



Wilmington  
College

HANDS-ON LEARNING. HANDS-ON LIVING.


# *FINDING YOUR PLACE **IN** **THE WORLD***


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 **1870** — WC founded by the Religious Society of Friends (Quakers)

 **40%** of our students participate in intercollegiate athletics

 **England, Costa Rica, Italy** — participate in our many short and long-term study abroad opportunities





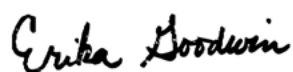
**Since 1870**, Wilmington College has been committed to helping students succeed academically and to finding their place in a wide-range of fulfilling careers. Rooted in Quaker values, the College equips students to make positive contributions in their professions and to the communities in which they live. Today Wilmington College continues that tradition by offering you an array of undergraduate areas of study and a unique hands-on approach to learning. Since the Religious Society of Friends (Quakers) founded the College, its belief in learning by doing has been a hallmark of this institution.

Within each of the programs outlined here, the College strives to incorporate experiential hands-on learning so that you may make practical application of what you have learned in the classroom. We understand the benefit in creatively partnering with other organizations, companies and people to help educate, prepare and inspire our students who desire to make a lasting and positive impact on the world around them. To that end, Wilmington College is proud to have forged strong partnerships with numerous local and global companies and organizations, such as Alkermes Pharmaceutical, Farm Credit and the Cincinnati Bengals.

As a WC student, you will be supported and encouraged to take advantage of our various support services on campus. Academic Advising, Career Services, Watson Library and the Student Resource Center with its tutoring services, Math Center and Writing Center, are all a part of a network of support that provides valuable tools to assist you in achieving your academic as well as personal growth goals.

From our humble beginnings to today's growing number of degree programs, faculty and facilities, Wilmington College is in the midst of an exciting chapter as we approach the 150th anniversary of our founding. We are committed to excellence, as evidenced by our dedicated faculty, our hands-on learning approach to education and the attention we give you through mentoring and instruction. This commitment makes Wilmington College a great choice for anyone wanting to pursue a four-year, liberal arts college degree.

Whether you are fresh out of high school, seeking a second college degree or going back to college with plans of making a career change, we are equipped to set you on the path to success. We hope the information provided here encourages you to begin your journey at Wilmington College in finding your place in the world. (For additional information about any of our programs and facilities, please visit [www.wilmington.edu](http://www.wilmington.edu))



ERIKA GOODWIN, PH.D.  
*Vice President for Academic Affairs and  
Dean of Faculty*



# AGRICULTURE

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### Major and Minor

#### Major Concentrations:

Agricultural Business

Agricultural Communications

Agronomy

Animal Science

Plant, Environmental and Soil *(for transfer students)*

American agriculture provides a third of the world's food supply and will be called upon to significantly increase production by mid-century for an ever-hungrier world. As a student in Wilmington College's largest major, you will become prepared to help meet that daunting challenge through a blending of academic theory and hands-on practical experience.

Our students do things! We emphasize the understanding of concepts through their application outside the classroom as the most effective way of learning. Our hands-on learning opportunities can take you from labs in our new Center for the Sciences & Agriculture to our greenhouses and 267-acre, crop and animal production farm. You'll also have opportunities to learn how to lobby Congress on agricultural and rural life issues in

Washington, D.C. and organize a judging competition that regularly attracts 1,000-plus high school students. You may even get the opportunity to study sustainable farming methods in tropical Costa Rica.

Internships help to further immerse you in your chosen concentration in agriculture and provide you with real world experience. Our faculty members offer a diverse background of education and experience, and, as mentors, they will help you develop a network of industry contacts useful in finding internships and jobs. More than 90% of our students are offered careers in agriculture by the time they graduate or shortly thereafter.

### Sustainability Minor

This minor focuses on the concept of food production sustainability in considering its social, political and environmental connections. This is an appealing minor for students possessing an interest in the major challenges and opportunities related to food in a global society.

**WC Academic Farm  
ranked 1<sup>st</sup> in the  
Midwest for student  
hands-on learning  
facilities.  
(Ranked top 15  
in the nation)**



**"WC's agriculture program prepared me to succeed not only in the agriculture field, but also in the larger business community by focusing on the applied (scientific) side of the degree. My Wilmington College experience and connections opened doors I didn't even know existed."**

**LINDA EVERS SMITH**

*Senior Scientist, Procter & Gamble*

 **179 agriculture companies offer internships.**



# BUSINESS/ACCOUNTING/ ECONOMICS

## BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

### Major and Minor

#### Major Concentrations:

Finance  
Management  
Marketing

## ACCOUNTING

### Major and Minor

The accounting and business administration majors provide a broad-based education that will expose you to essential principles and concepts that can readily be applied to your career. You will also develop versatile administrative and analytical skills that can be used in the world of business and finance.

Your education will be enhanced with numerous opportunities for hands-on learning through internships, business networking, research with faculty members, and projects with business clients in which you will work in such areas as advertising, human resources, market research and business plan development. In our Integrated Consulting Experience (ICE) program, you will gain the real, viable experience employers seek, while using material

learned in the classroom, as a student consultant for actual businesses and organizations. During the experience, which may last up to 15 weeks, you will conduct analysis and make recommendations to key decision-makers. Also, many of our accounting majors have gained IRS-certification to prepare tax returns as a community service for lower income residents and others in-need.

### Economics Minor

Economics is the social science that studies such aspects of society as production, consumption and exchange. You will gain insight into how and when markets work well, and ways in which such variables as inflation and economic growth affect business conditions. Your economics minor is a logical combination with any business administration major and also provides a foundation for a wide variety of graduate studies.

