College of Arts & Sciences
“One of my favorite professors is Dr. Brian Martin Murphy. He is someone who really portrays the university’s emphasis on social justice. In his Media Investigation class, we’re focusing on Africa; my group is researching land mine recovery and education. It has really broadened my view of the world and makes me think about how we can provide solutions to problems.”

EMILY SHUART,
COMMUNICATION STUDIES MAJOR
FROM HAMPTON, VA.
The college offers 25 majors and is constantly expanding its offerings to meet student interest and job trends (among our newest programs are a major in liberal arts and minors in Latin-American studies, dance, theater design technology, and writing studies). With so many interesting programs, many arts and sciences students find it hard to choose just one. That may be why almost 70 percent graduate with a double major and/or a minor.

Among the Class of 2005, 47 percent of arts and sciences majors were attending graduate school within six months of graduation — that’s nearly twice the national average.
Hands-on learning yields big results. Forty percent of arts and sciences students in the Class of 2007 conducted research with a faculty member and 41 percent completed an internship or co-op.

Experiences like these lead our graduates to great jobs as well as graduate-school acceptances at Harvard, Yale, Notre Dame, Cornell, Stanford, University of Rochester, Columbia, and others. From biology to psychology, criminal justice to communication studies, you'll gain real-life experience in every program in the College of Arts & Sciences. Opportunities include:

- **Research.** Arts and sciences students collaborate on research projects not only with experienced faculty members but also with prestigious institutions such as the Roswell Park Cancer Institute. Their projects are supported by grants from the National Institutes of...

Serious Science. In Niagara's science laboratories, students use the same equipment they'll find in graduate-school labs and on the job, including:
- Nuclear magnetic resonance spectrophotometer
- Ultraviolet-visible spectrophotometer
- Gas and liquid chromatographs
- Silicon Graphics workstation with SYBYL® molecular modeling program
- Differential scanning calorimeter
- Thermogravimetric analyzer

More than 90 percent of students in the College of Arts & Sciences rate the...
Health and the National Science Foundation as well as the university’s Fund for Student Research. Students present their work at Niagara’s annual Undergraduate Research Conference and at a variety of professional conferences across the nation.

- **PERFORMING ARTS.**
  The Niagara theater department stages more than a dozen productions every year, giving ample opportunity for theater majors and aficionados alike not only to perform but also to land substantive roles that stand out on a résumé.

- **SERVICE LEARNING.**
  Many courses in the arts and sciences are designed so that students can put their knowledge into action in the community. Dr. Kevin Blair’s social work students, for example, assist Niagara County in an annual survey of the homeless, including conducting a statistical analysis of the data, which the county uses to apply for federal funding.

- **STUDY ABROAD.**
  Through the university’s membership in the Consortium for International Studies, we offer 80 study-abroad programs in 30 countries. Language students may travel to France, Mexico, and Spain; theater and communication studies students to London; and social work majors to Australia, just to name a few of the options.

- **HONORS.**
  Students from all areas of the university participate in this selective program. Honors students take a minimum of five honors courses, including a two-semester honors thesis in their departmental major.

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**List of Majors**

- Biochemistry
- Bioinformatics
- Biology
- Bioinformatics
- Biotechnology
- Environmental Studies
- Chemistry: BA/BS
- Computational Chemistry
- Environmental Studies
- Communication Studies
- Computer & Information Sciences
- Criminal Justice
- English
- French
- History
- International Studies
- Liberal Arts
- Life Sciences
- Mathematics: BA/BS
- Nursing: BS completion for RNs
- Philosophy
- Political Science
- Environmental Studies
- Psychology
- Religious Studies
- Social Sciences
- Social Work
- Sociology
- Spanish
- Theater Studies
- Design Technology
- General Performance

