The mission of the School of Arts & Humanities at Methodist University is to provide an engaging and rigorous learning environment with a strong liberal arts foundation that helps to prepare successful artist, writers, musicians, educators, professionals in psychology, sociology, philosophy and religion, history, and theatre, and graduates who may choose to pursue advanced degrees at the postgraduate level in their respective disciplines in the global community of the 21st century.
The Art Department seeks students willing to work hard and perform with a degree of independence. Each student is encouraged to explore various media and techniques to provide a broad base from which to select and pursue his or her primary goal.

Demonstrated competency through actual performance is a basic criterion for being accepted and/or continuing in any of the programs. The exit evaluation assesses the student’s ability and promise as an artist, designer, or as a special-subject teacher in art.

MISSION
The purpose and mission of the Art Department is to serve the students by providing art courses which fulfill the fine arts requirement for the General Education Core; providing elective courses for all B.A. majors and minors in studio arts, and the B.F.A. professional degree in Graphic Design; and preparing students, for teaching art in the public schools. The Art Department also provides individual and group student exhibitions held in David McCune International Art Gallery at the William F. Bethune Center for Visual Arts.

DEGREES AWARDED:
Associate of Arts (A.A.)
Bachelor of Arts (B.A.)
Bachelor of Fine Arts (B.F.A.)

“I have always been interested in multimedia, but I was unsure of what major to focus on for a career in multimedia. After talking to one of the graphic design professors, I learned that choosing a major in graphic design was the best option for me. Choosing the graphic design major has allowed me to explore my artistic talents that go beyond essential graphic design skills. These include painting, printmaking, drawing, and photography. What I love most about graphic design and Methodist’s Art Department is having approachable professors. I can approach my professors with confidence and know that I will receive feedback on how to improve my portfolio. I also enjoy having a small class; this has allowed me to get direct critiques on class projects from my professors as well as my classmates.”

— Jason Aguilar ’20
Graphic Design
Sanford, N.C.
English and writing students who complete core requirements will demonstrate that they have an understanding of basic principles of grammar and composition, and that they have had an exposure to literature and to analysis and interpretation of literature. Graduates who have majored in English will demonstrate basic knowledge of British, American, and world literature and the ability to analyze literature logically and persuasively in well-written, researched essays.

Graduates who have majored in Writing will have become acquainted with major forms, rhetorical structures, and styles that govern contemporary work in at least three of the following genres: Business, Drama, Advanced Expository/Nonfiction, Feature, Fiction, Poetry, and Technical. Students also will have had experience in three genres with editing, revising, and submitting their work for publication.

MISSION

Students in the Department of English and Writing engage the world through literature, enrich the world through their own writing, and empower others to do the same.

DEGREES AWARDED: Associate of Arts (A.A.)
Bachelor of Arts (B.A.)

“My MU Journey improved my life in so many ways. As an English, Writing, and History major, I was well-acquainted with the Trustees building and the intelligent, passionate, kind people who taught in those classrooms. The English and Writing Department at Methodist University is comprised of some of the best professors one can ever hope to meet. They challenge you to read and write effectively, to sharpen your critical thinking skills, and to gain a better understanding of life beyond your sphere of experience. The skills I learned at MU have served me well, and I use them daily.”

— Cheri Molter ’17
English, Writing, and History
Fayetteville, N.C.
History majors work in a wide range of jobs both in the private and public sectors of the economy. Teaching on the secondary level is a common career path for History majors, but they are also well-qualified for a number of professional programs. A History major or a History minor is a traditional background especially for students interested in law school, public administration, and MBA programs.

**MISSION**

History provides a course of study that enables students to develop basic skills in research, analysis, and critical thinking needed to adapt to the changing world. The study of History is a foundation of a liberal arts education because a basic knowledge of the past is essential for engaged participation in the present.

