

COLLEGE OF  
**ARTS & HUMANITIES**

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 MINNESOTA STATE UNIVERSITY MANKATO

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MUSIC • PHILOSOPHY • THEATRE & DANCE • WORLD LANGUAGES & CULTURES

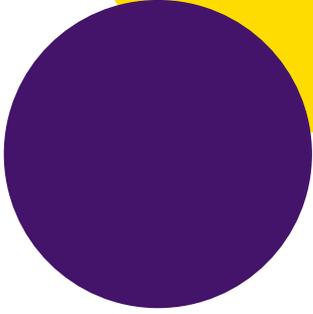
**CONNECT THE  
DOTS**

# WELCOME

The College of Arts and Humanities at Minnesota State University, Mankato, offers more than 70 degree and certificate programs. Graduates from our college advance into the professional workplace in a wide variety of innovative careers.

Today's workplace requires employees to be flexible and adaptable. Employers value our graduates because College of Arts and Humanities students develop strong critical thinking skills and they excel at both creativity and communication.

Our instructors present engaging learning opportunities and we encourage students to explore diverse paths as they advance through their higher education experience. We are here to spark productivity, ignite imagination, and inspire analytical reasoning.



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# FACULTY

The College of Arts and Humanities is filled with published authors, nationally recognized instructors, and commissioned artists. Learn from Fulbright Scholars and leaders of national organizations, as well as national and international performers and lecturers. Study here in the College of Arts and Humanities and connect with faculty who will help launch your future success.



# FIND YOUR SPACE

Are you the creative type looking to learn outside of the classroom? College of Arts and Humanities learning takes place in the classroom as well as in the theater, orchestra pit, art studio, and in the computer lab. Our creative courses use specialized computer software to produce movies, ads, posters, books, magazines, websites, songs, online technical help systems, and more.



# CONNECT YOUR DOTS

A College of Arts and Humanities degree is the first step in creating your successful professional career. Our courses provide a strong foundation to expand your creative talents. Collaborate with other students and faculty or blaze your own trail.

Faculty experts within each department carefully reviewed the skills and careers in this document. As you begin to explore your skills and areas of interest, remember that your career prospects may include far more than the small sampling listed within these pages. Since the workplace evolves rapidly, it is entirely possible your future career may not yet exist! We encourage students to think of the College of Arts and Humanities as the first dot of their career path.

# WHAT DO YOU LOVE TO DO?

## CREATE

- Art
- Film & Media Studies
- Mass Media
- Music

## DESIGN

- Art
- Film & Media Studies
- Mass Media
- Theatre & Dance

## PRODUCE

- Film & Media Studies
- Mass Media
- Theatre & Dance

## PERFORM

- Music
- Theatre & Dance

## MANAGE

- Communication Studies
- Mass Media
- Music
- World Languages & Cultures

# RESEARCH

- Communication Studies
- English
- Philosophy

# SPEAK

- Communication Studies
- Philosophy
- Theatre & Dance
- World Languages & Cultures

# ANALYZE

- Art
- Communication Studies
- English
- Film & Media Studies
- Philosophy

# WRITE

- English
- Philosophy
- World Languages & Cultures

# TEACH

- Art
- English
- Music
- World Languages & Cultures

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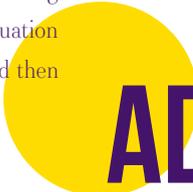
# ADVISING OFFICE

Academic advising is key to student success! The Arts and Humanities College Advising Office helps to ease the transition to college life by striving to make sure students feel comfortable on campus and helping them develop the confidence to achieve their goals. We offer academic advising to all students pursuing majors or minors within the College.

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You will find us with you every step of the way. Meet us at orientation while you select your first semester courses. We help you plan both general education and prerequisite courses each semester. We'll also be here if you decide to switch your major or minor. If you are having academic difficulty, we can help with that too. Finally, when graduation comes, we can help guide you through the application process and then celebrate your success!

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## ADVISE

- Declaring major/minor
- General education
- Major prerequisite coursework

# Arts & Humanities College Advising Office

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[mnsu.edu/carts](http://mnsu.edu/carts)

**CONTACT**

## **GUIDE**

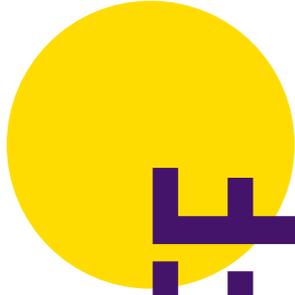
- Graduation process
- Major exploration
- Minor consideration

## **SUPPORT**

- Academic difficulty
- Campus resources
- Undergraduate students

## **CONNECT**

- Academic advising
- Admissions Open House events
- First Year advising
- Orientation



# DEGREE OPTIONS

# ASSOCIATE OF ARTS

The AA is a two-year degree that encompasses the breadth of knowledge gained from the general education curriculum.