***"The networking my Wilmington College professors provided me was so important in helping me with my business. I still use my professors as resources. There's so much you can learn from them."***

**KARLI HARRIS**

*Entrepreneur, Business Owner/Operator*



**Students staffed an IRS-approved, tax return prep site at WC.**

# COMMUNICATION ARTS

## COMMUNICATIONS ARTS

### Major

#### Major Concentrations:

Journalism/Public Relations

Visual Communications Design

Changes during the last 25 years in the way we communicate rival any similar period in human history. As a student in our program, you will be prepared for careers in what is nothing short of a global communication revolution.

The journalism/public relations concentration is designed for those pursuing careers in such fields as public relations, journalism, marketing, brand management, social media management, service in non-profit organizations, and corporate communications. The visual communications design area provides a foundation for careers in digital art, photography, videography, website design and graphic design.

Our faculty will share with you the theories and philosophies that drive media and you will observe the way the world communicates through various media channels. You will develop creative and critical thinking skills to practice communication arts in the field, lab or studio — all under the guidance of our uniquely experienced faculty and

other experts, and ultimately on your own.

You will have opportunities to hone your creative and practical skills through work on the campus' traditional and web-based publications, internships tailored to your interests, student-managed events, social media campaigns and audiovisual production. We even offer you free reign in a studio with facilities designed for you to create what most interests you beyond your class assignments: 3-D printing, video production, photography and much more. As a result, you will be able to develop a significant portfolio of materials to demonstrate your gained skills and work experience to potential employers.

**"My studies in communication arts at Wilmington College gave me the opportunity to hone the skills I use today as a professional announcer, and in my career, in general. I'm able to work well with others because I better understand how to be an effective communicator."**

**NICK WIGET**

*Professional Announcer (Harlem Globetrotters, Cincinnati Reds, Dayton Dragons, Cincinnati Kings, etc.), Adjunct Faculty Member*



Comm arts majors get their own dedicated computer and other equipment to use throughout their four years.

 Students created everything from class rings to a full chess set on our **3D printer**.



# EDUCATION



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### Major

#### Teacher Education Licensures

Early Childhood (*Pre-K – Grade 3*)

Early Intervention Specialist (*Special Education, Pre-K – Grade 3*)

Middle Childhood (*Grades 4 – 9*)

Adolescent through Young Adult (*Grades 7 – 12*)

Intervention Specialist (*Special Education, K – Grade 12*)

Vocational Agriculture (*Grades 4 – 12*)

There's never been a better or more important time to be a teacher or pursue a career in allied industries such as childcare, private education, mental health, higher education or community/social services. You will have an opportunity to make a difference in the lives of children, youth and young adults who need positive and culturally responsive role models now more than ever.

As part of our Teacher Education Licensure Program, you will be immediately immersed in the teaching profession, with field experiences your first year as a Wilmington College student. By the time you complete your program of study, you will have engaged in a minimum of 200 hours of hands-on learning experiences in a variety of PK-12 classrooms, in addition to 16 weeks of full-time student teaching. You will gain not only a thorough knowledge of the content area(s) you will teach, but also an in-depth view of teaching and learning that maximizes positive student outcomes.

Integral to the Education Department's mission is the concept of preparing "reflective practitioners for peaceful schools." We believe that peaceful classroom practices, such as positive discipline, conflict resolution, and engaging in critical self-reflection, result in educators who are more culturally competent and in increased student engagement. Similarly, you will gain further insight into the department's mission via ProjectTRUST, WC's highly acclaimed anti-bullying and conflict resolution program.

## EDUCATION STUDIES (non-license degree)

### Major

Unlike Teacher Education Licensure Program candidates, education studies students have the opportunity to tailor a specialized curriculum that best meets their individual learning and career goals. This includes participating in a minimum of two paid internships, as well as selecting from a variety of courses in general education methodology and philosophy, inclusive instructional philosophy, school law and special education.

**"My world view expanded so much in my four years at WC. Those experiences spoke to my heart and lie beneath everything I do as a teacher, parent and citizen."**

**STEPHENIE ERIKSSON**

*High School Teacher*

*Finalist, 2015 Ohio Teacher-of-the-Year*



# EQUINE BUSINESS MANAGEMENT

## **EQUINE BUSINESS MANAGEMENT Major**

One needs to look no further than the gigantic new World Equestrian Center just outside the city of Wilmington to realize that horses are big business in southwest Ohio. The College's equine business management program is designed to combine your passion for horses with the array of career opportunities in the booming equine industry.

Our core courses in both equine and business provide a foundation centered on communication, business management and science, as it pertains to the equine industry. These concepts learned in the classroom are further illustrated through opportunities for hands-on learning with horses in our Equine Center. Once you establish a direction for your career interest, we tailor your assignments, projects, research opportunities and internships to ensure you gain the specific knowledge and experience needed to succeed in the equine industry. In fact, you will devise a comprehensive business plan featuring sound business principles and your knowledge of the equine industry. You'll receive feedback from professionals in the industry and advice on how best to ensure your plan's profitability and ultimate success. Also, as a senior, you will be paired with an industry mentor who will provide you with unique insight and opportunities.

Complementing your academic and hands-on learning experiences are the skills and leadership development opportunities available through such co-curricular

**The WC Equine Center features  
a 28-stall barn with an  
indoor and outdoor arena.  
Students also are permitted  
to bring their own horse to WC  
and reside in specialty housing  
across the street from the Center.**



organizations as the equestrian riding team (Intercollegiate Horse Show Association), Horseman's Association and our collegiate horse judging team. Another WC advantage: you are able to bring your horse to college.

### **Equine Studies Minor**

This minor can be paired with any number of majors to help prepare you for such positions in the equine industry as management, reproduction, sales and marketing, or nutrition.



