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Welcome to the College of Letters, Arts, and Social Sciences (CLASS), the largest of the four colleges in the university. We comprise 22 academic disciplines. In 2005-06, CLASS enrolled 4,570 full-time-equivalent undergraduate and graduate students, 39% of the University's students. All CSUEB students take courses in CLASS to meet their degree requirements.

## **Undergraduate Programs**

### **Anthropology**

- 70 undergraduate and graduate majors
- Degree offered: B.A., General Anthropology
- Specialization: Biological Anthropology, Prehistory and Archeology, Anthropological Linguistics, Socio-cultural Anthropology

Anthropology explores what it means to be human, looking at human biological, cultural, and social diversity. Students learn about the physical evolution of our species, human prehistory and the fascinating customs of people at home and in far-flung areas of the globe. We offer courses in the four sub-disciplines--biological anthropology, prehistory and archaeology, anthropological linguistics, and socio-cultural anthropology – and we offer an applied emphasis, to enable students to take classroom knowledge and turn it into productive career skills. A Bachelor's degree in Anthropology provides excellent preparation for a wide range of employment possibilities.

### **Art**

- 334 undergraduate majors
- Degrees offered: B.A. and B.F.A.
- Major Options: Graphic Design, Multimedia, Photography, Pictorial Arts (Painting, Drawing, and Printmaking), Spatial Arts (Ceramics, Sculpture), Art Studio, and Art History
- Minors: Art Studio, Art History, Multimedia, Photography

Courses in Art develop students' perceptual skills, their access to the imagination, and their ability to think critically and independently. Our program also fosters a broad awareness of the role of visual arts in society. Instruction in the use of art materials and specific art processes enables students to create original artworks reflecting their evolving vision. We offer excellent facilities, small classes taught by a distinguished faculty, space to work, a guest lecturer series, and field trips to museums, galleries, and artists' studios.

### **Communication**

- 353 undergraduate and graduate majors
- Degree offered: B.A.

Courses in Communication teach skills in critical analysis, writing, speaking, photography, design, and a broad range of production skills required for outstanding performance in business, industry and community-based institutions. Students typically participate as interns in communications-oriented organizations throughout the Bay Area, the world's fourth largest media market. Our distinguished faculty, excellent facilities, cutting edge production laboratories, publications, broadcasts, and lively student organizations provide each student with a broad array of exciting, and highly rewarding, career options.

### **Communicative Sciences and Disorders**

- 149 undergraduate and graduate majors
- Degree offered: B.S., Speech-language Pathologist
- Minor: Speech Pathology and Audiology
- Credential: Clinical Rehabilitative Services Credential in Speech-language Pathology from the California Commission on Teacher Credentialing

The Department of Communicative Sciences and Disorders (CSD) trains students to become speech-language pathologists and, for those choosing advanced study, provides preparation for doctoral study in speech-language pathology and audiology. Speech-language pathologists and audiologists assess and treat persons with speech, language, hearing, and communication disorders. They work in a variety of settings, including hospitals, schools, rehabilitation centers, community clinics, research, and private practice. Students enrolled in the ASHA-accredited graduate program complete a diverse clinical training program that includes two off campus internship experiences, and upon completion, are eligible to apply for the Certificate of Clinical Competence from ASHA, Licensure to practice speech-language pathology from the State of California, and the Clinical Rehabilitative Services Credential in Speech-Language Pathology from the California commission on Teacher Credentialing.

### **Criminal Justice Administration**

- 387 undergraduate majors
- Degree offered: B.A.
- Options: Law Enforcement and Administration, Corrections

The program in Criminal Justice Administration is designed for the academic development of knowledge and understanding of practices, theories, and concepts of justice administration, as well as to prepare students for professional careers in justice administration, law enforcement, corrections, and graduate studies.