# BACHELOR OF ARTS & BACHELOR OF SCIENCE

BA and BS are four-year degrees of equal value offering in-depth knowledge of a particular field of study. Both degrees sharpen written and verbal communication skills and strengthen critical thinking. These degrees foster an understanding of cultural contexts, values, and ethics that contribute to personal development as well as career advancement. Students should meet with an advisor about which degree best suits their goals.

# BACHELOR OF FINE ARTS

A BFA has additional course requirements and is considered a four-year undergraduate professional degree. Students in this degree option take additional hands-on courses in their chosen field.

# TEACHING LICENSURE

If teaching in K-12 or community education is in your future, select a BS degree with a teaching licensure track. Teaching at the college level most often requires an MA degree.

# MASTER OF ARTS

Students with a four-year degree may take advanced courses in a particular field of study to earn an MA degree.

# ART

The Department of Art offers learning opportunities in a creative and collaborative community of artists and scholars. Our strength is intertwining programs to provide a solid design foundation for a lifetime of artistic and creative growth. Examine, transform, and communicate both the individual and combined human experiences into visual form.

Join the dynamic graphic design industry as a designer, producer, account executive, or archivist. Maintain a studio, curate at a museum or gallery, or create commissioned art pieces with your studio art degree. Share your artistic vision by exhibiting your work, teaching future generations, or by consulting with news and pop culture outlets.

## CREATE

- Community arts coordinator
- Graphic designer
- Illustrator
- Photographer
- Professional fine artist
- Web or UI designer

## ANALYZE

- Art critic
- Art historian
- Cultural commentator
- Curator
- Gallery manager

# DEGREES

BA/BS Art History

BS Art Education

BFA Studio

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# TEACH

- Art therapist
- Community arts educator
- Museum educator
- Teacher (K-12, college, university)
- Visiting artist

# DESIGN

- Art director
- Graphic designer
- Production artist
- Typographer
- Web designer

# COMMUNICATION STUDIES

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## RESEARCH

- Business manager
- Corporate trainer
- Political staffer
- Teacher (K-12, college, university)

## SPEAK

- Community center educator
- Lawyer
- Public service advocate
- Regional or national sales representative
- Speech coach

## MANAGE

- College student affairs professional
- Community center educator
- Event planner
- Non-profit leader

## ANALYZE

- Business manager
- Corporate trainer
- Legal professional
- Public service advocate
- Teacher (K-12, college, university, private tutor)

Communication Studies students explore the complex ways people produce meaning through interaction and symbolic expression. Learning emphasizes ethical communication, critical thinking, civic engagement, and understanding the role cultural diversity plays in all forms of communication. Coursework covers three broad and overlapping areas of communication: skills, analysis, and research.

The degree prepares students for a variety of jobs and vocations, and provides a foundation for success in many careers. Professional work can include sales, event planning, public relations, training and development, as well as a variety of positions in non-profit organizations. The degree prepares students for graduate programs in many higher education roles as well as law degrees.

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## BS Communication Studies

## BS Teaching (combined with English)

“THIS PROGRAM HAS BEEN ‘HARD’ IN THE SENSE THAT IT HAS  
**REALLY CHALLENGED ME**

TO THINK OUTSIDE THE BOX,

TO

**CONSIDER**

THE WAY I VIEW THE WORLD,

TO

**THINK**

ABOUT WHO I WANT TO BE IN SOCIETY.

SO, NO, IT HASN'T BEEN EASY,

BUT IT'S BEEN

**THE BEST THING**

**FOR ME.”**

Jordan Diaz

Communication Studies major, Corrections minor

Senior



**Devon Flohrs**  
Graphic Design major  
Senior

“I always thought getting a major within Art would lead to a career with little to no pay, but through my experience at MSU, Mankato, I realized this myth couldn’t be farther from the truth. There are so many opportunities out in the world to apply the lessons you learn within this creative major. Graphic Design is a growing industry, one where I can make a living and have a great time in the process.”



**Matthew McGreavy**  
Communication Studies major,  
Marketing minor  
Senior

“Life will not always allow you to pick and choose who you work with, or even what you work on. I truly felt that the Communication Studies Department prepared me for working efficiently with others, despite the ever-changing projects, tasks, and environments involved.”