# FINE ARTS

## THEATRE

### Major and Minor

Skills used in theatre can apply to any career or profession. Creative thinking, teamwork, effective communication and problem solving are all life skills employers look for in hiring the most qualified applicants.

Unlike many state school and conservatory programs that might pigeonhole students into a singular area of theatre, we offer a broad experience that also shows you how gaining expertise in these areas can apply in other fields. Indeed, many students double major with theatre and another academic area, or gain skills complementary to their major by minoring in theatre.

Students have opportunities to act, design sets, hang lights, stage-manage, promote and even direct. Each of these hands-on learning experiences gives graduates insight into the theatre industry and also can transfer into areas like sales, education, psychology, communication and criminal justice. At WC, theatre productions are open to all students, not exclusively majors.

### Art Minor

Minoring in art, you learn through hands-on experiences how to use the tools, media and techniques of artists. You are encouraged to develop a personal statement within painting, sculpture, drawing or mixed media.

### Music Minor

Our liberal arts music minor prepares you for further study by offering you a broad-based foundation in music theory, history and performance studies. Performance ensembles are open to the entire campus.

### Notable WC Theatre alumni:

- **Andre DeShields**, *New York stage actor*
- **Stephanie Hodge**, *comedienne/comic TV actor*
- **Gary Sandy**, *actor best known for TV's "WKRP in Cincinnati"*
- **Evan Williams**, *CEO of Riverview Systems, one of the country's most innovative stage technology and presentation companies*

Act, sing, dance,  
make costumes,  
build the set, or  
direct in one of  
our 4 theatrical  
productions each year.



 Recent major productions: **Legally Blonde**, **Hairspray** and **Shrek**

# HUMANITIES

## ENGLISH

### Major and Minor

Studying literature opens your world, introducing you to other cultures, places and times. Reading novels, poems and plays gives you new ways to see the world and — through self-exploration — new ways to see yourself. The reading, writing and critical thinking skills you will develop will help prepare you for professional careers and graduate study.

Reading, writing and oral communication are embedded in your classes — these are fundamental keys to success not only in English but in any professional field you choose. Your study of English will provide you with a powerful experience in which, through critical thinking, you will be able to analyze the world and its ethical implications. You will gain insight into empathy and compassion, and learn to better appreciate your culture and that of others.

Classes are discussion-based rather than lecture-based.

We place an emphasis on your drafting, then gaining feedback from your papers rather than simply turning in a final product. Also, we encourage respectful discussion on social issues raised in literature. Among our department's hands-on learning activities, you will have opportunities to attend professional theatre productions and visit major museums.

### Professional Writing Minor

Writing is a valuable skill students can use for the rest of their lives, and one employers always want from their job candidates. Courses cover such diverse types of writing as creative and copywriting, while also exploring such specific formats as writing for business, science and technical areas.

**"The English Department was outstanding and demanding. I had wonderful teachers at all levels and in every discipline. They were first-rate."**

**STANLEY PLUMLY**  
*Maryland's Poet Laureate*







## SPANISH

### Major and Minor

The United States is the fourth largest Spanish-speaking country in the world. Opportunities abound for persons able to communicate in Spanish. Fields ranging from business and political science to law, education, social work, agriculture, financial services and criminal justice all are in need of Spanish speakers.

You will enjoy a truly unique program with courses designed specifically for you and your interests. The program is highly interactive and student-centered with the goal of graduating bilingual and bicultural students.

You also will have the opportunity to visit Spanish-speaking countries, where you will become immersed in a different culture, interact daily with residents of that nation and discover your ability to successfully navigate in an often unfamiliar environment.



A faculty member in Spanish has led a student trip to Colombia 6 times in the past 7 years.



**Students assist police, courts and social services with translating.**





## HISTORY

### Major and Minor

While history is the record of the human past, it comes alive when we realize the role it plays in who we are as a society today. Learning history enables you to investigate the ideas, problems and actions of past generations and eras — all of which affect the present and future.

As a history student, you will be empowered to closely examine various cultures and historical periods, noting their distinctiveness, and, based on lessons learned from the past, draft unique responses to the issues we face today. You will see that understanding history is implicit to understanding ourselves both as Americans and global citizens.

You will have the opportunity to not only work with faculty members, but also work collectively with other students on projects that benefit the community. Students have been directly involved with such projects as securing an Ohio Historical Marker and producing an award-winning exhibit about World War I. Our faculty members

are passionate about history and excited to explore this intriguing and enlightening subject with you.

### Race, Gender & Ethnicity Minor

This interdisciplinary minor will enlighten you not only about the lived experiences of oppressed people but also about how the very concepts of race, gender and sexual identity have changed over time. You will explore the history and current experiences of women, LGBTQ persons and people of color in America and around the world.

**"My WC experience put me at an advantage over even many graduate candidates (vying) for the internship. At most other places, you don't get these kinds of experiences. I feel the College lives and breathes hands-on learning."**

**DYLAN HAMMOND**

*Commenting on his Washington, D.C., public history internship*



**"The most effective way to destroy people is to deny and obliterate their own understanding of their history."** GEORGE ORWELL

# RELIGION & PHILOSOPHY

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### Major and Minor

Quaker education is experiential in nature and combines critical thinking with actual doing. This approach to education is designed to lead you to what has been termed the "inner teacher," which alludes to receiving Divine guidance. We educate the whole person and, through listening, reflection, learning and experience, you can become changed from the inside out. Understanding this emphasis does not by any means require you to be a Quaker.