**DEGREES AWARDED:**
- Associate of Arts (A.A.)
- Bachelor of Science (B.S.)
- Bachelor of Arts (B.A.)

“When one thinks of history, they may think of the study of specific dates, events, and people. The Methodist University History Department encourages this sort of study, but has also taught me to take a deeper dive into the art of studying history, and has given me greater understanding of the subject. Class discussions are intriguing, and thought provoking. Professors help students develop the ability to think critically and consider different ideas. Methodist University is a place where one’s ideas can be explored, researched, and tested. Methodist University has allowed me to research what interests me, contribute my findings to the University’s Annual Symposium, and inspire me to expand my interests and research in unexpected, but exciting ways. ”

— John Alan Felton ’20
History and Education
Durham, N.C.
The Department of Modern Languages and Literature is committed to cultural awareness and the development of individuals who appreciate and accept diversity and become effective global citizens.

MISSION

Recognizing the value of communicating in another language and the interrelationship of language and culture, the department prepares students for global citizenship and international travel through the study of languages, literatures and culture, and develop students’ communicative foreign language skills in the areas of reading, writing, listening, and speaking.

DEGREE AWARDED: Associate of Arts (A.A.) in Spanish
Bachelor of Arts (B.A.) in Spanish

“Having the opportunity to minor in Spanish at Methodist allowed me to expand my cultural knowledge of the world. The Modern Language and Literature Department gives opportunity for growth in the language, in your knowledge, and even a study abroad experience! To finish my minor, I traveled abroad to Buenos Aires, Argentina where I lived in the culture and studied for two months. Without that experience, and the Spanish program here at Methodist, I would not be as knowledgeable of another culture, and would not get to educate others on the importance of cultural diversity.”

— Akili Jabulani ’20
Kinesiology Major, Biology and Spanish Minor
The Music Department at Methodist University provides training in music, music education, and music performance. A concentration in Arts Management is also offered in conjunction with the B.A. in Music as well as the B.A. in Music Composition. The objective is to produce graduates who are prepared to teach music, perform, conduct, further advance their study of music in graduate school, and/or promote the arts in the larger community.

MISSION
Our mission is to prepare the next generation of musicians by challenging minds and developing artistry through comprehensive degree programs from music education and performance to composition and fine arts management. We fervently believe that no musical education would be complete without a multitude of performing opportunities – between our many ensembles and significant solo opportunities (on campus, in the community, around the country, and even abroad), our students “do” while they learn.

DEGREE AWARDED:
- Associate of Arts (A.A.)
- Bachelor of Arts (B.A.)
- Bachelor of Music (B.M.)

“No university music department stands out more than Methodist University’s. This school has provided me with so many more opportunities than I would have been given at a larger school. Because our department is smaller and more exclusive, our very skilled and experienced professors have the time to dedicate to each of us individually in a way that is unique to our department. Here, our professors truly have the level of skill found in top-of-the-line schools but with a close-knit community feeling.”

— Emily Bledsoe ’19
Music
Hope Mills, N.C.
Philosophy, or “the love of wisdom,” is the search for answers to questions about beauty, values, reality, knowledge, and meaning. Using reason and logic, Philosophy students exercise their minds in order to see the world in different ways, think critically, and effectively argue. Philosophy meets the needs of students who major in other fields but want a theoretical background for such professions as law, education, business, or the ministry, or who want to sample the philosophical discipline in their elective courses. Students who complete the general education requirements in Philosophy and Religion will have knowledge of philosophical and religious traditions. Students who complete a minor in Philosophy or a major in Religion will be prepared to enter graduate or professional studies.

MISSION
The purpose of the Department of Philosophy and Religion is to introduce students both to Philosophical and Religious traditions—particularly Western, but including others—and in the spirit of the liberal arts, to engender critical thinking in these areas.

DEGREE AWARDED: Associate of Arts (A.A.)
Bachelor of Arts (B.A.)

“The Religion major at Methodist University is engaging and very useful. The professors do a good job of respectfully analyzing world religions in an educational and instructional way. This major has allowed me to comfortably talk about a number world of religions. I found this major has encouraged me to think critically about religions and how they continue to play a role in our lives today. While a religion class is part of the general education requirements, I encourage everyone to take as many religion classes as they can!”

