The College of Humanities and Behavioral Sciences (CHBS) is composed of eight departments as well as the School of Communication that highlight the humanities and human behavior. A strong international studies and global perspective is found in all departments. Working with faculty across the university, every department engages students to develop an understanding of global, social and cultural issues and to inspire each student to become an active participant in society.

**Faculty:** Faculty in the College stress teaching and research. In addition to fulfilling the rigorous requirements of undergraduate instruction, faculty conduct research that provides original contributions in their fields. Dedicated to teaching and to research, college faculty bring the latest knowledge in their fields into the classroom.

The University has an outstanding nationally-recruited faculty, 82 percent of whom hold doctorates or other terminal degrees in their teaching fields. While their primary focus is on the teaching and learning process, the faculty also are engaged in significant scholarly, creative, and public service activities. RU seeks professors who value students' intellectual and emotional growth.

**Scholarly Opportunity:** Study abroad opportunities are plentiful at RU and we even offer scholarship, internship and work abroad programs for our students through many disciplines, including most of the CHBS majors. The International Education Center located in 105 & 108 Cook Hall is ready and willing to assist students who want to pursue the prospect of studying abroad.

Students who major in many disciplines within the College also can take advantage of enrolling in an internship for credit. Engaging in an internship allows a student to gain first-hand experience in a career-oriented atmosphere.

**Financial Assistance:** Scholarship support is available to eligible students in many disciplines within the College, including Communication, Criminal Justice, Military Science (Army ROTC), Psychology, and the Social Sciences.

### The Advising Center:
The College's Advising Center provides students information regarding Core Curriculum requirements, academic policies and procedures, scholastic standards, and resource referral assistance. Specific assistance is provided to students who have declared a major in the School of Communication (Communication and Media Studies), the Department of Criminal Justice, and the Department of Psychology during the students’ transition to Radford University.
College of Humanities & Behavioral Sciences Academic Programs:

Criminal Justice—an interdisciplinary and professionally-oriented discipline focusing on many aspects of crime and issues that impact our system of justice. The program seeks to provide a broad foundation of knowledge pertaining to crime and related issues. The department offers an accelerated Master’s Degree program which provides a means whereby exceptional undergraduate students may complete the requirements for both the Bachelor’s and Master’s degrees in five rather than six years.

English—teaches students the fundamental ways of organizing knowledge in the discipline of English Studies. The major also provides students with a core of knowledge and skills essential to career choices in teaching, writing, publishing, editing, or work in business and industry that requires creative thinking and excellent communication skills. Concentrations offered within the major include Creative Writing, English Education and Technical and Business Writing.

Foreign Languages & Literatures—provides students with international skills which enhance the many opportunities available to work in business, tourism, the arts, healthcare, government, law, library science, publishing or communication. Students acquire the foundation that enables them to pursue linguistic, pedagogical or literary studies in graduate school or to teach foreign languages on the secondary level. Language concentrations offered within the major include: French, German, and Spanish. Foreign languages also offered include: Arabic, Latin, Mandarin Chinese, and Russian.

History—offers preparation for teachers of history in the public schools and for students who want a well-rounded liberal arts education as a background for a wide range of future careers, including business, law, or government and with supplementary courses in other fields can equip the student for future positions in libraries, museums, archives, or similar institutions and for research-oriented occupations. The Social Science major is housed within the Department of History and is interdisciplinary in nature. This major provides licensure for students who wish to teach economics, geography, history, and political science in the public schools.

Intercultural Studies Minor—complements any students’ major who wishes to broaden his or her foreign language skills with a cultural focus.

Interdisciplinary Minor in Forensic Studies—provides an opportunity for students to examine the general field of forensic science and the role of the forensic scientist in the judicial system.

Interdisciplinary Studies in Liberal Arts—offers students the unique opportunity to build an individualized multi-disciplinary course of study, enabling students to integrate two disciplinary concentrations and realize their educational vision.

International Studies—a minor in International Studies is meant to compliment any major either by adding an international component or by strengthening an existing international emphasis. This minor provides a broad overview of international issues while also permitting some degree of specialization on a particular issue or region of the world.

Leadership and Military Studies Minor—this minor is available to all university students and is designed to supplement any major. It will provide students with a firm foundation with which to enter the workforce after graduation. It is supervised and administered by the Military Science department.

Military Science (Army ROTC)—provides a program of leadership development which prepares students for service as officers in the United States Army after graduation as either commissioned officers on active duty or as an officer in an Army Reserve unit.

Philosophy and Religious Studies—this major offers two concentrations within the major, Philosophy or Religious Studies. A concentration in Philosophy prepares students for graduate study in philosophy, law, and other humanities disciplines, and enhances performance in virtually any occupation in which critical thinking and conceptual analysis are integral. A concentration in Religious Studies prepares students for any vocation concerned with human motivations and values, such as social services or cross-cultural endeavors, and for graduate study in religion.

Political Science—prepares students for career ambitions in politics, the armed services, law, teaching, or public administration and who are also interested in receiving a liberal education. The requirements for the major are designed to develop the student’s analytical and communication skills as well as a knowledge of politics and government. Concentrations within the major include: Political Science and Public Administration & Public Service.

Psychology—the program is designed to provide a basic foundation for entry into graduate programs in psychology or education fields and careers involving human services or research.

The School of Communication—encompasses two departments within one school, the Department of Communication and the Department of Media Studies. The major in Communication prepares students to become professional communicators and to make contributions to a variety of organizations from a communication perspective. This major is well-suited toward careers in public relations, training, investor relations, human relations, human resources, community relations, crisis management and governmental or legislative relations and offers two concentrations, Communication Studies and Public Relations. The major in Media Studies is designed for students with an interest in media or other related communication fields. This major offers three concentrations including Advertising, Journalism, and Production Technology.

Sociology—the major in Sociology teaches skills that maximize students’ employability including how to think clearly and logically about social issues, how to communicate well, and how and to gather data and analyze it using the computer. This major provides strong preparation for entry-level positions in business, government, and social service and can be the first step toward the attainment of more advanced training in order to become a professor, researcher, or applied sociologist.

Women’s Studies—this minor offers students a range of courses forming a program with an interdisciplinary emphasis on women, the contributions they have made to society, and the effects of gender inequality.