As a religion & philosophy major, you will explore not only the Quaker tradition, but also the broader Christian tradition, as well as other major religious and philosophical traditions of the world. You will have hands-on connections to the outer-world by visiting such entities as the Islamic Center and Hindu Temple in Cincinnati. Your professors

may present a Socrates soliloquy or share insight into participating in archaeological digs in Tunisia. You may also gain awareness into the philosophical dimensions of TV's *Twilight Zone* episodes or learn how dreams have impacted religious beliefs through the ages.

### Peace Studies Minor

The peace studies minor provides you with a background for practicing peacemaking. You will study peace and conflict from such perspectives as psychology, the sciences, history, political science, religion and philosophy. The minor complements many majors by adding a dimension emphasizing a peace-oriented life and career.

**"My R&P professors were conscientious and highly accessible, and I was able to have inspiring personal interactions with them, which would have been impossible at much larger colleges. I am currently attending a seminary and continuing my lifelong spiritual and educational explorations, and I can't imagine being able to confidently undertake them without the foundational knowledge and curiosity provided by my experience at Wilmington College."**

KEVIN COURTRIGHT





# SCIENCES & MATH

## BIOLOGY

### Major and Minor

#### Major Concentrations:

Environmental Science

Health Science

Life Science

Biotechnology

*(for Sinclair, Southern State and Cincinnati State grads)*

Mount Carmel College of Nursing Partnership

Hands-on learning in the laboratory is at the heart of our broad-based biology major, which is designed to prepare you to excel in graduate and professional school, teaching biology and immediately entering a science-related industry. You will graduate from our program with a major research experience, which is rare on the undergraduate level. This, along with such unique courses as bioethics, is especially impressive when you apply for graduate and professional school or enter the job market.

You will gain practical experience independently using a wide range of molecular and DNA instrumentation in the laboratory setting. Also, engaging in internships, learning

how to interpret and analyze complex problems, and presenting research at scholarly conferences will all serve to enhance your knowledge, skills and marketability.

Environmental science studies the ways in which humans interact with the Earth, while health science is the concentration designed for students who aspire to enter allied health fields. Life science is preferred for those interested in becoming professional biologists or pursuing medical, dentistry or veterinary fields.

In labs, the classroom and through advising, our faculty members — all of whom have Ph.D.s — serve as mentors and your partners in education. They are committed to your success by helping provide you with a transforming experience, which is designed to serve as a foundation for making your career aspirations come true. Biology classes and labs are held in our new Center for the Sciences & Agriculture.

Many biology graduates have gone on to become physicians, veterinarians and osteopathic doctors.



"As a senior biology major, I am confident the College has prepared me well for career success in the field of veterinary medicine because not only have I been challenged to succeed by my classes and professors, but I have gained valuable hands-on knowledge from my labs and my research. Wilmington College has given me so many opportunities that have helped prepare me for my future educational endeavors."

ANNA HEINEKE







Environmental science students have the opportunity to travel to Costa Rica when they take "Tropical Ecology and Conservation" class.



## Environmental Science

### Major Concentration

Professionals in the relatively new field of Environmental Science study the ways in which humans interact with and affect the living and non-living components of the Earth. It's a growing profession with a bright future for those interested in working in everything from sustainability and pollution to conservation and resource management.

As a student in the program, you will take the core biology curriculum along with specialty courses offered in environmental science. Its problem-based exercises are designed for students working collaboratively and thinking critically.

Your knowledge base obtained in the classroom is complemented by the hands-on learning opportunities found in laboratory and field experiences, including an excursion to Costa Rica.

All environmental science majors engage in a semester-long research experience, a rare opportunity on the undergraduate level. This, along with other practical learning experiences, is especially impressive when you apply for graduate and professional school or enter the job market. You will also have opportunities to present your research at scholarly forums and attend scientific meetings, as well as publish in scientific literature.

In addition to the highly qualified biology faculty members, the primary professor in environmental science holds a Ph.D., has published extensively with students and has work experience in the government, private industry and non-profit sectors.

The department is housed in WC's newest facility, the recently opened Center for the Sciences & Agriculture.

 **Students volunteer in SW Ohio to eradicate invasive honeysuckle.**



## CHEMISTRY

### Major and Minor

Since science and technology are driving forces in today's world, persons proficient in these areas are poised for success. A major or minor in chemistry from Wilmington College provides you with the knowledge and, equally importantly, the practical skills required for embarking upon graduate studies and entering the workforce.

Required research not only increases your experience in particular subject areas but also helps you develop confidence and foster an ability to teach others. Our students regularly present their original research at national and international symposia held from Ecuador and Chicago to the Philippines.

Unlike at many other institutions, you will learn to work independently in open labs under the guidance of a faculty of Ph.Ds. As early as your freshman year, you will use

modern, sophisticated instrumentation — like spectrometers and gas chromatographs. Indeed, many employers and graduate school faculty marvel at the impressive level of the hands-on experience with which WC students graduate. You will gain further proficiency through internships with such organizations as Alkermes Pharmaceuticals, Aerotek and Dayton Superior 30.

Chemistry students learn in the College's newest facility, the Center for the Sciences & Agriculture, which opened in 2016.

**"The excellent hands-on learning opportunities I had as a chemistry major at WC directly led to my landing a great position immediately after graduation at Alkermes Pharmaceutical's micro-biology lab."**

**MASON HARRIS**

 **Intern with a local lab that's researching drugs to combat the opioid epidemic.**



# MATHEMATICS

## Major and Minor

Learning mathematics is more than equations on the board, more than a pencil and paper problem. Our students realize that math has real-world application and is fundamental to how the world works.

