

College of Behavioral & Social Sciences

Lander University

MISSION STATEMENT

Our mission is to provide a high quality, dynamic, and individualized education that fosters personal, intellectual, and professional development and enables our students to lead engaged, satisfying, and productive lives in a diverse and rapidly evolving world. We promote behavioral and social scientific literacy and knowledge using a scholar-educator model, both in and outside the classroom.

In Government, Criminology, and Sociology, we explore the social, political, and cultural relationships among individuals, organizations, and institutions.

In History and Philosophy, we seek to understand the fullness of past human experiences and to reflect upon humankind's unceasing pursuit of wisdom.

In Military Science, we develop leadership skills in students who will serve the nation as officers in the U.S. Army and as citizens as part of their communities.

In Psychological Science, we investigate the dynamic relationship between environmental and biological influences on behavior, cognition, and emotion.

Regardless of which disciplinary path our students take, our goal is that they develop the knowledge, skills, and abilities necessary to excel in a wide range of fields, either in the workforce or while pursuing advanced education.

VALUES

Engagement

- of students through active and experiential learning
- in undergraduate research opportunities
- in professional development by faculty, staff, and students
- of alumni, community partners, donors, and friends of the College

Diversity

- of ideas in classrooms through rigorous exploration of inquiry
- in our populations of students, staff, and faculty
- in academic degree programs and curricular offerings
- of resources that support the College's work

Awareness

- of the benefits of a liberal arts education to all constituencies
- of career possibilities for students through professionalization activities
- of community needs and opportunities through coursework and internships
- of the global marketplace through courses and study abroad options

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