

# College of Liberal Arts & Sciences

## Programs in the College of Liberal Arts & Sciences

Addictions Counselor Preparation  
 African American Studies  
 Art & Design  
 Art History  
 Biology  
 Interpretive Biology & Natural History  
 Chemistry  
 Communication Studies  
 Computer Print Graphics  
 Computer Information Systems  
 Computer Science  
 Criminal Justice  
 Cultural Anthropology  
 Dance  
 Dental Hygiene Preparation  
 Dentistry Preparation  
 Earth Science  
 Engineering  
 Engineering: Dual Degree Program  
 Collaborative Mechanical Engineering  
 English  
 Environmental Analysis & Planning  
 Environmental Humanities  
 Environmental Policy  
 Ethnobotany  
 Film Studies  
 Fine Arts  
 Foreign Languages & Literature  
 Forestry  
 Geography  
 Graphic Design  
 History  
 Information Technology  
 Journalism  
 Law & Society  
 Law: Bachelors/J.D. Dual Degree Program  
 Law School Preparation  
 Mass Communication  
 Mathematical Sciences  
 Mathematics  
 Medical Technology Preparation  
 Medicine Preparation  
 Music  
 Nursing  
 Nursing Preparation  
 Occupational Therapy Preparation  
 Optometry Preparation  
 Pharmacy Preparation  
 Philosophy  
 Physical Therapy Preparation  
 Physics  
 B.S. Physics/M.S. Applied Physics Dual Degree  
 Political Science  
 Professional Writing  
 Psychology  
 Public Administration  
 Public Relations  
 Social Work  
 Sociology  
 Theatre  
 Urban & Regional Planning  
 Veterinary Medicine Preparation  
 Wildlife & Fisheries  
 Women's Studies

## College of Liberal Arts & Sciences Strategic Plan

### Vision Statement

The College of Liberal Arts and Sciences will be recognized regionally, throughout the state, and nationally for providing excellent disciplinary and interdisciplinary academic programs. Its diverse programs will contribute to the reputation of Frostburg State University as the premier educational and cultural center for the region and for serving as a catalyst for economic development. The college's efforts in undergraduate research and experiential learning will achieve national recognition for providing "real life" experiences for students and for serving as a national model for regional engagement.

### Mission

The mission of the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences (CLAS) is to provide students with a rigorous liberal arts and sciences curriculum grounded in a flexible, broad-based general education program and enriched by the availability of challenging academic majors and minors, graduate programs, interdisciplinary offerings, and other newly evolving programs that are responsive to emerging societal needs.

The college mission is implemented through a diverse, recognized, and credentialed faculty committed to excellence in teaching, learning, scholarship, and creative artistic production.

CLAS fulfills its mission by preparing future leaders to enter a complex changing global society with competence and confidence.

### Core Values

1. We value a high standard of excellence in teaching, service, research, and other professional endeavors.
2. We value a stimulating, collaborative, and supportive setting for students, faculty, staff, and administrators characterized by creativity, innovation, and excellence.
3. We value lifelong learning and professional development for students, faculty, staff, and administrators.
4. We value an atmosphere of mutual respect and support, which promotes open sharing of ideas and viewpoints and debate of issues and concerns.
5. We value high standards of ethics, integrity, responsibility, and accountability.
6. We value the active participation of stakeholders in the planning and development of programs.
7. We value diversity.
8. We value interdisciplinary collaboration.
9. We value assessment as a mechanism for continuous improvement.
10. We value nimble response to change.

### Fundamental Assumptions

1. Teaching methodologies, strategies, curricula, and classroom architecture must be informed by research on the science of learning.
2. In an environment accelerating change, FSU must be responsive to emerging needs of society.
3. A pattern of continuously diminishing state resources for public higher education has developed nationally.
4. New or expanded programs will be supported by reallocation of existing resources or through external funding.
5. Following the Board of Regents initiative, FSU will continue to improve effectiveness and efficiency.
6. Collaboration across programs, departments, divisions, and colleges can lead to enhanced student learning and improved effectiveness and efficiency.
7. Growth of FSU student population will continue but not uniformly across colleges or departments.
8. Faculty development is critical to achieving educational objectives.
9. CLAS will increase its support of economic development throughout the region.

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