# ENGLISH

## ANALYZE

- Arts administrator
- Document or UX designer
- Editor or publisher
- Public relations or advertising manager

## TEACH

- ESL teacher or tutor
- Library services
- Teacher (K-12, college, university, private tutor)

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Students in English study writing, language, and literature from both artistic and practical perspectives. The English Department is a diverse community providing education and training for future professionals in creative writing, education, humanities, literature, and technical communication.

English majors are skilled in writing, reading, and research. They are resourceful and creative, they define and manage projects, and they work independently. As a result, they find employment in many different careers that rely on strong reading and writing skills. Examples include writing, editing, journalism, corporate communications, publishing, teaching, marketing and advertising, public relations, website or system design, law, and more.

# WRITE

- Author (fiction, nonfiction, poetry, screenwriting)
- Critic or reviewer
- Proposal or grant writer
- Public policy or editorial writer
- Technical, scientific, or business writer

BA/BS/BFA Writing

BS English Education

Licensure for Middle School  
Communication Arts & Literature

BA Literature

BA English Studies

BS Technical Communication

BA Humanities

# RESEARCH

- Academic research and scholarship
- Consultant or project manager
- Legal professional
- Medical professional

# DEGREES

# FILM & MEDIA STUDIES

## CREATE

- Cinematographer for film or television
- Film commissioner
- Film editor
- Film maker

## PRODUCE

- Media planner
- Multimedia specialist
- Public relations officer
- Social media manager

## DESIGN

- Audio/visual designer
- Film distributor
- Videographer

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Students in Film and Media Studies look at all aspects of media, including: technical, creative, aesthetic, historical, theoretical and cultural perspectives.

Film and Media Studies students are skilled in audio/visual production, writing, research, and analyzing. As a result, students are prepared for careers as communicators, innovative creators of film and other media texts, and they are competent professionals in such fields as news, public relations, film production and other-media related fields. The degree also prepares students for graduate work in film and media studies.

# ANALYZE

- Film archivist
- Film critic
- Program researcher

BA Film & Media Studies

# DEGREE

# MASS MEDIA

Foster the public good by advancing socially responsible mass media through education, research, and service. The Mass Media Department offers a dynamic environment to learn about demanding, fast-paced careers from working professional talent.

Professional prospects in Mass Media are more than the traditional newspaper editor and journalist jobs. Research, write, edit, and produce in-depth reports for radio, television, blogs, or social media. Gain hands-on experience in public relations, journalism, and website administration through both the campus newspaper (MSU Reporter) and independent campus radio station (KMSU).

## DEGREE

BA/BS Mass Media

# CREATE

- Author
- Journalist
- Photographer

# PRODUCE

- Blogger or vlogger
- News or media producer
- Public relations or corporate spokesperson
- Television news producer
- Web content editor

# MANAGE

- Corporate spokesperson or personal agent
- News or media director
- News or media editor
- News or media publisher
- Public relations or advertising manager

# DESIGN

- Advertising director
- Editorial assistant
- Web content writer



“I wasn’t sure about my major when I first started school, but going to some English classes really made me feel like I belong there. I’m very passionate about it and I’m so excited to learn more. So I think it’s very important to love what you’re doing. Some of the assignments might not be the easiest, but the class/major as a whole should be exciting for you.”

**Alejandra Soria**

English Literature major  
First Year Student



“I would strongly advise you to be diligent in your studies but also understand the importance of hands-on experience. Seek guidance and take the initiative to INTERN, INTERN, INTERN. I can’t stress it enough.”

**Erika Laughlin**

Mass Media major  
Business Law minor  
Alumni



“One thing that has surprised me is all the benefits of studying another language whether it be study abroad or just joining a Spanish club and making more friends!”

**Oscar Andrade Lara**

Spanish Education major  
First Year Student

“BE **FEARLESS.**

ANYTHING IS POSSIBLE IF YOU WANT IT ENOUGH.

**TALK**

TO THE OTHER ARTISTS AROUND YOU,

**EXCHANGE IDEAS,**

**KEEP YOUR MIND OPEN, AND REALLY**

Hannah Supan

Ceramics major, Biology minor  
Sophomore

**BASK**

IN NEW EXPERIENCES.”

# MUSIC

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BA Music

BA Music Performance

BS Music Education

BS Music Industry – Music Business

BS Music Industry – Song Writing

BS Music Industry – Audio Production

DEGREES

## CREATE

- Film or television composer
- Jingle composer
- Music software developer
- Songwriter
- Video game composer

## TEACH

- College music professor
- K-12 music teacher
- Private studio music teacher



The Music Department is passionate about educating the people who make music happen. Reach beyond expectation, both creatively and academically, and gain hands-on experience in professional settings. Find your passion creating music, performing on stage, managing behind-the-scenes business details, or educating the next generation.

