Political Science

In today’s world, security and freedom are in the forefront of global and national concerns. A range of skills are required to negotiate the political processes that result in sound governance. The Political Science department prepares students to be knowledgeable and skilled in understanding bureaucracies as lawyers, foreign service employees, and as administrators at federal, state and local government agencies.

Psychology

The examination of human behavior is the key that unlocks the door to what it means to be human! The Psychology department provides students guided instruction and research methods to reach conclusions as to what makes us tick. The instructional program is designed to incorporate state-of-the art pedagogy into the bachelor’s, master’s, and doctoral degrees.

Sociology

Since all human behavior is social, the subject matter of sociology embraces all aspects of human culture. The Sociology department consists of an undergraduate program in sociology and two graduate programs in criminal justice and urban affairs that examine social life, social change and the consequences of human interaction. Sociologists investigate the structural processes of groups, organizations and societies and how people interact within these contexts.

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College of Liberal Arts

The mission of the College of Liberal Arts is to provide a transformative education that enables students to maximize their potential to become creative, independent thinkers and lifelong learners who adapt and contribute ethically to evolving national and international societies.

English and Foreign Languages

Now more than ever, it is important for students to be able to read, write, and think critically. This requires the ability to develop and express thoughts orally and in written format. Development of these skill sets enable the student to analyze, synthesize, and evaluate so that ideas can be shared with others. The English department provides these skills for all students to become productive citizens in a global society. Opportunities are available in world literature, world languages, creative writing, and research.

Visual and Performing Arts

The objects in our lives are designed by artists and musicians using traditional and technological methods. Thus, carefully designed objects greatly determine their purpose and use.

Graduate Programs:
- M.F.A. Fine Arts
- M.A. Criminal Justice
- M.A. Media and Communications
- M.M. Music
- M.A. Urban Affairs
- Ph.D. Clinical Psychology

Program Descriptions:
- **Fine Arts** – The Art department employs a range of media and styles to capture that which is real or imagined so others may experience the beauty of art in fashion design, graphics/web design, painting, ceramics, and sculpture.
- **Music** – Students majoring in music receive vigorous instruction and experiences while preparing for dynamic careers as performers, teachers, composers, and producers.
- **History** – History is not just old news, but it provides the basis for shaping our present and future. The History department prepares students to study with award-winning faculty, and to enter professional careers that require detailed writing, public speaking, and critical thinking.
- **Interdisciplinary Studies** – Complexities in today's world are addressed effectively when students are allowed to integrate their diverse and multiple perspectives collaboratively. The interdisciplinary studies degree is flexible in delivery (face-to-face and online), can be individually customized and provides a holistic experience for military and nontraditional students. This program allows students to enhance transferable skill sets that result in global opportunities, multiple career paths and advancement options.

Mass Communications and Journalism

Students learn to use cutting-edge methods to gather, interpret, and disseminate information across multimedia platforms, especially via social media. The Mass Communications and Journalism department provides instruction to future media practitioners through selected programs of teaching, research, and public service that lead to careers in radio, digital journalism, television, strategic communications, and film.

Jerome Bridges, Colonial National Historical Park ranger (Historic Jamestowne), interprets Anthony Johnson, a servant who arrived from the Anglo-Saxon colony in West Africa in 1619 and eventually became a prosperous landowner on the Eastern Shore.