



College of
Arts & Sciences
UNIVERSITY of PENNSYLVANIA





Be open to the possibilities.

The College of Arts and Sciences is the heart of the academic experience at the University of Pennsylvania.

Tracing its roots to the founding of the University, the College is home to 6,400 undergraduates in the School of Arts and Sciences. It is the largest of Penn's four undergraduate schools, offering a distinctive brand of liberal arts education spanning the humanities, social sciences and natural sciences. Students have access to many of the resources of a major research university while working closely with faculty. They are able to open up **a world of possibilities.**

60+ ACADEMIC
DEPARTMENTS,
CENTERS AND
PROGRAMS

55+ MAJORS,
80+ MINORS

12 SCHOOLS,
1 CAMPUS

Explore. Connect. Create.

EXPLORE YOUR INTERESTS. The flexible structure of the College Curriculum is designed to frame opportunities for you and inspire curiosity. It enables you to set goals and determine your own course of study by following your interests.

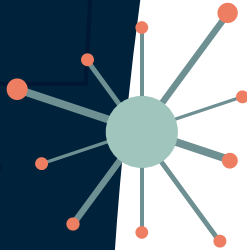
MAKE CONNECTIONS. A wide array of academic opportunities empower you to approach your studies in the true spirit of a liberal arts education, gaining depth and breadth across a variety of fields. How you put it together—how you make it your own—is up to you.

CREATE A COURSE OF STUDY unique to you, where theory and practice come together to put thought into action.

No two paths are the same, but with the College Curriculum as your roadmap, you're well equipped to make the journey.

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FIRST YEAR
STUDENT
TO FACULTY
ADVISOR
RATIO



95%

OF CLASSES
ARE TAUGHT
BY FACULTY



70%

OF ALL LECTURES
AND SEMINARS
HAVE 25 OR
FEWER STUDENTS



Integrate Knowledge

In the College of Arts and Sciences, students don't just absorb information, they put **thought into action**. The curriculum teaches them to analyze, communicate and transform facts into knowledge that then gets applied within a real-world context. This approach requires students to explore important topics through multiple lenses in order to understand complicated issues. Students are empowered to make interdisciplinary connections, gaining depth and breadth across a variety of fields.

Go Beyond the Classroom

Undergraduates routinely **test their learning outside the classroom**. Research internships, apprenticeships and courses with a community service component take them off-campus. From the arts and cultural institutions of Philadelphia to the nation's capital to the capitals of countries around the globe, the College broadens interests and encourages students to apply this knowledge in the real world.

Here are just some of the ways students go beyond the classroom.

- **ACADEMICALLY BASED COMMUNITY SERVICE COURSES (ABCS)** combine learning with active community involvement, addressing critical issues in areas such as the environment, health, the arts and education.
- **PENN IN WASHINGTON** supports and encourages students who are interested in pursuing public policy internships and careers in the nation's capital through a semester program taught by active policy professionals.
- **PENN ABROAD** offers one of the most extensive study abroad networks of any Ivy League university, with options to study abroad for a semester, an entire academic year, or to travel over spring or winter break as part of a global seminar.

100

STUDY ABROAD
PROGRAMS IN
36 COUNTRIES



150

ACADEMICALLY
BASED COMMUNITY
SERVICE COURSES



75%

OF STUDENTS
ENGAGE IN
RESEARCH BY
GRADUATION



Engage in Research

Research hones mastery of academic skills: how to formulate a question or hypothesis, how to gather evidence, and how to answer that question or test that hypothesis.

As one of the world's leading research universities, Penn has a broad array of faculty conducting research in all disciplines. The University's integrated campus facilitates unique collaborations; work in Penn's Centers and Institutes represents some of the most cutting-edge research taking place in the world today. There are many ways to engage in research. Below are just a few of the resources available to assist students in accomplishing their research goals.

- **CENTER FOR UNDERGRADUATE RESEARCH AND FELLOWSHIPS (CURF)** helps undergraduates pursue research, both independently and with faculty, and administers competitive research grants.
- **PRICE LAB FOR DIGITAL HUMANITIES** promotes innovative uses of technology in the study of history, art and culture.
- **CENTER FOR THE ANALYSIS OF ARCHAEOLOGICAL MATERIALS (CAAM)** introduces and trains students in the analysis of archaeological materials, offering teaching and research laboratories in the Penn Museum.

Resources to Succeed

Students don't have to have everything figured out from the first day they arrive at Penn. College advisors, faculty, fellow students, and the curriculum itself help guide them in identifying passions and developing their voice in a way that is uncommon for a research university. From a strong network of advisors to robust support services, College students have the resources to succeed.