That's why WC's math courses incorporate more group dynamics and projects that reflect real-world problems than other schools. Our students don't just find answers to those pencil and paper problems; they develop an ability to understand concepts, which gets them excited and motivated about becoming immersed in the subject. They become critical thinkers who learn how to solve problems, analyze the solutions and communicate effectively about both their problem-solving methods as well as the implications of the solutions.

The faculty members, all of whom hold doctorates, bring real-world experience ranging from engineering and education to business and pure math.

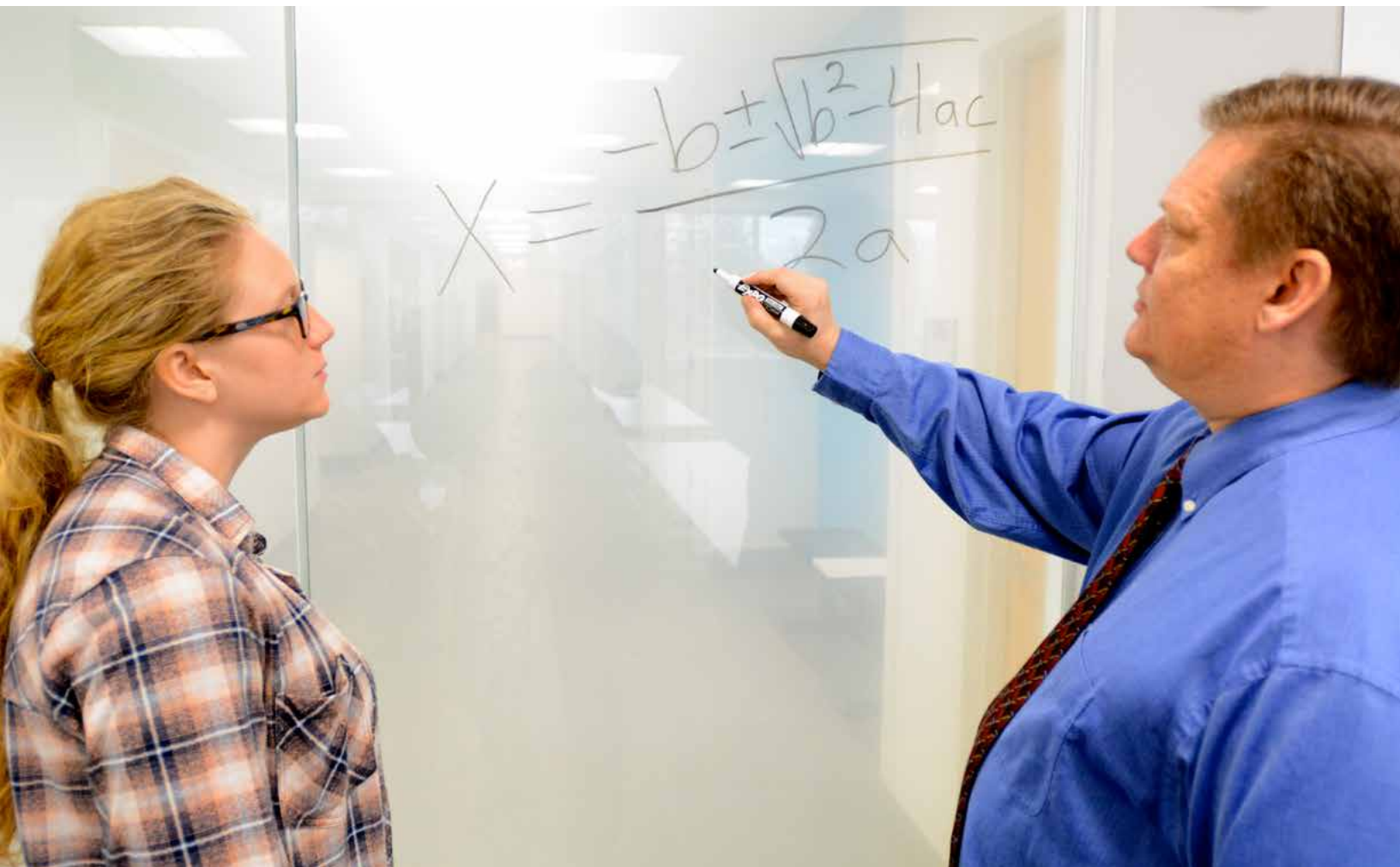
Not only do our faculty members teach vital concepts in mathematics, they also assist students in determining how they can pursue their interest in the subject. Faculty members ensure our students meet the right people and engage in the right experiences to advance their knowledge and practical skills, i.e., helping students plan their career journeys.

The Mathematics Department is housed in the new Center for the Sciences & Agriculture.

**"The most important thing we as faculty do is get students excited and motivated about math and the importance of math in the world."**

**DR. JAMES FITZSIMMONS**

*Professor of Mathematics*



 **"...all things in nature occur mathematically."** RENÉ DESCARTES



# SOCIAL SCIENCES



## CRIMINAL JUSTICE

### Major and Minor

As a criminal justice major, you will be pursuing an area that offers numerous career opportunities, including law enforcement, identification and apprehension of suspects, and the reintegration of convicted offenders into society. A background in criminal justice also provides an excellent pre-law major.

In our program, you will receive broad training on justice issues and be engaged in thoughtful classroom discussions based on respect for others and a sensitivity to professionalism. You will come to realize that you will be an agent of change as your training sheds light on the moral and ethical dimensions faced by professionals in criminal justice.

You will also have strong internship opportunities to conduct research that complements the real world examples presented by faculty members, guest speakers from the profession and hands-on field experience.

Criminal justice majors possess a broad range of experience, from law and prison work to agencies that impact the criminal justice system and mental health applications.



 Our mock trial team won a national championship.

