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CENTRAL TO EVERYTHING

Your Central College education will provide you with the foundation to build your future and pursue your passions. Discover opportunities that will help you become exactly who you want to be.

Here, you will:

- + Grow personally, professionally and academically.
- + Connect with people who will support you on your path.
- + Learn to do good in your community and our world.

FOR MORE INFORMATION OR TO SCHEDULE A VISIT:

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TREY HULL '26

HOMETOWN: Ottumwa, Iowa

MAJORS: Computer Science and Music

SCHOLARSHIPS: Journey, Ray Martin Music Lessons Scholarship and Robert W. Van Hal Endowed Scholarship in Music

CAMPUS ACTIVITIES: A Cappella Choir, ALMA and Tennis

CAREER GOAL: Full time computer science career with side gigs playing piano and organ

CHOOSE YOUR ADVENTURE ... OR 3

Trey Hull '26 knew that he didn't want to choose between his interests. A student-athlete and musician with an interest in computer science, Hull discovered that at Central College, he really can be part of it all.

"Music has always been my passion," Hull says. "But I came to Central thinking I'd be a computer science major. Then I realized that at Central, I could do both. It's a really positive experience that I see the best of both worlds."

As a double major in music and computer science, Hull explores what it means to be creative from all angles.

"There's a lot more creativity in computer science than people think," Hull says. "A lot of my computer science classes include designing. In my software design class, I got to make a social media site and design the interface."

When he's not doing work for his classes, Hull plays piano for ALMA, sings in the A Cappella Choir and plays on the men's tennis team.

Directors, coaches and professors across campus are used to students being involved in a multitude of activities and they're always willing to be flexible when students approach them with conflicts.

"I get a lot of support from my tennis coach," Hull says. "I don't typically miss practice because nothing conflicts, but if I said, 'Hey, I have a performance this day,' he's cool with me missing practice or coming another time. If a conflict arises, they'll work it out."

Thanks to the variety of involvement opportunities Hull is involved in, he is able to make connections with students from all areas around campus.

"Because of my double major, I meet a lot of different people because each major is with different people," Hull says. "I've met so many amazing people at Central."

For more of Trey's story:
central.edu/trey-hull



HOME IS WHERE THE TULIPS GROW

Central College is located in Pella, Iowa. Famous for its Dutch heritage, tulip festival and beautiful downtown, Pella is filled with local shops and familiar favorites. **There's so much to discover here!**

- + Get a sweet treat with your roomie at Jaarsma Bakery, Vander Ploeg Bakery or Cranberry Stone Bakery.
- + You have to try the food at Dutchfix, the Bread Board, George's Pizza and our other local restaurants. Don't worry – we also have chains like Chick-fil-A in town.
- + Get your caffeine fix at one of Pella's seven coffee shops.
- + Head over to Nederlanders Golf for appetizers and golf simulation!





RAIN, SNOW OR SHINE

Central has so much to do all the time! No matter the season, Central provides students with opportunities to create memories that will last a lifetime. Enjoy the turning of the seasons at Central and the many activities that come with it.

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FALL IN LOVE

- + Play disc golf on Central's challenging 18-hole course. Or try your hand at genniss (golfing with a tennis ball) — a unique campus favorite!
- + Light up Homecoming weekend with Central spirit.
- + Get in touch with historic Pella when you walk around town — and snag authentic Dutch goodies!

WALKING IN A WINTER WONDERLAND

- + Ice skate on Central's iconic pond, build snowpeople or find a good spot to sled on campus.
- + Explore Kerstmarkt, Pella's beautiful Dutch Christmas market.
- + On the colder days, you'll be thankful for the size of campus. Walking one end of campus to the other only takes 10 minutes!



EASY, BREEZY, BEAUTIFUL: CENTRAL

Spring and summer at Central College are a breath of fresh air!

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BLOOM AT CENTRAL

- + Kick your Central spirit into high gear and celebrate Hoo-Rah Day on campus!
- + Hop into the pond with your friends to participate in the annual boat races.
- + Fill up on poffertjes (mini Dutch pancakes) during the annual Tulip Time festival in Pella.

WHAT TIME IS IT? SUMMERTIME!

