

# Edwards College of Humanities and Fine Arts



College Report  
Academic Year 2019-2020

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## 2019-2020 Departments and Programs

### Department of Anthropology and Geography

#### Majors/Degrees

- Anthropology and Geography: Anthropology Concentration, B.A.
- Anthropology and Geography: Geography Concentration, B.A.

#### Minors

- Anthropology
- Geographic Information Systems

#### Certificates

- Applied Archaeology Certificate
- Geospatial Technologies Certificate (Distance Learning)

### Department of Communication, Media and Culture

#### Majors/Degrees

- Communication: Communication Studies Concentration, B.A.
- Communication: Health Communication Concentration, B.A.
- Communication: Interactive Journalism Concentration, B.A.
- Communication: Public Relations/Integrated Communication Concentration, B.A.
- Communication: Sports Communication Concentration, B.A.

## **Minors**

- Communication
- Journalism

## **Department of English**

### **Majors/Degrees**

- Digital Culture and Design, B.A.
- English: Composition, Rhetoric and Linguistics Concentration, B.A.
- English: Creative Writing Concentration, B.A.
- English: English Studies Concentration, B.A.
- English: Literature and Culture Concentration, B.A.

### **Minors**

- Creative Writing
- English
- Linguistics
- Middle Grades Education English
- New Media and Digital Culture
- Southern Studies

## **Department of History**

### **Majors/Degrees**

- History, B.A.

### **Minors**

- African Diaspora Studies
- History
- Middle Grades Education Social Studies
- Military Science

### **Certificates**

- Cultural Heritage Studies

## **Department of Languages and Intercultural Studies**

### **Majors/Degrees**

- Languages and Intercultural Studies: Hispanic Studies Concentration, B.A.
- Languages and Intercultural Studies: Multiple Languages Concentration, B.A.

### **Minors**

- French
- German
- Languages and Intercultural Studies
- Spanish

## **Department of Music**

### **Majors/Degrees**

- Music: Commercial Music and Jazz Concentration, B.A.
- Music: General Studies Concentration, B.A.
- Music: Performance Concentration, B.A.
- Music: Teacher Preparation Precertification Concentration, B.A.

#### **Minors**

- Music Minor

### **Department of Philosophy and Religious Studies**

#### **Majors/Degrees**

- Philosophy, B.A.

#### **Minors**

- Islamic Studies
- Medical Humanities
- Philosophy
- Religious Studies

#### **Certificates**

- Applied Ethics

### **Department of Politics**

#### **Majors/Degrees**

- Intelligence and National Security Studies, B.A.
- Political Science: Domestic Politics Concentration, B.A.
- Political Science: Global Politics Concentration, B.A.

#### **Minors**

- American Studies
- Global Studies
- Intelligence and Security Studies
- Political Science
- Pre-Law

#### **Certificates**

- American Studies

### **Department of Theatre**

#### **Majors/Degrees**

- Theatre Arts: Acting Concentration, B.F.A.
- Theatre Arts: Design and Production Concentration, B.F.A.
- Theatre Arts: Musical Theatre Concentration, B.F.A.
- Theatre Arts: Physical Theatre Concentration, B.F.A.
- Theatre, B.F.A.

#### **Minors**

- Dramatic Arts

## Department of Visual Arts

### Majors/Degrees

- Art History, B.A.
- Art Studio, B.A.
- Graphic Design, B.A.

### Minors

- Art History
- Art Studio (For Graphic Design Majors)
- Art Studio (For Non-Art Studio Majors)
- Graphic Design (For Art Studio Majors)
- Graphic Design (For Non-Art Studio Majors)
- Photography

## Updates

### Curriculum

#### Undergraduate Forms Approved

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| · Form As (Change in, Restoration of, or Removal of Course): | 39 |
| · Form Bs (Change in Program):                               | 5  |
| · Form Cs (Proposal for New Course):                         | 36 |
| · Form D (Proposal for New Program):                         | 6  |

#### Graduate Forms Approved

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| · Form As (Change in, Restoration of, or Removal of Course): | 4 |
| · Form Bs (Change in Program):                               | 6 |
| · Form Cs (Proposal for New Course):                         | 0 |
| · Form D (Proposal for New Program):                         | 0 |

#### New Degrees and Programs

- One new BA in Religious Studies was submitted and approved.
- Two new BFAs were submitted and approved: BFA in Visual Art and BFA in Visual Communication Design
- Minor in Spanish for Health Professions submitted & approved.
- Minor in Film and Production Studies submitted & approved.
- Minors in the following regional studies submitted & approved: African and African Diaspora, Asian, European, and Middle Eastern.
- Minors in the following regional studies submitted & pending approval: Caribbean and Latin American, and Russian and Eurasian.
- Minor in Social Studies submitted & approved.
- Minor in Peace and Conflict Studies submitted & approved.

