

SCHOOL OF HUMANITIES AND SOCIAL SCIENCES

Mission

The mission of the School of Humanities and Social Sciences 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 liberal arts and most innovative programs as well as Biola's prestigious Torrey Honors Institute, the School of Humanities and Social Sciences is the place for great conversation about both urgent and perennial human concerns. With programs in Modern Languages, English Writing, English Literature, Philosophy, Sociology, Political Science, History, and a program in Interdisciplinary Studies, 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 Schubert, Ph.D.

English Faculty

Chair: Christopher Davidson, M.F.A.

Professors: Buchanan, Kleist, Malandra

Associate Professors: Adams, Davidson, Garcia, Hashimov, Park, Vidrine-Isbell, Wang, Williamson

History Faculty

Interim Chair: Melissa Schubert, Ph.D.

Associate Professors: Christensen, Dewey, Lim, Wamagatta

Interdisciplinary Studies Faculty

Chair: Aaron Adams, D.Phil.

Modern Languages Faculty

Chair: Julianne Bryant, Ph.D.

Associate Professors: Bryant, Hernandez, Reyes, Velazquez

Philosophy Faculty

Chair: Kent Dunnington, Ph.D.

Professors: Crisp, Dunnington, Ten Elshof

Associate Professors: Ciochetti

Political Science Faculty

Chair: Darren P. Guerra, Ph.D.

Associate Professors: Guerra, Waller

Sociology Faculty

Chair: Stephanie Chan, Ph.D.

Professors: Christerson

Associate Professors: Chan, Johnson, Yuen

Assistant Professors: Hill-Joseph

Torrey Honors Institute Faculty

Director: Paul Spears, Ph.D.

Professors: Peters, Sanders

Associate Professors: Aijian, Henderson, Jenson, Johnson, Kim, Smith, Thompson, Vincent, Wright

Assistant Professors: Beary, Makin, Wilson

Programs

Programs Offered

Undergraduate

- English, B.A. (<http://catalog.biola.edu/shss/ENGL-ba/>)
- History, B.A. (<http://catalog.biola.edu/shss/HIST-ba/>)
- Interdisciplinary Studies, B.A. (<http://catalog.biola.edu/shss/ITDS-ba/>)
- Interdisciplinary Studies, B.S. (<http://catalog.biola.edu/shss/ITPS-bs/>)
- 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 Institute (<http://catalog.biola.edu/shss/torrey/>)

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/>)
- Geography (HGEO) (<http://catalog.biola.edu/shss/courses/HGEO/>)
- 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 (SOCL) (<http://catalog.biola.edu/shss/courses/SOCL/>)
- Spanish (SPAN) (<http://catalog.biola.edu/shss/courses/SPAN/>)
- Torrey Honors Institute (HNRS) (<http://catalog.biola.edu/shss/courses/HNRS/>)