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### Introduction

The School of Arts and Humanities includes: The Department of Visual and Performing Arts and the Department of Humanities. Exciting co-curricular opportunities include: visual and performing arts productions, field trips, internships, student publications, professional conferences, and teaching assistantships. The Mount Memorial Art Gallery, Worship Arts Recording Studio, and Little Theatre provide opportunities for showcasing creative excellence, while the Winona History Center, along with the Billy Sunday Home provide opportunities for local and expanded historical research. Music ensembles and theatre troupes engage communities beyond campus, while the award-winning Mediation Team competes on a national and international level. The Institute for Global Studies offers students cross-cultural 'Go Encounter' trips and immersive studies abroad. Departments invite cultural engagement in a variety of ways that include artist talks, book signings with acclaimed authors, and community serve events for students in the modern languages program.

## **Purpose**

The School of Arts and Humanities is dedicated to a Christian liberal arts education that leads to transformative learning in the humanities, arts, and professions. Central to our purpose is the integration of faith and learning which we define as modeling scholarship and engaging in interactive teaching within our discipline that is informed by great Christian themes and thoughtful reflection. We also challenge our students to develop an approach to learning that fosters a vibrant life of the mind, artful creativity, a compassionate embrace of human societies, and a thirst to explore all that God has created. To this end, our faculty mentor their students, inspiring them not only toward excellence in their respective fields, but to live purposeful lives dedicated to following Christ as they discover knowledge, apply the power of creative imagination, help to improve the human condition in all of its diversity, and work to extend the presence of God's kingdom while living in the hope of Christ's return.

### Goals

- To help our students develop an understanding of the integration of faith and learning so
  that they can pursue scholarship that is both worthy of their profession and inspired by
  great Christian themes (i.e., salvation, love, reconciliation, justice, grace, honesty, truth,
  peace, perseverance, stewardship, etc.).
- To develop encouraging and challenging learning experiences that engage our students in real world applications, which are transformational in nature.
- To mentor our students so they become highly competent in their respective callings.
- To instill in our students a sense of purpose that leads them toward kingdom living.