Our mission is to promote, through scholarly inquiry and transmission of ideas, sensitive, imaginative, and rigorous reflection on the human condition. Our mission is to less, then, than to engage in thoughtful reflection on those deep and abiding questions that relate to what it is to be human. In addressing this profound issue faculty and students reflect upon art, literature, philosophy, and other expressions of the human spirit, each of which in its way deepens our understanding. Our instructional goal is to engage our students in this inquiry, to further their knowledge, their competence to express themselves clearly, rigorously, with style and originality, and to hope that we are, thereby, assuring a future for humanistic inquiry.

Programs in the humanities range from teaching the craft of composition in writing programs, to developing an appreciation of profound philosophical thinkers and writers from Asia, the Near East, Europe, England and America. The commitment to what a university is — a community in which one may become an educated person — requires special concern for the welfare and future of the humanities.

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