

COLLEGE OF ARTS AND HUMANITIES

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Mission of the College of Arts and Humanities

- Committed to excellence in teaching and scholarship
- Dedicated to enlightenment and enrichment of our communities
- Devoted to freedom from ignorance and intolerance in our societies
- Engaged in connecting the arts and humanities to the everyday life of the community

The College of Arts and Humanities is dedicated to providing all CSUB students with the cultural knowledge to appreciate what has gone before and with the skills to put that knowledge to use in creating better communities for themselves and their families in the 21st century. The College also provides its majors the opportunity to engage in the cultural research that is crucial to understanding human complexities in a fully interdependent global economy.

Because the arts and humanities have nothing less than the human experience as their subject matter, students who develop their critical, creative, and communication skills are able to analyze the constantly changing situation, to respond to the realities of their environment in creative ways and to communicate their ideas to a broad spectrum of people. Our newly transformed curriculum includes applied experience elements in all of our majors, increasing our graduates' practical perspectives on theoretical concepts.

Students majoring in the fine and performing arts (art, music, theatre), the communications fields (communications, English, and modern languages), and the fields of humanistic inquiry (literature, history, philosophy, and religious studies) make intellectual curiosity a habit and lifelong learning a natural pursuit. Grounded in the traditions of their fields, majors also acquire skills to contribute to the contemporary arts and humanities in ways that value the entrepreneurial spirit and encourage philanthropic values. In this way, our students contribute to their own success, while passing on that success to others.

Academic Programs

The College of Arts and Humanities offers nine undergraduate Bachelor of Arts degree programs in seven departments: Art and Art History (with emphases in art history, studio art, and art education); Communications (with emphases in journalism, public relations, and digital media); English (with emphases in language, literacy, and teaching); History; Modern Languages and Literatures (Spanish); Music (with emphases in general music and music education); Philosophy (with emphases in Ethics and Moral Reasoning; Law, Justice, and Social Policy; and Mind and World);

Religious Studies (with an optional double-major concentration); and Theatre.

In addition to minors in all of these fields (including such sub-fields as English Literature, Linguistics, Children's Literature, French, Theatre Technology, and Theatre for Youth), the College also offers certificate programs in Communications (journalism, public relations, digital media, and film studies), and English (writing and children's literature).

Single-subject teaching credential subject matter waiver programs are offered in Art, English, Social Science (through the History department), and Spanish.

The Master of Arts degree is offered by English, History, and Spanish.

Facilities

The College of Arts and Humanities houses a growing number of facilities in support of the visual and performing arts. Our **Visual Arts** building includes studios for ceramics, sculpture, painting and drawing, and digital arts. The **Todd Madigan Gallery** regularly features exhibitions of student, regional, and international artists, and provides students with curatorial and gallery experience in arts management. The **Doré Theatre** hosts an excellent series of student and faculty performances, in addition to lectures and performances by world-renowned and emerging musicians, scholars, and theatre artists. The black-box **Arena Theatre** offers a more intimate venue for experimental works.

Institutes

The College of Arts and Humanities houses several institutes. The **Institute for Religion, Education, and Public Policy** explores the diversity of religious belief in our area and the intersection between private spiritual practice and public policy. The **Public History Institute** preserves the regional memory of the Southern San Joaquin Valley by collecting and archiving oral histories pertaining to the rich multicultural heritage surrounding the oil and gas industries, agriculture, and the music industry (such as the Bakersfield Sound). Close collaboration with the Walter Stiern Library's **Historical Research Center** ensures students receive hands-on experience with original documents. The **Institute for Basque Studies** examines communities in the Basque Country and the Basque Diaspora, Basque language acquisition, and greater awareness of the Basque presence in the Central Valley.

Executive Advisory Council

In our commitment to engage the community in our mission we welcome the support of the Arts and Humanities Executive Advisory Council, a group of business and non-profit leaders with an appreciation for the importance of CSUB and its beneficial effect on the cultural economy of the region. The Council advises the Dean of the College in matters concerning the interests of the community and advocates for the interests of the College in the community, including its efforts in raising money, developing resources, and placing students in applied experiences such as internships and service learning.

