

## Humanities at The College

Students have access to a variety of programs and centers within the humanities, as well as the interdisciplinary experience of studying courses within the other two divisions of The College: natural sciences and social sciences. This cross-disciplinary approach transforms students into socially aware, critical thinkers who have the tools to adapt and succeed in their career and life.

### Academic units

Department of English  
School of Historical, Philosophical  
and Religious Studies  
School of International Letters and Cultures

### Centers and institutes

Arizona Center for Medieval and  
Renaissance Studies  
Center for Asian Research  
Center for Film, Media and Popular Culture  
Center for Imagination in the Borderlands  
Center for Jewish Studies  
Center of Muslim Experience in the  
United States  
Center for Public Humanities  
Center for the Study of Religion  
and Conflict  
Chinese Language Flagship Center  
Desert Humanities Initiative  
Hispanic Research Center  
Humanities Lab  
Institute for Humanities Research  
Lincoln Center for Applied Ethics  
Project Humanities  
Virginia G. Piper Center for Creative Writing

## Philanthropy fuels possibilities

When you invest in the humanities, you help fuel our commitment to creating access for all students. For the 2020-2021 academic year, students in The College received more than \$124 million in scholarships, allowing them a better chance to thrive in their academic journey. In addition, philanthropy provides an extra measure of support for our top faculty, research initiatives and community programs that otherwise could not be achieved. Together, we can impact the lives of many.

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**“The humanities connect the study of the past to the creation of a better future, emphasize the study of language and story to create global understanding and offer the opportunity for students to activate their creativity and curiosity.”**

— **Jeffrey Cohen**  
Dean of Humanities

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**1,199**  
degrees granted  
(2019-2020)

**3**  
schools and  
departments

**16**  
research centers  
and institutes

**28**  
undergraduate  
majors

## Exploring the human adventure across time, history, culture and place

The humanities division at The College of Liberal Arts and Sciences imagines a more just and sustainable world through an exploration of the human adventure across time, history, culture and place. Students gain foundations in writing, language study, research and reasoned argument that enable them to tackle real-world problems with creativity, curiosity and compassion on a global scale. By connecting the study of the past to both the present and the future, students' perspectives broaden, enriching their lives regardless of their educational and career goals.



## Providing unmatched access to world-class scholarship

Our faculty and scholars are educating the next generation of globally informed leaders while creating a more equitable, sustainable future for the humanities and beyond. Award-winning writers and scholars, public humanities programming and historically grounded, forward-looking research enable unmatched access for all students.



### Nationally recognized research centers

The Arizona Center for Medieval and Renaissance Studies' ongoing RaceB4Race programming received a \$3.5 million grant from The Andrew W. Mellon Foundation to support premodern critical race scholarship through curricular development, academic mentorship and public humanities work.



### Award-winning faculty

Humanities faculty are some of the best in their field. For example, Natalie Diaz, associate professor and director of the Center for Imagination in the Borderlands, received the 2021 Pulitzer Prize in Poetry, Professor Mitchell S. Jackson received the 2021 Pulitzer Prize in Feature Writing and Associate Professor Safiya Sinclair received the 2016 Whiting Award.



### Engaging all students in the human adventure

In 2021, we held the inaugural Humanities Week, where ASU humanities units, centers and institutes hosted special events to highlight the ways in which we explore the human adventure across time, culture and place. The weeklong calendar of both in-person and virtual events covered a broad range of humanities-related topics, including history, literature, culture, racial representation, social justice and climate change.

## Building a community of belonging

By measuring our success not by whom we exclude, but rather whom we include and how they succeed, The College builds up a community that values, welcomes and amplifies unique perspectives. Through a number of new initiatives, Sun Devils are able to have important conversations and develop diversity-informed research, while learning how to thrive in today's interconnected world. Of the 5,000+ students pursuing a degree in the humanities, 42 percent are Pell Grant eligible and 31 percent are the first in their families to attend a university.

<b>5:1</b>	<b>student-to-faculty ratio</b>
<b>59%</b>	<b>female student population</b>
<b>175</b>	<b>tenured and tenure-track faculty</b>
<b>28,436</b>	<b>students enrolled in humanities courses</b>
<b>19</b>	<b>National Scholar students</b>

**I have encountered many obstacles at ASU, but thanks to the mentorship I have received from faculty and the unconditional support of many friends and colleagues, I will be the first one in my entire family to obtain a PhD."**

**Angélica Amezcua**  
Spanish (PhD)