900+
RESEARCH
LABS



75%

OF ALUMNI GO ON
TO EARN GRADUATE
DEGREES



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Gain Skills for a Lifetime

Why train to do just one thing when you can prepare yourself to do anything? **A liberal arts education empowers students to go beyond a particular profession;** it imparts skills and knowledge that cut across multiple disciplines, regardless of major, to serve graduates for a lifetime.

In the College, students don't just absorb information—the curriculum teaches them to analyze, communicate and transform knowledge into action. Critical and creative writing, public speaking and quantitative skills provide a foundation for success in any endeavor. College graduates go on to work in a variety of fields.

Regardless of the path they eventually follow, an education from Penn's College of Arts and Sciences is invaluable, imparting finely tuned and broadly acquired creative, analytical and communication skills.

MANUFACTURING

ARTS & CULTURE

NON-PROFIT

FINANCE

GOVERNMENT

LAW

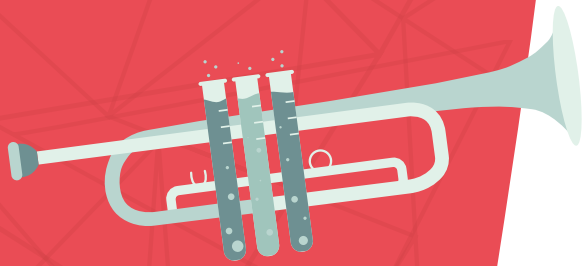
TECHNOLOGY

EDUCATION

CONSULTING

HEALTHCARE

COMMUNICATIONS



The possibilities are endless.

College students can choose from more than 55 majors and concentrations and take courses in Penn's other undergraduate schools – Engineering, Business and Nursing – as well as many of our 12 graduate and professional schools.

You don't have to give up your love of the trumpet to study biology or bid farewell to poetry because you're pursuing anthropology. The College is where you can combine your interests and acquire new ones.

Majors

Many programs provide options for concentrating in any number of specialty areas.

Africana Studies	East Asian Area Studies	Individualized Major	Philosophy, Politics & Economics
Ancient History		International Relations	Physics
Anthropology	East Asian Languages & Civilizations	Jewish Studies	Political Science
Architecture		Latin American and Latinx Studies	Psychology
Biochemistry	Economics	Linguistics	Religious Studies
Biology	English	Logic, Information & Computation	Romance Languages
Biophysics	Environmental Studies	Mathematical Economics	Russian & East European Studies
Chemistry	Fine Arts	Mathematics	Science, Technology & Society
Cinema & Media Studies	Francophone, Italian, & Germanic Studies	Modern Middle Eastern Studies	Sociology
Classical Studies		Music	South Asia Studies
Cognitive Science	Gender, Sexuality & Women's Studies	Middle Eastern Languages & Cultures	Theatre Arts
Communication	Health & Societies	Neuroscience	Urban Studies
Comparative Literature	Hispanic Studies	Philosophy	Visual Studies
Criminology	History		
Design	History of Art		
Earth and Environmental Science			

Minors

Students may minor in most College departments that offer a major, or choose from:

American Sign Language & Deaf Studies	Computational Neuroscience	Environmental Science	Korean Studies
	Creative Writing	European Studies	Law & Society
Archaeological Science	Design	Geology	Medical Sociology
	Digital Humanities	Global Medieval Studies	Native American & Indigenous Studies
Architectural History	Dutch	International Development	Psychoanalytic Studies
Asian American Studies	East Central European Studies	Japanese	Russian
	Economic Policy	Jazz & Popular Music	Statistics
Bioethics	Engineering & Applied Science	Journalistic Writing	Survey Research & Data Analytics
Chinese			

INTERSCHOOL MINORS

American Public Policy	Consumer Psychology	Nutrition	Urban Education
	Landscape Studies	Sustainability & Environmental Management	Urban Real Estate & Development
Neuroscience & Health Services Management	Legal Studies & History		

COORDINATED, DUAL & ACCELERATED DEGREE PROGRAMS

Huntsman Program in International Studies & Business	Roy and Diana Vagelos Program in Life Sciences & Management	Second Major in the School of Engineering & Applied Science	Seven-Year Bio-Dental Program
Vagelos Integrated Program in Energy Research	Vagelos Scholars Program in Molecular Life Sciences	Second Major (Nutrition Science) in the School of Nursing	

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& sciences in
every corner
of campus.

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