- + Break out your gear to fish, swim, paddleboard, bike, hike and camp at Lake Red Rock.
- + Score lucrative research or internship opportunities on campus or at one of Central's more than 500 internship connection sites.
- + Shop, eat and caffeinate your way through downtown Pella. It's like living in a Hallmark movie.





BE MORE THAN A SPECTATOR

It's so easy to be involved at Central. Here, you don't have to choose just one thing. Think of our involvement opportunities as a mix and match menu.

You really can be part of it all!

ON THE COURT, FIELD OR TRACK

Embrace the challenge of our highly competitive
NCAA Division III athletics programs:

- + Baseball
- + Basketball*
- + Cheerleading
- + Cross Country*
- + Dance Team
- + Football
- + Golf*
- + Soccer*
- + Softball
- + Tennis*
- + Track & Field*
- + Volleyball
- + Women's Triathlon
- + Wrestling*

For more information: athletics.central.edu

*Both men's and women's teams

TAKE CENTER STAGE

Artists, musicians and actors can take center stage
through ensembles, performances, galleries and more.
You don't have to major in it to participate!

- + A Cappella Choir
- + Chamber Singers
- + College Community Orchestra
- + Flying Pans Steel Drum Band
- + Jazz Band
- + Mills Gallery Art Exhibits
- + Musical Theatre
- + Percussion Ensemble
- + Symphonic Wind Ensemble

For more information: central.edu/fine-arts





EMBRACE YOUR JOURNEY

No matter your interests, you'll find at least one organization that's right for you.
Central encourages you to explore your talents and develop new passions.
Discover countless activities that invite you to get involved from the
moment you arrive on campus.

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ORGANIZATIONS FOR EVERYONE

- + Black Student Alliance
- + Campus Activities Board
- + Campus Ministries
- + Chemistry Club
- + Common Ground (LGBTQ+)
- + Computer Science Club
- + Dance Marathon
- + Economics, Accounting and Business Management Club
- + Health Professions Club
- + Mock Trial Team
- + Organization of Latinx-American Students
- + Pickleball Club
- + Psychology Club

For more information:
central.edu/campus-life.

TAKE CHARGE OF YOUR FUTURE

Getting involved in student organizations opens the door for you to lead the way and build leadership skills that are applicable to your future.

- + **Student Senators** are elected by other students to be the voice of the student body. They serve on campus committees and help determine how student activity budgets are spent.
- + **Student-Athlete Advisory Council** members represent their sports (plus athletic training) and discussions with the NCAA about conference rules and sportsmanship. They also help with service activities and the year-end Dutchies awards.
- + **Peer Tutors** are selected by professors and are trained to help their peers in a variety of skills and subjects.

"It seems like at other schools, if you play football, that's all you do. If you're in choir, that's all you do. But here, it's more unusual to only have one thing that you're doing. Everything's very intertwined."
— Kamryn Waymire '24

WELCOME HOME

“I immediately felt right at home” is a statement you’ll hear a lot at Central – with good reason. Our small class sizes and residential campus make meeting others easy. Here, you’ll grow your leadership skills and create friendships that will last a lifetime.

Your time at Central is designed for you to live and learn – literally. Living with your peers builds strong, lifelong bonds and makes it easier to get involved.

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There's always lots of fun going on in Central's residence halls. Resident advisors organize parties, casino nights, pet therapy sessions and other activities throughout the year. Students love to decorate for Homecoming, host local kids for Halloween trick-or-treating and challenge other residence halls to tug-of-war, sustainability efforts, video game competitions and more.

*"The culture here, especially in the residence halls, is great. Getting to meet people and knowing them all four years while you're here at Central, you really get that close connection."
— Cassie Elliott '26*

A FEW OF OUR FAVORITE THINGS

Foods, traditions, people, buildings, activities and programs –
we have too many favorites to count.

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THE POND – Find an activity for every season! Jump in at Homecoming during the Lemming Race or compete in the boat races at the end of each school year. As for the geese around the pond... well, they're just part of the experience.



BREAKFAST OF CHAMPIONS – Kick off finals week with a late-night breakfast served by faculty and staff!



FRESH COOKIE TUESDAY – Get your fresh cookies every Tuesday at Central Market!



BIG RED – Big Red is Central's mascot and biggest cheerleader! Our mane fan on campus is a lion (if you couldn't tell) and pays homage to our Dutch roots.



