

The College of Arts and Sciences is at the heart of the Boston University experience. Providing instruction in the liberal arts to all of the University's undergraduate students, the College is the one academic place on campus where all BU students come together, no matter what major they choose to pursue. For the young men and women who enroll in the College, a rich and intellectually rewarding experience awaits. Through the study of the humanities, the natural sciences, the social sciences, and mathematics and computer science, they prepare themselves to assume productive roles as creative, engaged, and informed members of our society.

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Collegefacts

- The College of Arts and Sciences (CAS) at Boston University was founded as the College of Liberal Arts in **1873**.
- Students enroll in Bachelor of Arts programs in **twenty-three undergraduate departments**, in **interdisciplinary degree programs**, and in **individually designed independent concentrations**.
- There are **567 tenured or tenure-track professors** in the College and Graduate School, plus hundreds of research faculty and full- or part-time instructors. Our faculty includes three Nobel Laureates, a former Poet Laureate of the United States, two National Book Award winners, and fifteen fellows of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences.
- In 2004/2005, **the College enrolled more than 7,300 students** and provided instruction in liberal arts for an **additional 8,000 students** from BU's other schools and colleges.
- The **S.A.T. scores of incoming College freshmen** have risen steadily in recent years, and in 2004/2005 scores climbed **from 1313 to 1325** on average.
- In cooperation with the Graduate School, many of the College's departments offer **combined B.A./M.A. programs**. Through the **Boston University Collaborative Degree Program (BUCOP)**, students may enroll in another of the University's undergraduate schools to earn dual bachelor's degrees. Seven-year programs with the Boston University School of Medicine and the Goldman School of Dental Medicine lead to the awarding of the B.A. and, respectively, the M.D. or D.M.D.
- The **Core Curriculum** is an innovative CAS program of eight courses providing an in-depth study of classic works in the humanities, important ideas in the natural sciences, and the concerns and theoretical bases of the social sciences.
- The **College Honors Program** provides an enhanced curriculum and close community for academically outstanding freshmen and sophomores.
- All CAS students are required to complete a full year of instruction in writing. To help them satisfy that requirement, the **Writing Program** offers small freshman seminars that teach students to read challenging works with discernment and write with clarity and persuasiveness.
- The faculty and deans of the College take a primary role in the **academic advising of undergraduates** and in their **mentoring**, in such contexts as the Undergraduate Research Opportunities Program and in senior Work for Distinction projects.
- In 2004/2005, **CAS faculty** generated an average of **more than \$110,000 apiece** in grants and contracts to support their research programs, for a total of \$62.8 million.

Undergraduate departments

Anthropology www.bu.edu/anthrop	History www.bu.edu/history
Archaeology www.bu.edu/archaeology	International Relations www.bu.edu/ir
Art History www.bu.edu/ah	Mathematics and Statistics http://math.bu.edu
Astronomy www.bu.edu/astronomy	Modern Foreign Languages and Literatures http://lang.bu.edu
Biology www.bu.edu/biology	Music
Chemistry www.bu.edu/chemistry	Philosophy www.bu.edu/philosophy
Classical Studies www.bu.edu/classics	Physics http://buphy.bu.edu
Computer Science www.cs.bu.edu	Political Science www.bu.edu/polisci
Earth Sciences www.bu.edu/es	Psychology www.bu.edu/psych
Economics www.bu.edu/econ	Religion www.bu.edu/religion
English www.bu.edu/english	Sociology www.bu.edu/sociology
Geography www.bu.edu/geography	

Interdisciplinary programs

African Studies
 African American Studies
 American and New England Studies
 Biochemistry and Molecular Biology
 Bioinformatics
 Boston University Marine Program
 Core Curriculum
 East Asian Studies
 Editorial Studies
 Environmental Analysis and Policy
 Environmental Science
 Film Studies
 Judaic Studies
 Islamic Studies
 Latin American Studies
 Linguistics
 Neuroscience
 Russian and East European Studies
 Women's Studies
 Writing Program

... and more than thirty affiliated research centers and institutes

Points of Pride

The College is a national leader in mathematics and science education. In his recent State of the Union address, President Bush called for improvements in math and science education for young people, a step seen as crucial to America's economic competitiveness. Professors Robert Devaney and Glenn Stevens of the Department of Mathematics and Statistics and Professor Bennett Goldberg of the Physics Department are veterans in this effort, the winners of multiple grants and awards for their work on improving mathematics and science curricula and teaching in elementary and secondary schools.

Professor of History Julian Zelizer has been recognized as one of the top young historians in the country by the History News Network (<http://hnn.us/>), an important web site for professional historians. The media increasingly regard Zelizer as a go-to expert in American political and congressional history, quoting him often since the 2004 presidential campaign.

The College is in the midst of a drive to augment its ranks of endowed professorships, one important measure of an institution's strength and stability. Most recently, Arts and Sciences Distinguished Alumnus Alvin J. Slater (CAS'40) endowed a professorship in Holocaust studies at the Elie Wiesel Center for Judaic Studies.

Professor John Straub of the Chemistry Department has received a \$1.5 million grant from the National Institutes of Health to probe the causes of degenerative neural disorders such as Alzheimer's and Huntington's diseases.

Boston University opened its doors to more than 300 Tulane University students displaced by Hurricane Katrina in the fall semester, and the College made sure they were able to register for the classes they needed to continue work on their degrees. BU enrolled more Tulane students than any other university in the Northeast.

Leo Reyzin, an assistant professor of computer science, won a prestigious early-career award from the National Science Foundation in support of his work on cryptography and on the challenges of keeping personal information private and secure on the Internet.

BU's Mock Mediation Team, a student organization coached by the College's Pre-Law Advising Office, has become a dynasty. It won the national championship at the National Mock Mediation Tournament for the fourth consecutive year.

College alumni returned to campus in February 2006 to participate in what has become an annual alumni tradition: Career Exploration Week, a series of panel discussions and conversations aimed at helping undergraduates identify a career path.