

SCHOOL OF HUMANITIES AND SOCIAL SCIENCES

Mission

The mission of the School of Humanities and Social Sciences (<https://www.biola.edu/humanities/>) is to foster biblically-centered study of the fabric of human experience in order to cultivate the wisdom, compassion, and skill that the next generation will need to faithfully love God and neighbor across a wide array of vocations.

Overview

Home to some of Biola's longest-standing and innovative liberal arts programs as well as Biola's Torrey Honors College (<https://www.biola.edu/torrey/>), the School of Humanities and Social Sciences cultivates serious consideration of both urgent and perennial human concerns. With programs in Modern Languages, English Writing, English Literature, Philosophy, Sociology, Political Science, and History, the School of Humanities and Social Sciences equips students who aspire to a spectrum of careers: law, social work, education, journalism, government, translation and interpretation, the church, urban planning, the arts and more.

Faculty

Dean

Melissa Johnson, Ph.D.

English Faculty

Chair: Shelley Garcia, Ph.D.

Professors: Buchanan, Davidson, Kleist, Malandra, Park

Associate Professors: Garcia, Hashimov, Vidrine-Isbell, Wang, Williamson

Assistant Professors: Mauzey, Watson

Instructor: Alura

History Faculty

Chair: Darin Lenz, Ph.D.

Professors: Dewey, Lenz

Modern Languages Faculty

Chair: Julianne Bryant, Ph.D.

Professors: Velazquez

Associate Professors: Bryant, Meduri

Philosophy Faculty

Chair: Kent Dunnington, Ph.D.

Professors: Crisp, Dunnington, Ten Elshof

Political Science Faculty

Chair: Scott Waller, Ph.D.

Professor: Guerra

Associate Professor: Waller

Sociology Faculty

Chair: Brad Christerson, Ph.D.

Professors: Christerson

Associate Professor: Johnson

Torrey Honors College Faculty

Director: Paul Spears, Ph.D.

Associate Director: Janelle Aijian, Ph.D.

Professors: Jenson, Peters, Sanders

Associate Professors: Aijian, Henderson, Johnson, Kim, Makin, Smith, Spears, Thompson, Van Hook, Vincent, Wilson, Wright

Assistant Professor: Blois

Programs

Programs Offered

Undergraduate

- English, B.A. (<http://catalog.biola.edu/shss/ENGL-ba/>)
- History, B.A. (<http://catalog.biola.edu/shss/HIST-ba/>)
- Philosophy, B.A. (<http://catalog.biola.edu/shss/PHIL-ba/>)
- Political Science, B.A. (<http://catalog.biola.edu/shss/POSC-ba/>)
- Sociology, B.A. (<http://catalog.biola.edu/shss/SOCI-ba/>)
- Spanish, B.A. (<http://catalog.biola.edu/shss/SPAN-ba/>)
- English Minor (<http://catalog.biola.edu/shss/ENGL-minor/>)
- Gender Studies Minor (<http://catalog.biola.edu/shss/GNDR-minor/>)
- History Minor (<http://catalog.biola.edu/shss/HIST-minor/>)
- International Relations Minor (<http://catalog.biola.edu/shss/INRL-minor/>)
- Middle East Studies Minor (<http://catalog.biola.edu/shss/INME-minor/>)
- Philosophy Minor (<http://catalog.biola.edu/shss/PHIL-minor/>)
- Political Science Minor (<http://catalog.biola.edu/shss/POSC-minor/>)
- Pre-Law Minor (<http://catalog.biola.edu/shss/PLAW-minor/>)
- Public Administration Minor (<http://catalog.biola.edu/shss/PADM-minor/>)
- Social Work Minor (<http://catalog.biola.edu/shss/SOWK-minor/>)
- Sociology Minor (<http://catalog.biola.edu/shss/SOCI-minor/>)
- Spanish Minor (<http://catalog.biola.edu/shss/SPAN-minor/>)
- Torrey Honors College (<http://catalog.biola.edu/torrey/#overviewtext>)

Courses

Course Descriptions

Undergraduate

- American Sign Language (ASLG) (<http://catalog.biola.edu/shss/courses/ASLG/>)
- Arabic (ARAB) (<http://catalog.biola.edu/shss/courses/ARAB/>)
- English (ENGL) (<http://catalog.biola.edu/shss/courses/ENGL/>)
- French (FREN) (<http://catalog.biola.edu/shss/courses/FREN/>)
- German (GRMN) (<http://catalog.biola.edu/shss/courses/GRMN/>)
- History (HIST) (<http://catalog.biola.edu/shss/courses/HIST/>)
- Interdisciplinary Studies (ITDS) (<http://catalog.biola.edu/shss/courses/ITDS/>)
- Philosophy (PHIL) (<http://catalog.biola.edu/shss/courses/PHIL/>)
- Political Science (POSC) (<http://catalog.biola.edu/shss/courses/POSC/>)
- Russian (RUSS) (<http://catalog.biola.edu/shss/courses/RUSS/>)

- Sociology (SOCI) (<http://catalog.biola.edu/shss/courses/SOCI/>)
- Spanish (SPAN) (<http://catalog.biola.edu/shss/courses/SPAN/>)
- Torrey Honors College (HNRS) (<http://catalog.biola.edu/torrey/#coursestext>)