# POLITICAL SCIENCE

## Major and Minor

### Major Concentrations:

Food Policy & Agriculture Advocacy

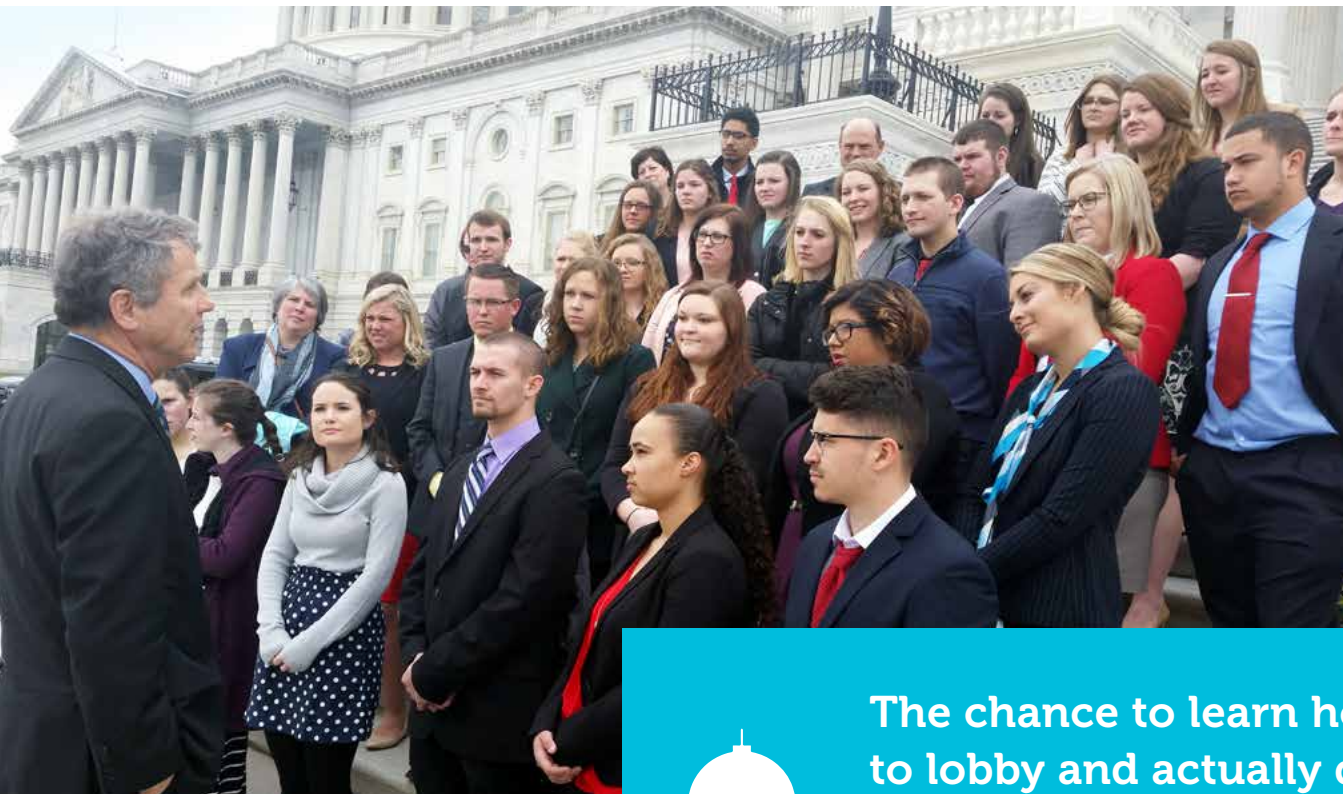
Studying political science at Wilmington College provides you with the opportunity to better understand the world and your place in it. We introduce you to political thought with a background in history. You'll learn about the institutions and processes dealing with the human condition. Courses also address such issues as justice, human rights, social movements and economic development as they relate to the distribution of wealth and power in society.

We challenge you to use logical and critical thinking in learning about controversial topics while, at the same time, valuing other's opinions. You will participate in simulations involving global politics to better understand how coalitions are formed, conflicts are averted and problems are solved.

In addition, we get you out of the classroom, where hands-on learning opportunities will enhance your

knowledge and experience. You'll have the opportunity to present your research at state and national conferences, and compete in a simulation of an Arab League session. You may have a chance to conduct research with a faculty member that ultimately will be published in scholarly journals or even a college textbook. You can participate in the annual Spring Lobby Weekend in Washington, D.C., which has become a signature hands-on learning activity at WC. There, you will learn about subjects such as mass incarceration or income inequality, and learn from experts how to lobby before actually lobbying your Congressional representative. This experience with "finding your voice" has been literally life-changing for many students.

Food policy & Agriculture Advocacy is WC's newest major concentration. Food production in the 21st century has become both a science and a social science with implications that resonate throughout American society, as well as the global economy, geo-politics and even carry a logical relationship for war and peace.



The chance to learn how to lobby and actually do it in Washington, D.C. is one of WC's signature **hands-on learning** opportunities.





## PSYCHOLOGY

### Major and Minor

Wilmington College's mission is woven into the structure of the psychology major. Our focus is to provide a liberal arts education through the academic and applied study of the human mind and behavior. Your study of psychology supports a liberal arts perspective through an examination of the whole person: the intellectual, emotional, physical and spiritual aspects.

Our faculty members strive to connect with and to inspire your passion for learning and service. Courses within this major explore issues in social justice and encourage students to use science to seek truth. The expression of ideas is strongly encouraged in a supportive and respectful learning environment. You will be challenged to think critically through discussion, assignments and presentations. The course requirements for the psychology major are also designed to support a double major or a minor in other social sciences, such as criminal justice and social work.

