College of Arts and Science

COLLEGE MISSION

The Arts and Sciences are the University's primary laboratory for inquiry into human expression; social and cultural systems; and physical, biological, and cognitive processes. Study in the Arts and Sciences helps develop the rigor of the mind—and openness of the mind—that provide the basis for quantitative as well as creative thought; computational, technological, and communicative skills; historical consciousness and ethical perspective; literary understanding and artistic appreciation; international literacy and curiosity; and regard for values unlike one's own. Thus, the areas of study that comprise the Arts and Sciences are foundational to all university education and professional preparedness. Now, as complex ethical, environmental, cultural, economic, and political challenges lay claim to the world's collective attention, it is to the Arts and Sciences that Ohio State—and communities beyond—looks for the skills, knowledge, and imagination to understand and bring solutions to these issues.

The mission of the College of Arts and Sciences is to achieve excellence in research and other creative endeavors, teaching, and service. Excellence in research and scholarship can be measured by attainment of national and international recognition, as evidenced by publications, citations, external funding, presentations, performances, creation of original art, awards, and honors. Excellence in teaching can be measured by the attainment of local, national and international recognition, as evidenced by pedagogical publications, awards, honors, and critical student outcomes. Excellence in service involves making available a high level of professional expertise and experience to the public including the university, the Columbus community, the State of Ohio, and the nation, as well as to scholarly professional organizations.