Departments & Programs

Department of Art and Art History

- Art History Minor (<https://catalog.csub.edu/academic-degrees-programs/undergraduate-minors/art-history-minor/>)
- Art Minor (<https://catalog.csub.edu/academic-degrees-programs/undergraduate-minors/art-minor/>)

- Art, BA, emphasis in Art Education (<https://catalog.csusb.edu/academic-degrees-programs/undergraduate-majors/art-ba-emphasis-art-education/>)
- Art, BA, emphasis in Art History (<https://catalog.csusb.edu/academic-degrees-programs/undergraduate-majors/art-ba-emphasis-art-history/>)
- Art, BA, emphasis in Studio Art (<https://catalog.csusb.edu/academic-degrees-programs/undergraduate-majors/art-ba-emphasis-studio-art/>)
- Studio Art Minor (<https://catalog.csusb.edu/academic-degrees-programs/undergraduate-minors/studio-art-minor/>)

Department of Communications

- Communications Minor (<https://catalog.csusb.edu/academic-degrees-programs/undergraduate-minors/communications-minor+/>)
- Communications, BA, Digital Media Concentration (<https://catalog.csusb.edu/academic-degrees-programs/undergraduate-majors/communications-ba-digital-media-concentration/>)
- Communications, BA, Journalism Concentration (<https://catalog.csusb.edu/academic-degrees-programs/undergraduate-majors/communications-ba-journalism-concentration/>)
- Communications, BA, Public Relations Concentration (<https://catalog.csusb.edu/academic-degrees-programs/undergraduate-majors/communications-ba-public-relations-concentration/>)

Department of English

- Children's Literature Minor (<https://catalog.csusb.edu/academic-degrees-programs/undergraduate-minors/childrens-literature-minor/>)
- English Literature Minor (<https://catalog.csusb.edu/academic-degrees-programs/undergraduate-minors/english-literature-minor/>)
- English, BA, Credential Emphasis (<https://catalog.csusb.edu/academic-degrees-programs/undergraduate-majors/english-ba-credential-emphasis/>)
- English, BA, Language and Literature (<https://catalog.csusb.edu/academic-degrees-programs/undergraduate-majors/english-ba-language-literature/>)
- English, MA (<https://catalog.csusb.edu/academic-degrees-programs/graduate-programs/english-ma/>)
- Linguistics Minor (<https://catalog.csusb.edu/academic-degrees-programs/undergraduate-minors/linguistics-minor/>)
- Post-Baccalaureate Certificate in Children's Literature (<https://catalog.csusb.edu/academic-degrees-programs/certificate-programs/post-baccalaureate-certificate-childrens-literature/>)
- Post-Baccalaureate Certificate in Writing (<https://catalog.csusb.edu/academic-degrees-programs/certificate-programs/post-baccalaureate-certificate-writing+/>)

Department of History

- History Minor (<https://catalog.csusb.edu/academic-degrees-programs/undergraduate-minors/history-minor/>)
- History, BA (<https://catalog.csusb.edu/academic-degrees-programs/undergraduate-majors/history-ba/>)
- History, BA, Public History Emphasis (<https://catalog.csusb.edu/academic-degrees-programs/undergraduate-majors/history-ba-public-history-emphasis/>)

- History, BA, Social Science Teaching Concentration (<https://catalog.csusb.edu/academic-degrees-programs/undergraduate-majors/history-ba-concentration-social-science-teaching/>)
- History, MA, Examination Option (<https://catalog.csusb.edu/academic-degrees-programs/graduate-programs/history-ma/>)
- History, MA, Thesis Option (<https://catalog.csusb.edu/academic-degrees-programs/graduate-programs/history-ma-thesis-option/>)

Department of Modern Languages and Literature

Description

The Department of Modern Languages and Literatures at CSUB prepares students to interact and succeed in an increasingly global world. Cultural understanding and second language skills offer distinct advantages to graduates, particularly at a time when cultural, ethnic, and linguistic diversity in society is rapidly increasing. The department offers B.A. and M.A. degrees in Spanish, minors in Spanish, French, and Japanese, and a California Single Subject Credential in Spanish. A Special Major in French is available to interested students.

