The University of Washington College of Arts and Sciences provides a liberal arts education of tremendous breadth and depth to more than 22,000 students while advancing research and serving as a resource for the community. The College is made up of four academic divisions: art, humanities, natural sciences, and social sciences.

**CORE OF THE UNIVERSITY.** With more than 5,508 undergraduate courses offered in the College of Arts & Sciences annually, students can study everything from art to economics to physics. The College’s extensive academic offerings benefit the entire University community; in fact, 29 percent of all students who take an Arts & Sciences class are pursuing a non-A&S degree.

**CUTTING-EDGE RESEARCH.** From malaria treatment to solar energy to human rights, A&S researchers are tackling many of our society’s most pressing issues. The College is home to more than 30 interdisciplinary centers and has ties to many others, enabling scholars in diverse fields to collaborate on complex research questions. A&S faculty generated more than $107 million in research funds through public and private grants during the most recent fiscal year.

**A REGIONAL ARTS RESOURCE.** All of the University’s arts units are part of the College, including the Schools of Music, Art, and Drama, the Department of Dance, Digital Arts and Experimental Media (DXARTS), the Henry Art Gallery, the Burke Museum, and Meany Center for the Performing Arts. They offer more than 300 performances, exhibits, and public programs annually. Detailed event and ticket information is available at arts.washington.edu.

**INTERNATIONAL EMPHASIS.** The College teaches 60 languages and offers more than 100 study abroad programs in 36 countries, with dedicated centers in Rome, Italy and León, Spain. The Jackson School of International Studies provides interdisciplinary education, leading-edge research, public programs and outreach on all major world areas and critical international issues.

**PARTNERING WITH THE COMMUNITY.** The College has developed dozens of innovative partnerships with the community. These include summer programs for K-12 teachers, guided stargazings at the Jacobsen Observatory, special Meany Center performances for K-12 classes, collaborations with community organizations through project-based courses, and more.

**STUDENTS (Autumn 2020)**

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STELLAR STUDENTS. Arts and Sciences students, among the best in the nation, have had great success competing for major scholarships—including five Rhodes Scholarships since 2000, as well as Marshall, Truman, Udall, Carnegie, Churchill, Boren, Rangel, and Luce scholarships. Since 2015, 8 Arts & Sciences undergraduates have won Goldwater Scholarships and 40 have received Fulbright awards through the Fulbright US Student Program. In 2016, a Department of Mathematics mentored team placed in the top ten in the highly competitive William Lowell Putnam Math Competition; the UW has placed in the top 30 in every Putnam competition since 2013, including three recent years in the top 15. A UW team led by an undergraduate biology major won the 2019 iGEM Best Education and Public Engagement Global Award, and an industrial design student won a 2020 European Product Design Award.

HIGH NATIONAL RANKINGS. Many of the College's programs receive top scores in national rankings. Physics' nuclear physics graduate program¹ and Statistics' graduate program² are ranked fourth in the nation, Psychology's clinical psychology graduate training program is ranked fifth,³ and Chemistry's graduate program in analytical chemistry is ranked sixth.⁴ Speech and Hearing Sciences' graduate program in speech-language pathology is ranked tenth.⁵ The UW is ranked the third best school in the U.S. to get an English degree.⁶ Other Arts & Sciences programs ranking in the top 25 nationally include Applied Mathematics, Chemistry, Physics, Sociology, and Ceramics.⁷ In global rankings, our Social Sciences Division ranked fourth for scientific papers.⁸

PREPARING FUTURE LEADERS. Arts and Sciences alumni have become leaders regionally and nationally in fields ranging from art to physics. Two have received a Nobel Prize. Others have made their mark as elected officials, serving as city council members, state representatives, U.S. representatives, mayors, and governors of the state of Washington. NGOs founded by alumni have improved lives from Colombia to China. Theatres ranging from ACT to the Oregon Shakespeare Festival were created by alumni. Pulitzer Prizes have been bestowed on A&S alumni thirteen times since 1950, including five since 2001.

THE LASTING VALUE OF A LIBERAL ARTS EDUCATION. As society changes with dizzying speed and new technologies replace yesterday's innovations, we need leaders and problem solvers who are informed and mentally nimble, with a global awareness and an appreciation for diverse perspectives. These qualities are the hallmarks of a liberal arts education. In courses ranging from English to art history to political science, College of Arts & Sciences students develop intellectual flexibility and analytical and communication skills that prepare them to evolve with the ever-changing job market. That's why one third of all Fortune 1000 CEOs have an arts and sciences degree, and why employers believe that all students should acquire broad knowledge in the arts and sciences.


ROBERT STACEY, DEAN
ARTS DIVISION
Catherine Cole, Divisional Dean
- Art
- Burke Museum of Natural History and Culture
- Dance
- Digital Arts and Experimental Media
- Drama
- Henry Art Gallery
- Meany Center for the Performing Arts
- Music

HUMANITIES DIVISION
Brian Reed, Divisional Dean
- Asian Languages and Literature
- Classics
- Cinema & Media Studies
- Comparative History of Ideas
- English
- French and Italian Studies
- German Studies
- Linguistics
- Near Eastern Languages and Civilization
- Scandinavian Studies
- Slavic Languages and Literatures
- Spanish and Portuguese Studies

SOCIAL SCIENCES DIVISION
George Lovell, Divisional Dean
- American Ethnic Studies
- American Indian Studies
- Anthropology
- Communication
- Economics
- Gender, Women and Sexuality Studies
- Geography
- History
- Integrated Social Sciences
- Jackson School of International Studies
- Law, Societies, and Justice
- Philosophy
- Political Science
- Sociology

NATURAL SCIENCES DIVISION
Daniel Pollack, Divisional Dean
- Applied Mathematics
- Astronomy
- Biology
- Chemistry
- Mathematics
- Physics
- Psychology
- Speech and Hearing Sciences
- Statistics

The College is also home to more than 30 centers and institutes, including the Center for Human Rights, Center for Labor Studies, Institute for Learning and Brain Sciences, Institute for Nuclear Theory, and Simpson Center for the Humanities.

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