### **English**

- 314 undergraduate and graduate majors
- Degree offered: B.A.
- Specialization: British and American Literature, Ethnic and Cultural Minority Literature, Language and Discourse, Creative Writing, Children's Literature, Composition Studies

The Department of English offers a rich array of courses in literature, language, creative writing, and composition and strives to foster in its students an understanding and appreciation of the major works of British and American literature, including works by and about ethnic and cultural minorities and women, of the history and structure of the English language in all its variety, and of the aims and processes of writing, both creative and critical. The goal of all English courses is to help students develop the advanced skills in reading, writing, and critical thinking necessary for successful careers in teaching, publishing, law, administration, and business.

### **Ethnic Studies**

- 16 undergraduate majors
- Degree offered: B.A. in Ethnic Studies; Minors in Ethnic Studies, African American Studies, Asian American Studies, Mexican American/Latino Studies, and Native American Studies
- Options: African American Studies, Asian American Studies, Mexican American/Latino Studies, and Native American Studies

Ethnic Studies is comparative and interdisciplinary in approach and structure, and it has as its focus four core emphases: African American Studies, Asian American Studies, Mexican American/Latino Studies, and Native American Studies. Courses provide students with an inclusive and comprehensive framework for understanding the diversity and complexity of the human experience and prepare students to function as informed, competent, and responsible professionals both at home and abroad. A diverse faculty and internship opportunities provide a unique educational experience.

### **Geography and Environmental Studies**

- 45 undergraduate and graduate majors
- Degrees offered: B.A. in Geography, B.S. in Geography, B.A. in Environmental Studies
- Options: Environmental Studies, Land Use Planning and Management, Physical Environmental Ecology and Life Sciences

The programs in Geography and Environmental Studies explore the spatial distributions and spatial relations within the human-environment system. Attention is focused on historic and contemporary human activities within the context of the physical-biotic and cultural environment, and on humanity as one of the major agents of change of the earth's surface. The curriculum in Geography helps students understand the world's landscape and its transformation by either the earth's natural processes or human modifications.

## History

- 159 undergraduate and graduate majors
- Degree offered: B.A.
- Undergraduate Programs: Major, Minor, History Option in Liberal Studies, Social Science Single Subject Preparation Program

The programs in History develop students' concern for enduring human values and appreciation of diverse peoples and traditions, as well as engage students in a rigorous and compelling understanding of how the past informs the present. Courses emphasize acquisition of knowledge, cultivation of perspective, and development of written and oral communication and critical thinking skills.

## Human Development

- 267 undergraduate majors
- Degree offered: B.A.
- Options: Early Childhood, Childhood, Adolescent Development, Adulthood and Gerontology, Women's Development

Human Development is an interdisciplinary field of academic study that has grown out of more traditional disciplines such as anthropology, biology, linguistics, psychology, and sociology. Majors learn about people's lives from conception and birth through old age and death. In their study of development of consciousness, knowledge, and relationships, they increase their understanding of themselves as well as others in various social groups, cultures, and historical periods.

## Modern Languages and Literatures

- 26 undergraduate Spanish majors
- Degree offered: B.A. in Spanish; Minors: French, German, Italian, American Sign Language, Spanish
- Options: Liberal Studies

Modern Languages and Literatures offers a course of study leading to a Bachelor of Arts degree with a major in Spanish. Academic minors are offered in French, German, Italian, Russian, Sign Language, and Spanish. Elementary courses are offered also in Japanese, Mandarin, and Filipino. All languages and literatures offered in the Department may be part of a Special Major in various areas of studies. The department offers an intensive program in Spanish during the summer quarter, equivalent to one year of study.

## Music

- 142 undergraduate and graduate majors
- Degree offered: B.A.
- Undergraduate Concentrations: Music Performance, Single Subject Waiver Program leading to the Teacher Credential in Music
- Graduate Concentrations: Music Performance, Music History, Music Education

The Music Department's primary goal is to provide students with outstanding musical and educational experiences through a well-rounded curriculum and wide diversity of performance groups. The Music curriculum serves the needs of students who have career goals in performance, education, composition, teaching, or graduate study, as well as those who choose music as an elective.