HOO-RAH DAY – We have so much Central spirit, we need a whole day to celebrate! Activities, prizes and Central-themed food makes it the perfect day to celebrate what it means to be Forever Dutch®!



TULIP TIME – Pella is known for its annual Tulip Time in early May, complete with Dutch dancing, amazing food and thousands of tulips. Hello, photo op!

AFFORDABLE TUITION? YES, PLEASE!

Central is more affordable than ever. Our total price to attend is comparable with state schools – and way less than other private colleges in the midwest. And that’s before applying financial aid and scholarships!

Let’s talk numbers. Central is committed to affordability and value, and we know transparency is key. We have nothing to hide, so let’s put the numbers to the test! When you combine our commitment with our dynamic career paths – STEM, humanities, business, arts, education and pre-professional programs – Central can open doors for your future.

INVEST IN YOURSELF

The value of a Central education is unmatched.

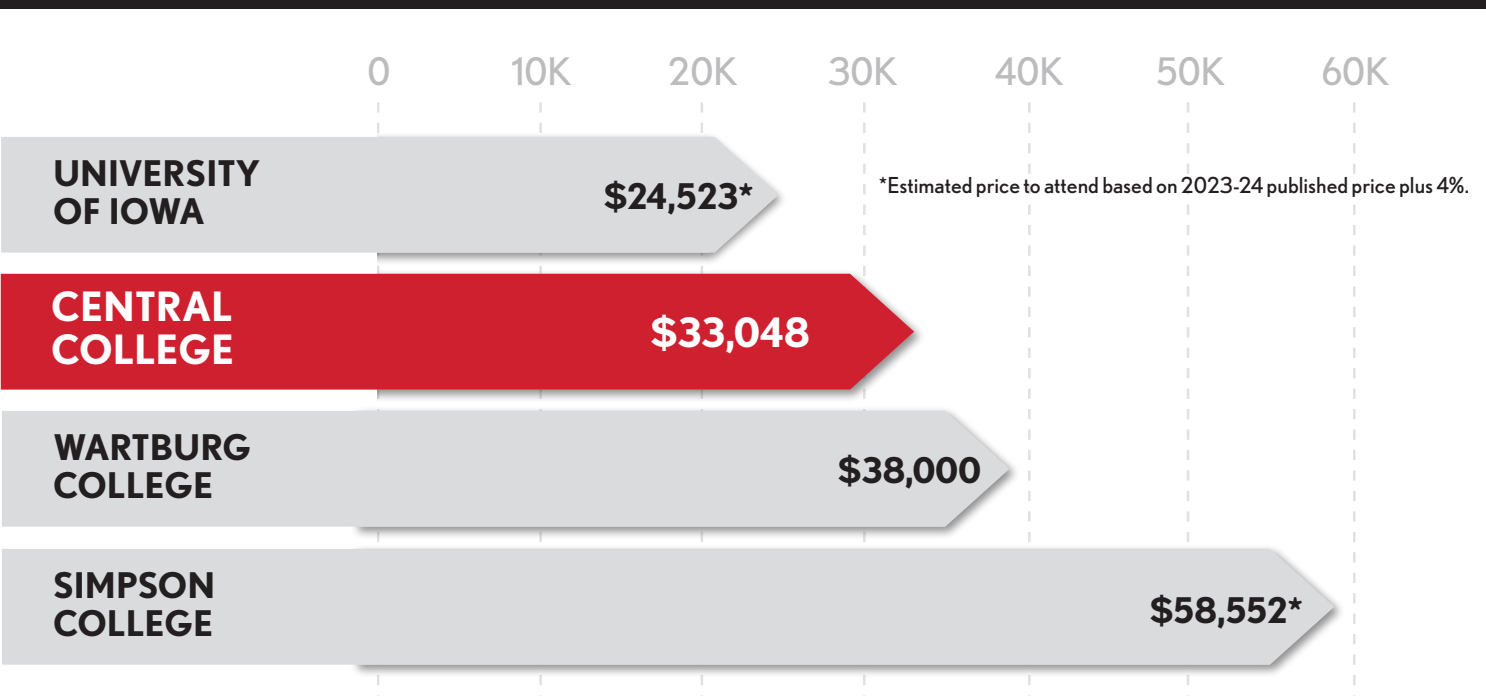
With your Central education, you will enjoy:

- + Our Four-Year Graduation Commitment.
- + Donor-funded scholarships that are renewable for four years.
- + Small class sizes and personalized support from professors.
- + Door-opening opportunities such as internships, research with faculty, off-campus experiences and community-based learning.
- + The lifelong benefits of associating with well-connected alumni.