#### Promotion & Hires

- 1 Dean

- 2 Associate Deans
- 1 Coordinator of Academic Initiatives
- 9 Senior Lecturers
- 4 Associate Professors
- 4 Full Professors
- 1 Distinguished Professor Emeritus
- 1 New Lecturer
- 1 Fulbright Teaching Assistant
- 4 Visiting Assistant Professors
- 6 New Assistant Professors
- 4 New Academic Advisors
- 1 Director of Advising
- 1 Administrative Assistant
- 3 New Administrative Specialists
- 1 Administrative Coordinator

## Dean's Goals

### Philanthropy & Alumni Outreach

- Alumna Amy Hall's Visit (Visual Arts major)
- Alumna Michelle Russo's Visit (Communication major)
- Board of Visitors
  - New Board Members
  - Annual Scholarships Awarded
  - Performing Arts Scholarships Awarded
  - Community Service Scholarships Awarded
- Establishment of the Thomas W. and Robin W. Edwards College First-Generation Annual Scholarship
  - Six Scholarships Awarded (\$1000 each)
- Winner of the Giving Teal Tuesday College Competition
  - 68 individual donors
  - \$116.42 average gift
  - \$8498.78 total
- Dean's Excellence Scholarships Awarded

### Branding & Publications

#### Important Stories

- Sandy Island Cultural Initiative holds public meeting on renovation of Sandy Island School – June 5, 2019
- CCU professor to study border security as nonresident scholar at Rice University's Mexico Center – July 5, 2019
- CCU mural class leaves permanent mark on the Grand Strand – July 24, 2019
- CCU alum Amy Hall returns to campus for screening of groundbreaking film *Segfault* – Aug. 26, 2019

- Lithic raw material meets wicked raw talent: Sydney James – Sept. 11, 2019
- Virtual meets reality in Xinyi Tan’s language classroom – Sept. 19, 2019
- Intel students at CCU spent part of summer touring intelligence agencies in D.C. – Sept. 22, 2019
- CCU undergrad Eric Winter presents at U.S. Strategic Command symposium – Oct. 9, 2019
- Award-winning journalist Issac J. Bailey to give lecture at CCU – Oct. 14, 2019
- “Ask a Young Person”: Ethics center at CCU hosts open dialogues – Oct. 22, 2019
- Vienna Boys Choir to appear in sold-out performance at CCU’s Wheelwright Auditorium – Oct. 29, 2019
- Students bring home hardware from the Southeastern Museums Conference – Nov. 12, 2019
- CCU’s Athenaeum Press and Arts and Humanities Global Exchange celebrate release of ‘Trans/South: Ten Voices of Identity’ – Nov. 18, 2019
- CCU’s Lisa Borne Graves publishes second novel via Twitter pitch party – Nov. 21, 2019
- Award-winning German tenor Gerhard Siegel, direct from performance at the Metropolitan Opera, to perform on Wheelwright Stage – Jan. 14, 2020
- Director of production at Nickelodeon and CCU alumna inspires students – Jan. 23, 2020
- CCU students participate in Model EU conference in Brussels, Belgium – Jan. 28, 2020
- Original Broadway cast member directs CCU production of ‘Legally Blonde The Musical’ – Feb. 13, 2020
- CCU’s 2020 Gullah Geechee conference celebrates and preserves cultural elements of the African diaspora – Feb. 28, 2020
- CCU’s Gullah Geechee conference performances to benefit area flood relief – March 3, 2020
- Leisa Rich “Diversionary Antics,” a sensory-friendly art exhibit, in final week at CCU – March 10, 2020
- CCU’s Edwards College prepares online course instruction – March 23, 2020
- CCU Chanticleer Intelligence Brief offers monitoring and analysis of COVID-19 pandemic – April 9, 2020
- CCU’s Edwards College launches Edwards Live to offer cultural and educational experiences – April 10, 2020
- CCU’s Joyner Institute expands collaboration with Georgetown County community – April 24, 2020
- (Re) Telling the Story of Ancient Greek Portraiture – April 30, 2020
- First graduate of CCU’s Master of Arts in communication program is ideal role model for those who will follow – May 13, 2020
- 3D exhibit created by CCU students and faculty receives national award – May 28, 2020
- CCU professor to cross S.C. in 30 days to shine light on state’s wonders and conduct climate change survey – June 24, 2020

