

# 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>)