Careers in music include producing, managing, and booking musical acts. Perform in professional orchestras, ensembles, or bands, or be a studio musician. Write music or score film and multimedia projects. Share your love for music with the next generation through teaching, music therapy, and through managing community choirs, bands, or orchestras.



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# PERFORM

- Community music leader
  - Church, theater, arts organizations
- Conductor
- Professional musician
  - Classical, commercial, studio



# MANAGE

- Album producer
- Arts management
- Concert hall manager
- Music administrator
- Talent agent
- Tour manager

# PHILOSOPHY

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Ever wonder what knowledge is or wonder about the relationship between the mind and the world? The study of philosophy works to clarify thinking about questions of fundamental importance, and to improve justification for given answers. The Department of Philosophy aims to promote student development as independent and critical thinkers and we guide students in their reflective engagement.

Philosophy is a preferred pre-law and pre-medicine major because it develops strong analytic and critical thinking skills. These transferrable skills are essential in other professions, such as information technology, journalism, banking, counseling, non-profit leadership, real estate, law, marketing, consulting, and business leadership.

## WRITE

- Business manager
- Community organizer
- Government official
- IT professional
- Journalist

# ANALYZE

- Banker
- Government official
- IT professional
- Lawyer
- Medical doctor

# RESEARCH

- Business manager
- Journalist
- Medical doctor
- Public policy analyst

# SPEAK

- Diplomat or consultant
- Lawyer
- Teacher (K-12, college, university, private tutor)
- Regional or national sales representative

# DEGREES

- BA/BS Philosophy
- BA/BS Philosophy, Politics and Economics
- BS Cognitive Science

# THEATRE & DANCE

The Department of Theatre and Dance at Minnesota State University, Mankato, offers an extensive array of classes and training showcased in an intense production schedule of seventeen fully mounted shows each year. Our state-of-the-art-facilities, including one proscenium and one large black box theatre, are supported by over 40,000 patrons per year.

Theatre skills of acting, directing, management, design, and crafts, are applicable to the entire entertainment industry, including theatre, film, television, radio, etc. As a communication art form, theatre skills are immediately transferable to sales, personal management, public relations, and anything involving interpersonal communication. Dance alumni work professionally as dancers, choreographers, teachers, therapists, and producers.

## SPEAK

- Interpersonal communication specialist
- Lawyer or advocate
- Public relations or media director
- Salesperson or sales manager
- Teacher (K-12, college, university, private tutor)

## DESIGN

- Builder
- Choreographer
- Designer (sets, costumes, lights, sound)
- Public relations or advertising manager

# DEGREES

BA/BS Theatre Arts (Generalist)

BA/BS Dance

BS Dance Education (K-12)

BFA Acting

BFA Musical Theatre

BFA Design/Technology

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## PRODUCE

- Arts administrator
- Business manager
- Consultant or project manager
- Efficiency consultant
- Theatre or dance producer

## PERFORM

- Actor (stage, voice, screen, all media)
- Communication specialist
- Dance or movement professional
- Performance artist
- Singer or dancer

# WORLD LANGUAGES & CULTURES

BA/BS French, German, Spanish

BS French Ed, German Ed, Spanish Ed

BA Scandinavian Studies

BS Spanish for the Professionals

Proficiency in another language opens doors to opportunities in the liberal arts and many professional fields. Students acquire knowledge and skills in global citizenship, diversity, and critical thinking with local and worldwide relevance. We offer a wide range of study-abroad opportunities to enhance the learning experience.

A second language is an invaluable asset in business, healthcare, government, research, teaching, publishing, translation/interpretation, and in the performing arts. Understanding a language and the cultures in which it is spoken is critical to the preservation and growth of our cultural, economic, and political ties with other countries.

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## DEGREES

# TEACH

- Teacher (Immersion school, private tutor)
- Teacher (K-12, college, university)
- Teacher ESL abroad or stateside

# WRITE

- Author
- Corporate trainer
- Publisher
- Translator

# SPEAK

- Diplomat or consultant
- Import and export translator
- Interpreter
- Public relations or corporate spokesperson
- Tour guide
- Study abroad coordinator

# MANAGE

- Airline or travel industry consultant
- Entrepreneur or NGO manager
- Hospitality management professional
- International business relations manager
- Public relations professional



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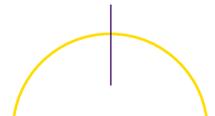
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