The psychology major prepares students for a variety of post-undergraduate opportunities including advanced degree programs and, ultimately, careers in the field. Our

The psychology major is designed to prepare graduates for the pursuit of an advanced degree or to complement other areas in the social sciences.



department's emphasis on student research projects and capstone seminar projects will help hone your critical thinking and use of science to uncover the facts. This, coupled with either career mentoring or assistance through the graduate school application process by our academic advisers and our Career Resource Center, will help set you on the next steps of your journey.

 Students present original research at scholarly symposia.



# SOCIAL WORK

## Major

As a student in our social work program, you likely care about people. You believe in a code of ethics that highlights such attributes as integrity, professionalism, honesty, service to others and a belief in social justice and equality.

You will learn that ethical decision-making is a cornerstone of our program and that your own self-awareness and ability to interact with others with integrity will be among your greatest assets for success. This career-oriented major requires 400 hours of hands-on experience in field placement, in which you will have the opportunity to shadow and engage in direct practice with local social service professionals.

Upon completion of our undergraduate curriculum, you will be eligible to apply for licensure as a "Licensed Social Worker" in Ohio.

## Sociology Minor

Sociology is the study of how groups interact within society. This minor will provide you with a sophisticated knowledge of social theory and problems. It can help prepare you for professions in such areas as education, human services, criminal justice and other social sciences.

**"At Hamilton County Family Services, we protect children, the elderly and families. We help others and enhance the quality of other's lives. For me that philosophy started right here at Wilmington College. This is where I learned character, service, stewardship and a large sense of who I am and what I could be."**

**AMY STORY**

*Hamilton County Jobs and Family Services*



# SPORT SCIENCES

## ATHLETIC TRAINING

### Major

Athletic trainers are healthcare providers to athletes and the physically active. They are true practitioners of sports medicine. Athletic training is a premiere major at WC. It is nationally regarded for requiring the degree of excellence and rigor reserved for the training of professionals who might find themselves in life and death situations. Indeed, our students and graduates literally have saved lives.

As such, we require a total mastery of the subject matter and pair that with an emphasis on practical experience. While many schools' AT programs don't incorporate clinical experience until as late as their students' junior year, we will almost immediately engage you in applying your classroom knowledge in a clinical field setting, while working with student-athletes and certified athletic trainers. You will learn by doing. As that hands-on learning experience progresses, we will give you more and more responsibility.

Furthermore, the new Center for Sport Sciences is home to our AT program and features an athletic training clinic on par with that of many professional teams. The Center also

hosts four commercial medical partners whose clinics in our facility provide many of our students with additional real world experience right here on campus. Also, among the many professional level internships we can help you find are ones with the Cincinnati Reds and Bengals.

One more thing: unlike many schools, we allow our AT students to participate in one varsity sport. We place them in clinical settings that don't conflict with their sports' practices and game schedules. Our success speaks for itself — 98% of our seniors pass the national certification exam on their first or second try.

WC is well on the way to establishing a master's-level program in athletic training that will start in the very near future.

### AT alumni in big-time sports:

- Paul Sparling, *Head Athletic Trainer, Cincinnati Bengals*
- Nick Kenney, *Head Athletic Trainer, Kansas City Royals*
- Trevor Hooker, *Athletic Training Fellow, Cincinnati Bengals*



 4 on-campus medical clinics offer job shadowing opportunities.





## EXERCISE SCIENCE

### Major

#### Major Concentrations:

Allied Health

Sport Performance

Health and fitness constitute a major industry in the United States. As the newest major in our sport sciences area, exercise science is designed to prepare and train you for leadership positions within the fields of sports, recreation, physical fitness and allied health areas.

The allied health concentration is geared toward those seeking advanced degrees in such areas as athletic training, physical therapy, physician assistant and chiropractic medicine, while the sport performance track features a mastery of skills in exercise programming. Exercise science will be the undergraduate entry when WC starts its new Master of Athletic Training program. Required internships offer additional hands-on experience in the field.

 **Jump right from your bachelor's in exercise science to graduate school for athletic training, physical therapy, exercise physiology or other allied health fields.**



WC Center for Sport Sciences won the **top award** for "Sports Stadium/Athletic Facility" by *American School and University Magazine*.

As a major in our academically rigorous exercise science program, you will have the flexibility to combine your curriculum with complementary areas like sport management and our popular coaching minor. You are also able to take a variety of elective courses geared toward your area of special interest. One such elective, instructed by the sports performance service, Ignition APG, offers you certification in speed training as part of the class.



## Coaching

### Minor

The College's largest minor, coaching, meets Ohio standards for the Pupil Activity Supervisor permit, which is required for coaching in public schools. This certification makes aspiring teachers even more appealing to employers and is a key component for aspiring athletic directors.

Possessing a coaching minor also gives you opportunities to teach and lead in sports outside the school environment. Coaching positions are expected to increase by as much as 14% in the coming years.

Courses and experiences address objectives set forth by the National Assn. for Sport & Physical Education, which addresses codes of conduct for coaches, as well as teaching applicable skills. We emphasize an introspective look at why you want to coach and will help you develop personal philosophies ranging from parental involvement to the recreational vs. competitive models in sports.

**Coaching is WC's  
largest minor  
and gives graduates  
additional opportunities  
for continuing their  
passion for sport.**



 **Coaching positions are expected to increase by 14%.**



# SPORT MANAGEMENT

## Major

The role of sports is pervasive in American society. The Super Bowl and other major sporting events regularly are the top-rated television programs. Indeed, cities and regions often cite their sports teams as points of pride and geographical identification, and issue special public taxes in order to build great facilities. This phenomenon brings with it numerous opportunities for employment and careers in the sports field. Consider such areas as sport administration, sales and marketing, and facilities management, as well as opportunities in schools, the fitness industry and related consumer products.