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**List of Minors**

- Actuarial Science
- Art History
- Biology
- Black Family Studies
- Catholic Studies
- Chemistry
- Communication Studies
- Computer Crime
- Computer and Information Sciences
- Criminology and Criminal Justice
- Dance
- Design Technology
- English
- Environmental Studies
- Fine Arts
- Fraud Examination & Economic Crime
- French
- Gerontology

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- History
- International Studies
- Italian Studies
- Justice and Peace Studies
- Latin American Studies
- Law and Jurisprudence
- Mathematics
- Military Science
- Natural Science
- Philosophy
- Political Science
- Psychology
- Religious Studies
- Scientific Computing
- Social Sciences
- Social Work
- Sociology
- Spanish
- Statistics
- Studio Arts
- Theater Studies
- Women's Studies
- Writing Studies

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Imagine yourself spending a semester with:

KENNETH CULTON, a sociology professor whose research study “DiY Punk on Long Island: On the
Development of Activist Identities,” led him to create a course called “Youth/Music/Subculture,” which explores where culture is created and how young people develop political orientations.

DONNA FISHER-THOMPSON, a psychology professor who created the Infant Lab so that she and her students can study a variety of topics related to perceptual development during infancy.

TIMOTHY IRELAND, criminal justice professor and an award-winning scholar who is currently conducting research on violence in public housing, childhood victimization, and building and testing theories of crime.

MARY MCCOURT, a chemistry professor who involves students in her work researching new drug-delivery systems, for which she has a patent pending.

Who will teach you. Professors, mentors, collaborators, friends. That’s who you will find among the faculty members in the College of Arts & Sciences. They are nationally recognized scholars and researchers.

Niagara’s arts and sciences students have recently completed internships and co-ops with companies and organizations including:

- Buffalo Sabres Media Relations
- American Red Cross
- M&T Bank
- Music is Art Foundation
- New York State Assembly
- City of Niagara Falls Department of Economic Development
- Niagara Falls Police Department, Intelligence Unit
- Salvation Army
- Shea’s Performing Arts Center
- U.S. Attorney’s Office
- U.S. Border Patrol
- WROC-TV Rochester

Last year, Niagara’s arts and sciences faculty members gave 151 professional in professional journals, and were awarded more than
Niagara University: Just the Facts

STATUS: Niagara University is a private, Catholic coeducational liberal arts university founded in 1856 by the Vincentian community.

ENROLLMENT: More than 2,900 undergraduates and 900 graduate students.

AVERAGE CLASS SIZE: Approximately 25

STUDENT-TO-FACULTY RATIO: 14:1

FACULTY: More than 95 percent of Niagara professors have earned the highest degrees in their fields.

ACADEMIC ENRICHMENT: Established honors and study-abroad programs, active internship and co-op programs, and opportunities to conduct research either individually or with a faculty member.

RECOGNITIONS: U.S. News and World Report ranks Niagara University in the category “Best University-Master’s” in the North. The Princeton Review chose Niagara as one of its select colleges and universities in the Northeast (see our profile in the 2008 edition of “The Best Northeastern Colleges”). The university is also one of only approximately 250 institutions nationwide selected as a member of the Colleges of Distinction.

CAMPUS: 160 acres in suburban Lewiston, N.Y., four minutes from scenic Niagara Falls, 20 minutes from Buffalo, and an hour and a half from Toronto.

STUDENT LIFE: 80+ student clubs, including student government and Greek organizations, plus a very active intramural sports program and a student-run Campus Programming Board.

STUDENT HOUSING: On-campus housing is available for all four years in our traditional residence halls or student apartment complexes.

ATHLETICS: Niagara fields eight men’s and nine women’s varsity NCAA Division I sports teams that compete in the Metro Atlantic Athletic Conference and the College Hockey America conference. We also offer very active club and intramural sports programs.
We encourage students to develop an interdisciplinary outlook in their studies. You can create your own major by combining courses from two or three different majors.

Learn more about how Niagara’s College of Arts and Sciences can make a difference in your education.