## Graduate Programs

- Existing Programs
  - Launch of Master of Arts in Communication program with 16 students.
  - Master of Arts in Liberal Studies had new coordinator and continued to be largest program.
  - Master of Arts in Music Technology doubled student numbers in second year.
  - Master of Arts in Writing had healthy numbers and supported undergraduate education

via Graduate Assistants.

- Total 64 graduate students enrolled in Fall 2019.
- Master of Arts in Applied Politics passed through two SC Committee on Higher Education committees; tabled due to Covid-19 budget concerns in Spring 2019.

## Local & Global

- Board of Visitors Study Abroad Scholarships Awarded
- Short-Term Study Abroad Programs
  - Festival Music and Culture in Carribean (Took place in Wintermester)
  - Coastal in Tuscany (Canceled due to Covid-19)
  - Life, Media and Culture in Berlin (Canceled due to Covid-19)
  - Language and Culture in Costa Rica (Canceled due to Covid-19)
  - Ghana's Connections to the Diaspora (Canceled due to Covid-19)
- Rich global connections in Cultural Arts Calendar
  - documentary film series
  - cultural celebrations
  - lectures on diverse topics

## Planning: Identity & Strategic Vision

- The Edwards Planning Committee, as part of their work crafting a new strategic plan, reviewed the previous strategic plan. The areas of greatest success were in providing new opportunities for students, particularly with Athenaeum Press, Study Abroad, the Dyer Center, various new programs, as well as significant community engagement. The committee noted that there were a number of action items that were things out of the college control, such as adjunct salaries, or scheduling of certain spaces we regard as particular to our purposes, such as the Recital Hall or Wheelwright Auditorium. The large section of the individual department objectives, goals, and actions will not be included in the next college strategic plan, as the reporting varied too much from department to department and this information should be part of each department's documents, not the plan of the college as a whole. The committee also saw a need to craft a new mission statement for the next strategic plan.

## Student Success

- Degree in Three (DN3) process consolidated and streamlined in Dean's Office; recruited 10 students.
- Experiential learning flourished with countless applied and immersive pedagogical activities.
- Numerous fellows/scholars programs:
  - Dyer Fellows
  - Edwards College Research Fellows
  - Jackson Scholars
  - Prince Fellows (History Department)
- Undergraduate research flourished with student travel funded.
  - Publications/creative works = 13
  - Presentations/performances = 24
  - Seminars/symposiums = 9



- Numerous internships completed nationally and locally = 50
- 2019-2020 Theatre Season
  - *Dance Nation*
  - *Bright Star*
  - *The Crucible*
  - *Putt Putt*
  - *Legally Blonde*
  - *Men on Boats* (canceled due to pandemic)
- Student Music Concerts/Performances
  - Fall 2019 = 7
  - Spring 2020 (performed & planned) = 9

## **Athenaeum Press**

- “Rough Seas and Legacies: Stories of Carolina Piracy” museum exhibit
- “Trans/South” book
- Gullah Geechee Cultural Preservation Project

## **Faculty Scholarship/Creative Endeavors Highlights**

- Steve Earnest, Fulbright Scholar in Nanjing, China
- Emma Howes, Fulbright Core Teaching Fellow in Almaty, Kazakhstan
- Matt White, Guggenheim Fellowship

## **Professional Development Activities = 365**

### **Premier Publications**

- Books = 9
- Articles, Chapters, Essays = 93
- Performances/Shows = 113
- Other Publications = 45
- Presentations = 213

### **External Grants = 23**

## **Late Spring Pandemic Positives**

- Faculty pivoted successfully to online, synchronous teaching.
- Staff proved amazingly adroit at keeping the college functioning.
- Launch of EdwardsLive, an innovative online academic and cultural programming, focused on four areas: Modicum, View from the Desk, Cultural Arts from a Distance, and Voices and Visions.
  - Alumni Series
  - Cultural Performances
  - New Faculty Introductions
  - Q&A Sessions