Hands-on learning experiences constitute the hallmark of our program. Complementing the theory taught in the classroom, opportunities abound for learning by doing. Students run all phases of the annual "Hermann Madness" event ushering in basketball season, along with a 5K obstacle run and a shorter course event geared toward children. Students work at such high-profile events as

Cincinnati Bengals games, college football's Music City Bowl in Nashville and even the Super Bowl.

In 2015, our sport management program was ranked number one by Best Small Colleges in its *Sport Management Degree Guide*. Graduates have secured jobs with such major professional teams as the Cincinnati Reds and Atlanta Braves, and the NFL's Bengals, Jets and 49ers.

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 **18 WC sport management students worked at Super Bowl LII in Minneapolis, — how's that for a bullet point on a resume?**

# PRE-PROFESSIONAL



Wilmington College's Pre-Professional programs prepare you to be competitive candidates for advanced degrees from law, chiropractic, veterinary, medical, dental and physical therapy schools, and other graduate and doctoral programs.

Our faculty and other academic advisers will help guide you toward your professional area of interest through course selection, complementary majors and minors, and outside-the-classroom, hands-on learning opportunities.

**"The tools and skills I acquired at Wilmington College, I believe, are what set me apart from other candidates trying to get into Auburn University's doctoral program. At WC, I had exceptional professors in Chemistry, Biology and Mathematics who kept me motivated and highly interested in what I was studying."**

**ALEXANDER SAUNDERS**

**Recent graduates have been accepted into graduate and doctoral programs at such institutions as:**

Auburn University  
Cornell University  
DeBusk College of Osteopathic Medicine  
Kansas State University  
The Ohio State University  
Ohio University Medical College  
University of Cincinnati College of Law  
University of Dayton School of Law  
University of Pittsburgh  
University of Tennessee  
West Virginia University School of Medicine  
Western Michigan University, Cooley Law School  
Xavier University



## WHERE CURRICULAR AND EXTRA-CURRICULAR CONVERGE

It's been said that some leaders are born, while others are found. Wilmington College offers three distinct programs that bring this axiom to life. The WC Work Program, the Peace Corps Preparation Program and the WISE (The Wilmington Institute for Stewardship & Engagement) Program reflect the College's mission through work, service and stewardship.

### Work

The College recognizes the concerns associated with rising educational costs and offers numerous on-campus work opportunities. These not only make attending WC more affordable, but also provide valuable work experience and, in many cases, can provide practical skills and experiential learning within a student's academic area of interest.

### Service

Service is universal at Wilmington College. A major component of our "Hands-on learning. Hands-on living." motto involves service as an applied way to contribute to and strengthen the communities around us. The Peace Corps Preparation Program combines coursework and community service designed to prepare students for work in international development. WC is proud to be one of a few colleges nationwide to offer this collaborative program.

### Stewardship

Employers today are seeking job candidates that convey a strong work ethic, engage in team building, are equipped for conflict management and embrace leadership opportunities as they arise. WISE offers a stand-alone, co-curricular leadership program open to first-year and transfer students from all disciplines. It combines academics plus applied work and internship opportunities, bundled into 11 total semester hours. Graduates will receive a certificate in Leadership & Sustainable Change noted on their official transcripts.

## HONORS PROGRAM

The Honors Program is designed to enrich the academic experience with honors sections of core courses, interdisciplinary seminars, volunteering and civic engagement, senior project, and various non-credit enrichment activities. Students qualifying for the program will build a strong foundation for growth during their collegiate journey that will allow them to engage in challenging conversations and topics intended to expand the way they think and view issues.

### Highlights and Facts about the Honors Program

- Approximately 10% of the student body comprises the Honors Program.
- Nearly all students in the Honors Program receive WC Merit (non-need) Scholarships.
- Special sections of required General Education courses are available only to participants in the Honors Program; these classes feature extensive interaction with their peers and faculty.
- Honors students are provided with exclusive seminars and presentations on various topics.
- Sophomores and juniors are given opportunities for leadership development.
- Honors Program students are invited to participate in program-specific field trips to plays, musical productions, museums, films and special events, which provide social as well as academic benefits.
- Seniors complete a major-specific capstone project.
- Honors Program graduates receive notation of their completion of the program on their College transcripts, a graduation stole and are recognized at commencement.

### Academics-based Honor Societies

- Green Key: WC's general academic honor society for juniors and seniors
- Omicron Delta Kappa: Leadership Honor Society
- Delta Tau Alpha: National Agriculture Honor Society
- Omicron Delta Epsilon: International Economics Honorary
- Sigma Tau Delta: English Honor Society
- Sigma Delta Pi: National Hispanic Honorary

## ACCESSIBILITY

Disability Services works with students and faculty to ensure that disability will not be a barrier to equal opportunity. Accommodations are provided to students with documented disabilities to enable equal access to College programs and services. Accommodations are determined on an individual basis, based on consultation with the student and disability documentation. For more information, contact the Academic Services director at [accessibility@wilmington.edu](mailto:accessibility@wilmington.edu) or 937.481.2444.



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Your Wilmington College experience will include two new facilities that are taking teaching and learning to new levels.



The Center for Sport Sciences, which opened in 2015, is home to our athletic training, sport management, exercise science and coaching areas. Highlights include an Athletic Training Clinic comparable to that of professional sports teams and an indoor turf field used for athletics and student recreation.



The Center for the Sciences & Agriculture, which opened in 2016, is WC's largest academic facility with numerous labs, classrooms and offices. It even features two greenhouses and a telescope observatory.

**Schedule a visit:**  
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