HOW CENTRAL STACKS UP

\$20,988 (CENTRAL'S TUITION) + **\$12,060** (CENTRAL'S HOUSING & FOOD) = **\$33,048**

A COMPARISON OF TUITION + HOUSING AND FOOD WITH OTHER INSTITUTIONS BASED ON PUBLISHED PRICE TO ATTEND.



− \$13,575 Average aid and scholarships a student receives from Central, federal and state awards, which can be subtracted from total costs for an incredibly affordable experience.

OPPORTUNITY IS KNOCKING

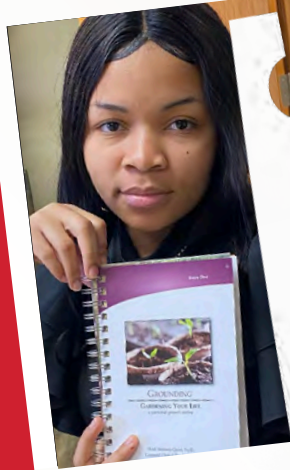
Your Central education will give you the edge
you need to thrive in a complex world.

Internships, job shadowing, service and off-campus experiences
offered through Central lead directly to careers. With a college connected
to 500-plus internship sites in Iowa and around the world, you'll have
plenty of experiences to choose from.

At Central, you can work alongside well-connected faculty mentors on research
projects, which can result in presentations to national and regional conferences.

That's the kind of experience that can result in a great letter of reference,
as well as a résumé and job or graduate school application that really stands out.

ALL YOU HAVE TO DO IS OPEN THE DOOR.



GET REAL! (WORLD EXPERIENCES)

OFF-CAMPUS EXPERIENCES

Central students can immerse themselves in the cultures of the world! Where and when will you go?

- U.S.
- International
- Faculty-led program
- Partner program
- Extracurricular Experience
- Winter Break
- During a semester
- Summer

76% of students complete an internship before graduation.

COMMUNITY SERVICE

Don't limit yourself to what real-world experience means. Sure, internships are great for your résumé, but so is service (which also creates space to form relationships and develop your character). Engage with other students, faculty and community members in service connected with your academic and career goals.

INTERNSHIPS

Central students gain vital experience during internships, which often leads directly to future careers. (It's pretty amazing!) Incredible opportunities like these give our students a competitive edge in job and grad school placement.

THE CENTRAL NETWORK

Your connections with _____ will help you land the _____.

students
alumni
professors
staff
donors

interview
internship
research opportunity
graduate school
job

NOTABLE ALUMNI

TAYLOR SCHUELKE '12

Video Producer/Editor
National Geographic

ADAM GREGG '06

Lieutenant Governor
State of Iowa

NATHAN WEIR '05

Coordinator of Rehabilitation
Green Bay Packers

ROBERT ZIRKELBACH '03

Global Head of Issues
and Advocacy
ExxonMobil

ERICA SWANSON '99

Head of Community
Engagement
Google, Inc.

SCOTT HANSON '95

Film and Television Editor

ANGIE L. MORROW '94

Senior Director of Exhibitions
Museum of Fine Arts, Boston

KELLIE GORSCHÉ MARKEY '88

Founder/Director
Dorothy's House

MAKE YOUR NEXT MOVE WITH CONFIDENCE

Whether your plan is a career, graduate school or service, Central College has the connections to make it happen.

CENTRAL GRADUATES HAVE WORKED HERE:

- + Apple, Inc.
- + Chicago Cubs
- + Corteva Agriscience
- + Iowa Governor's Office
- + John Deere
- + Mayo Clinic
- + Microsoft
- + National Academy of Sciences
- + National Geographic
- + Pella Corporation
- + Principal Financial Group
- + Vermeer Corporation

Through the Central network, you'll connect with accomplished, influential people, including community and government leaders, business and nonprofit professionals and other successful Central alumni. They can influence the trajectory of your career and the development of your character.

