

School of Culture and Society

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Established in 2001, the School of Culture and Society comprises ten departments and fifteen degree programs and offers an array of minor programs and the largest share of the College Liberal Learning program. Devoted to the humanities and social sciences, the School strives to prepare students to assume leadership roles in their local communities, the state, the nation, and the world by fostering disciplinary and interdisciplinary understanding, global awareness, community engagement, and humane values. Culture and Society graduates benefit from the versatility and depth of the liberal arts, whatever pathway they may take as citizens and leaders of their communities.

Culture and Society intends to serve as a national exemplar in the design and outcomes of our programs, as we describe in our enduring goals:

- We expect to model the design and reflective practice of our programs.
- We intend to foster interdisciplinarity as a dialogue and activity among disciplines, including work related to the global outlook or international orientation of our programs.
- We value high-quality scholarship and creative work and believe these pursuits to be beneficial to the intellectual community and the world beyond the campus.
- For our students, we seek to achieve the strongest possible education--toward lifelong learning, thoughtful leadership, and compassionate, humane citizenship.
- We want to model the best practices of teacher-scholars, including research and service as collaboration in learning between students and faculty.
- We expect to contribute to the national and international health and growth of the humanities and social science disciplines as we welcome change, accept responsibility for stewardship, and redefine ourselves and our mission in global context.
- We intend to increase the diversity of our student and faculty population by creating highly attractive programs, including those that are globally oriented.
- We intend to collaborate on interschool programs that push the boundaries of undergraduate education in emerging fields, including digital media studies, health-related studies, international studies, leadership studies, and environmental studies.