

Mission Statement: March 2014 Draft

College Mission

To increase the understanding of human behavior and relationships, social institutions, community, culture, and the environment through excellence in teaching; the creation and dissemination of knowledge through research, creative activity and service; and the application of this knowledge to issues facing communities, tribes, the state, the country, and the world.

College Values

- Recognizing that our work is centered on students, their intellectual enrichment, their retention and progression to graduation, and their participation and leadership within the global community
- Supporting quality scientific research and creative, scholarly activity for students and faculty
- Providing students the analytical, communicative, and visual skill-sets to excel in diverse employment opportunities
- Supporting interdisciplinary and multidisciplinary inquiry, and enhancing problem-oriented, applied, and professional learning
- Developing critical analyses of social justice, power, race, class, gender, sexuality, and other contemporary issues of social relevance from diverse perspectives
- Encouraging awareness of self and others by promoting the history, culture and contributions of women, people of color, and other diverse communities; and promoting the appreciation, importance, and respect for diversity, inclusion, disability and community
- Emphasizing the relationship of the local to the global through strengthening engagement, awareness, and participation in global learning and scholarship
- Stressing the centrality of sustainability and environmental issues
- Fostering active engagement, advocacy, compassion, civic responsibility, and service to the community

College Structure

The College is comprised of fifteen diverse academic units across ten buildings, and coordinated by a Dean's Office. The college houses 5,000 undergraduate students pursuing its majors, and close to 400 graduate students. There are approximately 190 full-time faculty, and 80 full-time staff, along with many part-time faculty and staff. The academic units are:

- Anthropology
- Applied Indigenous Studies
- Civic Service Institute
- Criminology and Criminal Justice
- Ethnic Studies
- Family Violence Institute
- Geography, Planning and Recreation
- Institute for Human Development
- Masters of Arts in Sustainable Communities
- Politics and International Affairs
- Program in Community, Culture and Environment
- Psychology
- School of Communication
- Sociology and Social Work
- Women's and Gender Studies