CENTRAL ALUMNI DO GRADUATE STUDY HERE:

- + Columbia University
- + Des Moines University
- + Duke University
- + Iowa State University
- + Johns Hopkins University
- + Northwestern University
- + University of Colorado Boulder
- + University of Glasgow
- + University of London
- + University of Michigan
- + University of Notre Dame
- + Washington University

"There are so many foundational elements, much like LEGO pieces, that make me who I am. Central is where it all began for me."

Tej Dhawan '91
Strategic Initiatives Officer
Principal Financial Group

LIFE IS A JOURNEY. YOURS STARTS AT CENTRAL.

Nearly **100%** of Central students are employed in the field of their choice, enrolled in graduate or professional school or completing service a year after graduating.



JENNA HERNANDEZ '24

HOMETOWN: Slater, Iowa

MAJORS: Biochemistry and Biology

MINOR: Spanish

SCHOLARSHIPS: Journey Scholarship

CAMPUS ACTIVITIES: Student Body President, Student Senate, Board of Trustees, Fellowship of Christian Athletes (FCA), Teaching Assistant, Career Kickstarter, Tennis and Women's Wrestling

CAREER GOAL: Dentist

CONTINUING EDUCATION: University of Iowa College of Dentistry and Dental Clinics

READY TO SERVE

Jenna Hernandez '24 loves to serve. Whether it be on the tennis court or on campus, she's found a way to leave her mark here at Central College.

Hernandez found inspiration on her initial visit to Central, and that has been the foundation for her own leadership development.

"On my visit, I just saw a lot of people that were involved in a ton of different things," she says. "And I thought to myself that I want to do that, I want to be able to do more than just be a student or an athlete."

This led Hernandez to begin serving on Student Senate during her freshman year. Her leadership continued throughout her time at Central, and she was elected as student body president for the 2023-24 academic year.

"I chose to run for student body president because with being involved in Student Senate, I was able to see a lot of past student body presidents and their leadership around campus," she says. "I got to see all the initiatives that they were part of, and I knew that I wanted to try and step into that role to see how I too could help make campus a better place."

"I think Central is such a unique place," Hernandez says. "Everyone is involved in something, whether that be campus ministries, athletics or some sort of club, everyone has something that they're part of."

"I've had such a great time at Central," Hernandez says with a smile. "It's a great place where the professors really care about you. They want to help you with your studies. And the coaches are super helpful. They want to see you grow in your academics, in your leadership and also in your athletics. You don't get that everywhere, and I think that's really neat to see."

For more of Jenna's story:

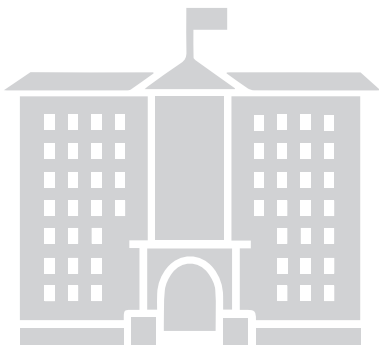
central.edu/hernandezj



FIND YOUR FIT AT CENTRAL

Central College encourages you to explore yourself and the world. You'll find plenty of activities – academic and extracurricular – that welcome you to get involved from the moment you arrive on campus.

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NEARLY
100%

100% OF GRADS ARE EMPLOYED IN THE FIELD OF THEIR CHOICE, ENROLLED IN GRADUATE SCHOOL OR COMPLETING SERVICE A YEAR AFTER GRADUATION.



ENJOY A BITE THE NIGHT BEFORE FINALS AT THE BREAKFAST OF CHAMPIONS – A CENTRAL TRADITION!

NOBODY'S BORED! 100+ STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS TO CHOOSE FROM – SPORTS, CLUBS, MUSIC, THEATRE, PRE-PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS AND MORE.



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STUDENT TO FACULTY RATIO



\$12,000

CENTRAL GRADUATES EARN AN AVERAGE OF \$12,000 MORE THAN GRADUATES OF OTHER COLLEGES SIX YEARS AFTER GRADUATION, ACCORDING TO NICHE.COM.



THERE ARE 3 DIFFERENT BAKERIES IN PELLA.



THERE ARE 7 LOCAL COFFEE SHOPS IN PELLA.