Goals and Objectives

Goals of the Department of Modern Languages and Literatures are to foster a broader linguistic, literary and cultural understanding of global societies, equip students with skills that are necessary in career fields, and prepare teachers of modern languages with the necessary knowledge and skills for teaching languages and cultures to others. These goals are accomplished by fostering interest in, and understanding of, cultures and peoples, and by developing student proficiency in the fundamental language skills of listening, speaking, reading, and writing in the languages offered.

Welcome to the Department of Modern Languages and Literature at CSUB!

For more information, please click on the following links:

- French Minor (<https://catalog.csusb.edu/academic-degrees-programs/undergraduate-minors/french-minor/>)
- Japanese Minor (<https://catalog.csusb.edu/academic-degrees-programs/undergraduate-minors/japaneseminor/>)
- Spanish Minor (<https://catalog.csusb.edu/academic-degrees-programs/undergraduate-minors/spanish-minor+/>)
- Spanish, BA (<https://catalog.csusb.edu/academic-degrees-programs/undergraduate-majors/spanish-ba/>)
- Spanish, MA (<https://catalog.csusb.edu/academic-degrees-programs/graduate-programs/spanish-ma/>)

Department of Music and Theatre

Mission Statement of the Theatre

The goal of the Theatre Program at California State University, Bakersfield is to develop the skills, craft, knowledge and imagination of its students within a liberal arts context. This broad preparation at the undergraduate level develops a foundation for any theatre specialization. Our aim is to help our students acquire the skills necessary to succeed in their future pursuits. The curriculum includes courses in performance, design/technology, dramatic literature/theatre history, Theatre for Youth, directing and playwriting. An integral part of a student's training is regular participation in our season of theatrical productions. As on-campus performances are open to the public and touring performances reach

thousands of local school children each year, enhancing the quality of life of the community is also a very important part of the Theatre Program's mission.

Program Goals and Objectives

- To prepare students for career opportunities in theatre and related fields.
- To develop skills in cooperation, communication, and collaboration through the theatrical process.
- To develop critical thinking and writing skills through the study of theatre's contribution to civilization.
- To prepare students to work independently in a disciplined and productive manner.
- Music Minor (<https://catalog.csub.edu/academic-degrees-programs/undergraduate-minors/music-minor/>)
- Music, BA, General Music Emphasis (<https://catalog.csub.edu/academic-degrees-programs/undergraduate-majors/music-ba-general-music-emphasis+/>)
- Music, BA, Music Education Emphasis (<https://catalog.csub.edu/academic-degrees-programs/undergraduate-majors/music-ba-music-education-emphasis+/>)
- Theatre for Youth Minor (<https://catalog.csub.edu/academic-degrees-programs/undergraduate-minors/theatre-youth-minor/>)
- Theatre Minor (<https://catalog.csub.edu/academic-degrees-programs/undergraduate-minors/theatre-minor/>)
- Theatre Technology Minor (<https://catalog.csub.edu/academic-degrees-programs/undergraduate-minors/theatre-technology-minor/>)
- Theatre, BA (<https://catalog.csub.edu/academic-degrees-programs/undergraduate-majors/theatre-ba/>)

Department of Philosophy and Religious Studies

- Philosophy Minor (<https://catalog.csub.edu/academic-degrees-programs/undergraduate-minors/philosophy-minor+/>)
- Philosophy, BA (<https://catalog.csub.edu/academic-degrees-programs/undergraduate-majors/philosophy-ba/>)
- Philosophy, BA, Law, Justice, and Social Policy Emphasis (<https://catalog.csub.edu/academic-degrees-programs/undergraduate-majors/philosophy-ba-law-justice-social-policy-emphasis/>)
- Religious Studies Double Major, BA (<https://catalog.csub.edu/academic-degrees-programs/undergraduate-majors/religious-studies-double-major-ba/>)
- Religious Studies Minor (<https://catalog.csub.edu/academic-degrees-programs/undergraduate-minors/religious-studies-minor/>)
- Religious Studies, BA (<https://catalog.csub.edu/academic-degrees-programs/undergraduate-majors/religious-studies-ba/>)