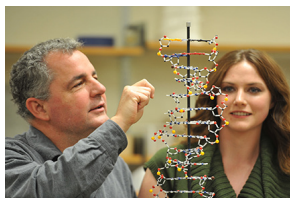
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## Asian Studies

Asian Studies is an interdisciplinary program that provides a broad, systematic knowledge of Asia and deepens students' appreciation of the complexity and diversity of Asia through the study of history, language, culture, philosophy, religion, society, and politics.

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## Biology

Biology is the science of life. The study of biology encompasses molecular, cellular, and physiological processes, evolutionary diversity, ecological relationships, and global systems. Biologists study life from prehistoric times to organisms alive today and model how life may change in the future.

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## Chemistry

Chemistry is the branch of science that studies the nature and characteristics of substances and the changes they undergo. Chemistry is fundamental to most scientific disciplines and technology. Chemistry is concerned with the building blocks of all materials – atoms and molecules.

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## Comparative Ethnic Studies

Majoring in Comparative Ethnic Studies (CES) provides students with the opportunity to study the stories and experiences of communities of color, particularly in the United States. It offers understandings of the historical forces and social dynamics of racism and racial inequality worldwide. CES provides students with the knowledge, tools, and motivation to become agents of change.

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## Criminal Justice and Criminology

Criminal Justice examines the causes and patterns of criminal behavior, the institutions and individuals that work within the criminal justice system, and the role law plays in the prevention and responses to crime.

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## Digital Technology and Culture

Digital Technology and Culture is an interdisciplinary degree program that combines the creative production and critical exploration of digital media. DTC emphasizes a historical, rhetorical, and cultural understanding of digital media so as to prepare students for problem solving and communicating both locally and globally.

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## English

English is the study of the English language in its many forms, including its literatures, technologies, and cultural functions. Study in English involves applied skills in reading, critical thinking, and various kinds of writing – creative, professional, and analytical – in a range of contexts, including print and electronic media.

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## Environment

The School of the Environment focuses on the study of the earth, the environment, natural resources, wildlife ecology and the role of humans in modifying earth and environmental systems. This interdisciplinary study increases team-based research and scholarly output while providing cutting-edge training for the next generation of scientists, resource managers, policy makers, and well-informed global citizens.

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## Fine Arts

The arts are vital to cultural expression; they enrich our lives while challenging and broadening our views of the world. The Fine Arts faculty fosters an educational environment that encourages creativity, individual growth, and meaningful expression. We provide interdisciplinary approaches to the practice of art and the study of visual culture. Students have the opportunity to put their ideas into form while becoming visually literate, historically grounded, and familiar with the diversity of arts and cultures worldwide.

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## Foreign Languages and Cultures

Foreign languages and cultures is the study of languages other than English as well as the cultures where these languages are spoken. Studying a foreign language allows for direct access to people and cultures other than one's own and furthers the development of global understanding and sensitivity. Proficiency in foreign language is also an important tool in a broad variety of professions.

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## History

History is the ongoing effort to understand the diverse people, institutions, and cultures of the past. Historical inquiry builds knowledge of past events and in doing so helps inform the decisions we make about our future. At WSU, faculty specialize in many areas of historical research and teaching, including environmental, world, American west, religion, gender, military, and diplomatic history.

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## Mathematics

Mathematics is the foundation of physical and social sciences and an essential tool for scientific research. Modern industries and technology rely on advanced mathematical theory. Mathematics itself has also been a special art throughout the development of human civilizations.

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## Music

Music is art in sound, universally beloved and an essential part of every culture on earth. People around the world use music to worship, communicate, commemorate, celebrate and share their deepest emotions, to express what words cannot.

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## Philosophy

Philosophy is the attempt to answer certain broad-ranging, fundamental questions: What sorts of things can we really claim to know? What is ultimately real? What makes for a morally right act or just society? Our faculty specialize in: bioethics, ethical theory and applied ethics, metaphysics, epistemology, philosophy of language and science, and the philosophy of religion.

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## Physics and Astronomy

Physics is the study of the natural world, from its most fundamental to its most extreme. It is a basic foundation science upon whose principles all other sciences and technologies are based. From subatomic particles to the universe itself, physicists study matter, energy, and space and time. They probe the laws and forces of nature and search for symmetries, patterns, and properties that define the workings of the universe.

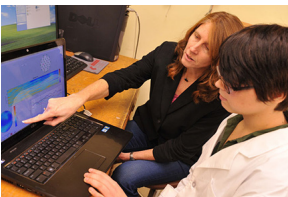
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## Political Science

Political Science focuses on the uses and consequences of public authority in the allocation of societal resources. Faculty focus on problem-driven research that confronts both traditional and emerging challenges in the United States and throughout the world. We specialize in: American politics, institutions, and public law, global politics, public policy, political theory, political psychology, American foreign and security policy.

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## Psychology

Psychology is the scientific study of behavior and the mental processes that determine behavior. Psychology also applies the accumulated knowledge of this science to practical problems.

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## Sociology

Sociology looks at society from every angle—it is the part of the social sciences that aims to answer questions about why and how we group together to form societies, as well as the individual's roles within society. The fundamental insight of the discipline is that the social matters; our lives are affected by our personal psychology and by our place in the social world. Sociologists study a range of issues, from inequality to human ecology, from deviance to religion, from medicine to politics.

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## Women's Studies

Women's Studies is an interdisciplinary field that is rooted in scholarship and activism and that places gender at the center of inquiry. Women's Studies investigates and challenges social inequalities based on systems of gender as they intersect with class, race, ethnicity, nationality, sexual orientation, and age.

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## Zoology

Zoology is the science of animals. The zoology major at WSU is built around core studies in anatomy, physiology, behavior, and animal diversity in the context of broad perspective in genetics, evolution, and ecology. Our students learn modern scientific and analytical skills in classroom, field, and research settings.

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## General Studies: Social Sciences and Humanities

Students consider personal, academic, and career goals to design multidisciplinary degree programs in the Social Sciences or Humanities. The unique "student-centered" plans result from students' focus on individual values, interests, and abilities to achieve fulfillment of lifelong personal, educational, and professional goals.

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## Health Professions

If you are interested in a career in human or animal healthcare, you are encouraged to choose a major that suits your interests and abilities. Several units within the College of Arts and Sciences offer specific pre-health degree options, however, the academic prerequisites for professional schools can be combined with any field of study. The Health Professions Student Center specialists provide expert guidance and support for undergraduates interested in medicine, dentistry, veterinary medicine, optometry, physical therapy, and many other healthcare professions.

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## Pre-Law

Several departments and programs within the College of Arts & Sciences offer pre-law options: *History*, *Philosophy*, and *Political Science*. However, there are many majors which also offer excellent preparation for entry into law school. Your job is to find a major for which you have a passion, then develop yourself as a student of that discipline. Strong reading comprehension and excellent writing skills are a must!

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