## Philosophy

- 24 undergraduate majors
- Degree offered: B.A.
- Concentrations: Classical Philosophy, Law, Human Rights and Social Justice, Religious Studies, Science, Technology and Values

Courses in the Philosophy develop students' critical thinking skills and encourage the examination of their own lives and fundamental beliefs, as well as the examination of beliefs to which they are exposed. Majors learn the works of great thinkers in philosophy as well as core areas of philosophy such as ethics and theories of knowledge. They may choose a major that focuses on classical philosophy, or they may choose a thematic focus: Law, Human Rights and Social Justice; Religious Studies; Science, Technology and Values; or another theme (with faculty approval). Instruction in philosophy enables students to speak and write with clarity and precision.

## Political Science

- 190 undergraduate majors
- Degree offered: B.A.
- Options: Pre-Law, Public Affairs and Administration

The B.A. degree program in Political Science provides both a strong background in social science and excellent professional preparation, with three distinct paths to completion, the traditional major and options in pre-law and public affairs and

administration. The department is strong in every aspect of American government (national, state and local institutions, public policy, public law and public administration), as well as in international relations. Political science majors learn to be strong writers, public speakers, and researchers and receive assistance in finding local, state and national internships.

### **Sociology and Social Services**

- 330 undergraduate and graduate majors
- Degree offered: B.A.
- Options: Sociology, Social Services

The Department of Sociology and Social Services is dedicated to providing students with tools and opportunities to critically examine social life, including the full range of social problems. Students learn specifically about the workings of social institutions, patterns of group life, social change, and the social causes and consequences of human behavior. Students acquire a deep understanding of the structure of groups, organizations, and societies – and human interaction within these contexts.

### **Theatre and Dance**

- 46 undergraduate majors
- Degree offered: B.A.
- Options: Acting, Dance, Musical Theatre, Technology and Design, Directing, Theatre and Dance for Children and Community, Theatre History and Literature

The performance-oriented programs in Theatre and Dance offer students unparalleled opportunities to perform in major department productions beginning with their first year. One of the most integrated theatre and dance majors in the state, our program ensures that graduates develop excellent movement skills. Musical Theatre students take a dedicated ensemble class every quarter for two years. Dance students develop significant stage production skills, preparing them for choreography in the contemporary dance world and especially Dance theatre. Since 1990, our students have traveled to such countries as Slovakia, Cyprus, the Czech Republic, Ireland, and Scotland. Our graduates work professionally in technical, design, and teaching positions across the country, including costume, scenery, lighting, production management, stage management, sound, and props. A Theatre Arts degree serves not only as training for a performance career, but also as preparation for business and management positions in a wide range of industries.

## **Programs**

### **International Studies**

- 47 undergraduate majors
- Degree offered: B.A.
- Interdisciplinary Program with specializations in Anthropology, Business and Economics, Geography, History, Political Science
- Most Popular Emphasis: International Business and Economics, Cross-cultural Studies, International Organization and Law
- Community Outreach: International Studies Student Organization, International Student Network

The program in International Studies is designed to meet student needs in a globalizing world. A personalized curriculum, which may include study abroad, second language competency, and local and international internships, leads to career opportunities in the federal government, the foreign service, and international business, education, and law.

### **Latin American Studies**

The Latin American Studies Program offers courses in a range of disciplines (including Spanish language) and the opportunity to participate in exciting programs in Chile, Mexico, and Spain. The major provides excellent preparation for graduate study in the social sciences, international business, law, and humanities.

### **Liberal Studies**

- 773 undergraduate majors
- Degree offered: B.A.

The primary role of the Liberal Studies Program is the preparation of future K-6 teachers. Newly revised requirements dovetail with the current California Commission on Teacher Credential (CCTC) California Subject Exam for Teachers (CSET). The program is also excellent for anyone seeking a broad-based higher education experience.

### **Women's Studies**

- 35 students working on minors
- Program offered: Minor
- Interdisciplinary