17 ENSEMBLES

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ATHLETICS PROGRAMS



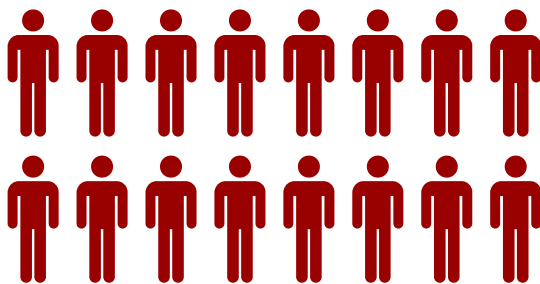
SEE IT FOR YOURSELF! SCAN THE CODE AND SCHEDULE YOUR VISIT TODAY.

\$1,000

SCHOLARSHIP GUARANTEED

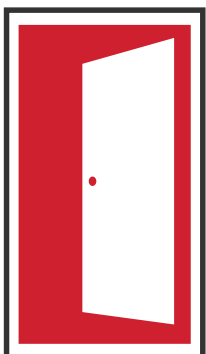
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STUDENTS AVERAGE CLASS SIZE



100%

OF NEW STUDENTS GET FINANCIAL AID. WHY TAKE YOUR CHANCES ANYWHERE ELSE?



90%+ OF CENTRAL STUDENTS COMPLETE AN INTERNSHIP, OFF-CAMPUS STUDY, RESEARCH PROJECT OR SERVICE EXPERIENCE.



50%

OF CENTRAL'S STUDENTS PARTICIPATE IN INTERCOLLEGIATE ATHLETICS

4 YEARS GUARANTEED GRADUATION IN FOUR YEARS



MAJORLY OBSESSED WITH YOUR FUTURE

central.edu/majors

MAJORS

Accounting (B.A. or B.S.)
Actuarial Science
Art
Biochemistry (B.A. or B.S.)
Biology
Business Management
+ Business Administration
+ Business Analytics
+ Finance
+ International Business
+ Marketing
+ Student Designed
+ Teacher Education
Chemistry (B.A. or B.S.)
Communication Studies
Computer Science
+ Data Science
Economics
Education
+ Elementary
+ Secondary
Engineering (B.S.)
English
+ Writing

Environmental and Sustainability Studies
History
Information Systems
+ Accounting Information Systems
+ Computer Information Systems
+ Management Information Systems
Kinesiology (Exercise Science)
+ Health and Exercise Science
+ Health Promotion
+ Personal Training
+ Physical Education
Mathematics
+ Data Science
+ Secondary Education
Music
Music Education
+ Instrumental
+ Vocal
Musical Theatre
+ Acting/Directing
+ Design/Tech

Natural Science
Philosophy
Physics
Political Science
Psychology
Religious Studies
+ Biblical Studies
+ Christian Studies
+ World Religions
Self-Designed Studies such as:
+ Allied Health
+ American Studies
+ Arts Management
+ Food Systems
+ Gender Studies
+ Geography
+ Visual Communication
Social Science
Sociology
Spanish
Strength and Conditioning
Undecided/Exploring

MINORS

Accounting
Anthropology (Cultural)
Art
Art History
Biology
Business Management
+ Business Administration
+ Business Analytics
+ Finance
+ International Business
+ Marketing
+ Student Designed
+ Teacher Education
Chemistry
Communication Studies
Computer Science
+ Data Science
Data Analytics
Economics
English
Entrepreneurship

Environmental and Sustainability Studies
French and Francophone Studies
German Studies
Global Health
Global Sustainability
History
International and Global Studies
Kinesiology (Exercise Science)
+ Health and Exercise Science
+ Health Promotion
+ Personal Training
+ Physical Education
Mathematics
+ Data Science
+ Secondary Education
Music
Musical Theatre
+ Acting/Directing
+ Design/Tech
Not-For-Profit Management

Philosophy
Physics
Political Science
Psychology
Religious Studies
+ Biblical Studies
+ Christian Studies
+ World Religions
Self-Designed Studies such as:
+ Allied Health
+ American Studies
+ Arts Management
+ Data Science
+ Food Systems
+ Gender Studies
+ Geography
+ Visual Communication
Social Justice
Sociology
Spanish
Writing

PRE-PROFESSIONAL PROGRAMS

Athletic Training
Chiropractic
Dentistry
Law

Medicine
Ministry
Nursing
Occupational Therapy

Optometry
Pharmacy
Physical Therapy
Physician Assistant

Podiatric Medicine
Public Health
Veterinary Medicine