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Best Practices Mission Statements

College of Arts and Letters

Latin American Studies

The Latin American Studies program promotes an interdisciplinary approach to the study of Latin America, United States-Latin American relations, and the Latin American heritage of the United States. It encourages student learning about Latin America in the humanities, the social sciences, and professional schools. It offers students the opportunity to attain career success using the skills, experiences, and knowledge of area studies and language specialists, while becoming life long learners about the region and its contemporary and historical relations with the United States.

Political Science

The department is committed to the belief that understanding politics is essential to higher education, vital to the maintenance of a free society, and indispensable for democratic citizenship. We provide students with knowledge, skills, and analytical capacities that produce the foundation for lifelong learning, informed civic participation, political leadership, and successful careers, while contributing to society and actively shaping the local and global communities.

College of Business Administration

Management [BS]

The mission of the Management Major is to prepare students for managerial performance, whatever their role, in organizations by supporting their acquisition of behavioral and cognitive skills and knowledge that can enhance their contributions to economy and society. Such skills and knowledge will include current technique and thought in interpersonal skills, enterprise strategy, human resource management, and ethical decision-making.

College of Education

School Psychology

The mission of the School Psychology Program is to prepare school psychologists who integrate educational, psychological and social and cultural foundations with relevant disciplines to create and engender a vision of educational equity in the public schools. These school psychologists design, organize and deliver services to meet the needs of the diverse children, youth, families and communities served by these schools. Their professional effectiveness is enhanced by strong personal, interpersonal, and leadership qualities. They are committed to their own life-long learning and to influencing the professions which serve children, especially culturally and linguistically diverse children, in the schools.

Policy Studies in Language and Crosscultural Education

The mission of the Policy Studies in Language and Cross Cultural Department is to prepare professional bilingual and cross-cultural teachers, administrators and other educators who are



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reflective and transformational practitioners in addressing the needs of ethnically and linguistically diverse learners through collaboration with schools, families and community.

College of Health & Human Resources

Graduate School of Public Health

While each school must define its own mission, it is expected that all schools of public health will be guided by the broad mission of public health, which was defined by Council on Education for Public Health in 1978 as “enhancing health in human populations, through organized community effort”. The mission of the GSPH is based on public health values and principles, an expanding social contract, interdisciplinary education, a strong science foundation, community needs, public accountability, and an assessment of the appropriate role for an academic institution among other health sector institutions.

School of Social Work

The School of Social Work’s mission is to educate students with the knowledge, values, ethics, and skills to become competent and professional generalist, direct service, and administrative practitioners. Working primarily in public and nonprofit agencies, graduates help culturally-diverse individuals, families, organizations, and communities recognize their strengths, access needed resources, and empower themselves to reach their goals and potential.

College of Professional Studies and Fine Arts

Child and Family Development

The Child and Family Development undergraduate and graduate interdisciplinary programs focus on enhancing individual and group development using proactive, preventive and self-correcting strategies. Viewing individual development holistically, the context of families, communities, and the global society are examined across the life span.

Theatre

The Theatre Program is dedicated to providing its students with an understanding of the great legacy of dramatic literature, technical skills as they relate to public performance, training in critical thinking, and the means to express themselves with clarity and grace.

College of Sciences

Biology

The mission of the undergraduate program in biology is to prepare its students to possess the knowledge and skills to pursue further education and careers in the biological sciences, engage in biological scientific inquiry and problem solving, work effectively in collaborative settings, and communicate scientific information clearly.

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Liberal Studies



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The Liberal Studies major prepares future elementary school teachers who are capable of thinking critically, analyzing evidence, and writing clearly and effectively. Graduates develop a rich understanding of the major subject areas – literature, history, mathematics, science, and the visual and performing arts – including how practitioners create and evaluate new knowledge. They learn to identify and to understand the developmental stages of children and to observe, interview, and tutor children effectively in classroom settings.