— Sean Hardy ’19
Religion
Jamestown, N.C.
Psychology is the science of behavior and mental processes: perception, emotion, and cognition, and the application of the knowledge acquired to the resolution of personal and social problems. For students seeking either a B.A. or B.S., the Department of Psychology offers a major in Psychology with an optional applied concentration in either Human Performance or Counseling/Clinical Psychology.

MISSION
The Psychology Department seeks to develop students who understand the psychological functioning of themselves and others, know how psychology is applied to enhance human life, know the ways knowledge (especially scientific knowledge) is acquired, and are prepared to enter graduate school or the workforce. The Psychology Department supports the mission of the University, with particular emphasis on providing an education grounded in the liberal arts tradition and developing whole persons who will make substantial contributions.

DEGREE AWARDED: Bachelor of Arts (B.A.)
Bachelor of Science (B.S.)

“In a world filled with options, deciding on Methodist University was among the best decisions I have made for myself. Methodist University was not just another school on my transcript, but rather the beginning of a journey as a life-long learner. My experience, as a Psychology major, was memorable thanks to the professors in the Psychology department. Each one of them added a unique perspective, insight and an array of experience to my area of study. I am proud to be an alumna of Methodist University. Most of all, I am thankful for the friendships, professional networks, and long lasting memories of my MU experience.”

— Rocio Serna ’18
Psychology
San Diego, Calif.
“When I decided to add Sociology as a second major I was a little nervous, like any college student would be. But the amount of support and help I’ve received from the Sociology Department since has been unimaginable. My professors have all went out of their way to help me reach the goals I’ve set for myself from choosing classes to recommendation letters.”

— Emilli Rauch ’20
Sociology
Tacoma, Wash.

Sociology challenges students to move beyond stereotypical and taken-for-granted assumptions that are deeply embedded in our daily lives to be able to think analytically and critically about the nature of social life. This means learning how to avoid the trap of drawing simplistic conclusions, resisting commonsensical shallow thinking, and overcoming pervasive ethnocentric visions of the world.

MISSION
We will foster the development of critical and creative thinking by analytically dissecting and exploring complex situations and social interactions at different geographical and temporal scales. Thus, we toggle between face-to-face interaction and global relations and compare contemporary social dynamics with long-term historical trends.

We aim to cultivate passion, encourage curiosity, and stimulate creative energies to learn and reflect on the past, understand the present, and contemplate the prospects for our collective future. This will be accomplished by fostering the critical and creative thinking skills necessary to meet the fast-changing, local and global challenges of our time.

DEGREE AWARDED: Associate of Science (A.S.)
Bachelor of Science (B.S.)
“Being a Theatre major at Methodist University is a unique experience. Throughout my time at MU, I have been a part of different projects and productions. Each one has given me new knowledge and new experiences that I will carry with me for the rest of my life. The department pushes you to make new connections and try new things that may seem strange at first, but push you to a new and better level.”

— Michaela Kroll ‘21
Theatre
Sanford, N.C.
Methodist University’s School of Arts and Humanities has state-of-the-art labs and facilities for hands-on student development, such as our Piano Lab, where students can learn to play the piano in an interactive setting, develop ensemble skills, and learn the language of music by interacting and engaging in music making.
Methodist University at a glance:

**ACADEMICS**

2,092 total enrollment

39 states are represented

140 diverse majors, minors, and areas of concentration

97.43% of classes have less than 30 students

9:1 student-to-faculty ratio ensures you receive the personal attention you deserve

**OUTCOMES**

3.07 average number of years School of Arts & Humanities graduates earn their bachelor’s degree in the 2018-2019 school year

32 out-of-state students were enrolled in the School of Arts & Humanities program during the 2018-2019 school year

16 international students were enrolled in the School of Arts & Humanities program during the 2018-2019 school year

**Top Tier**

ranking in

*U.S. News & World Report*