

Academic Degree Programs 2007-2008

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Academic Programs

Degree Programs

Bachelor of Arts

Anthropology and Sociology
Art
Biology: Field Naturalist
Business Management
Elementary Education
English
History
Hospitality and Tourism Management
Journalism
Liberal Arts
Music
 Classical Studies
 General Music Studies
 Jazz/Contemporary Studies
 Music Education
Musical Theater
Outdoor Education
 Adventure Education and Wilderness Leadership
 Environmental Education
Political Science
Psychology
Theater and Drama

Bachelor of Fine Arts

Creative Writing
Studio Arts

Bachelor of Science

Biology
Environmental Science/
 Natural Resources
General Studies (EDP only)
Health Sciences
 Health and Exercise Science
 Physical Education
Integrated Environmental Science
Mathematics
Wellness and Alternative
Medicine
 Mind/Body Medicine
 Social and Environmental
Health
 Pre-Clinical
 Chiropractic
 Naturopathy

Associate of Arts

General Studies
Technical Theater

Associate of Science

Management

Academic Minors

Adventure Education
Anthropology and Sociology
Arts Management (for Theater majors)
Biology
Business
Chemistry
Dance
Environmental Education
French
Gender Studies
History
Journalism
Literature
Mathematics
Music
Natural Resources
Political Science
Pre-Law
Psychology
Spanish
Studio Arts
Theater

Certificates

Nonprofit Management
Small Business Management

Teacher Licensure Programs

Art (K-6, 7-12, K-12)
Dance (7-12)
English (7-12)
Elementary Education (K-6)
Life Science (7-12)
Mathematics (7-12)
Music (K-12)
Physical Education (K-6, 7-12, K-12)
Physical Science (7-12)
Social Studies (7-12)
Theater Arts (7-12)

Bachelor of Arts in Anthropology and Sociology

Anthropology explores the range of cultural and biological differences and similarities among all peoples. Some topics include: evolution, environment, symbolism, values, art, healing, religion, and consciousness. Anthropology's emphasis upon cultural relativism reveals the rich diversity of human life within the global setting. Sociology investigates social interaction, the societal forces of inequality, power, and the role of social structure including the family, economics, politics, education, religion, and the media that collectively organizes the lens through which we organize, and makes sense of, our behavior and relationships. With integrative study in anthropology and sociology, students learn to appreciate, understand, and investigate how diversities and social structural arrangements among people affect the distribution of power around the globe and subsequent possibilities for people to co-exist in a fair, socially just world and to personally live robust and ecologically sustainable lives. Students are prepared for careers that require people management skills in a complex global world. Examples include the service industry, in social work, in police/correctional agencies, in social activist agencies, in personnel agencies of corporations and in the nonprofit management sector.

Bachelor of Arts in Art

Within this program, students create work in a variety of disciplines, including drawing, painting, sculpture, printmaking, photography, digital media, and ceramics. The degree provides students with critical and historical perspectives for assessing their work. All majors must participate in monthly department-wide critiques.

Bachelor of Arts in Biology: Field Naturalist

The B.A. in biology is designed for students that want to become a field naturalist. Field naturalists have a broad knowledge of ecology, organismal biology, field geology, environmental chemistry, conservation biology, and wildlife management. Field naturalist majors are particularly well qualified for environmental education and research positions for state or federal environmental conservation agencies, private conservation organizations, consulting firms, and environmental education institutions.

Bachelor of Arts in Business Management

This degree is designed to provide our students with the skills, knowledge, and wisdom necessary to run their own business, be successful in an organization of their choosing, and be prepared for graduate study. The student's education in this major comes from both the classroom and real world experiences, including on-site internships in the field. Specifically, the degree focuses on planning, in reference to products and service; organizational structure; leadership, human resource management and employee relations; and financial management. **Concentrations: Marketing, Management.**

Bachelor of Arts in Elementary Education with K-6 Licensure

Successful completion of this program results in recommendation for Vermont state licensure as an elementary (K-6) teacher. The program includes (1) the elementary education major, (2) a thirty-credit liberal arts concentration selected by the student, (3) the development of an approved professional portfolio and (4) passing grades on state-mandated licensure examinations.

Note: To be recommended for licensure, students must have a cumulative grade point average of 3.0 or higher and receive a grade of B- or better in all courses in the licensure program. In addition, the timing of the required licensure examinations is under review in the department; students should therefore consult regularly with their education advisors for up-to-date information about state and College requirements regarding these examinations.

Concentrations that satisfy the thirty credit liberal arts concentration are available in anthropology and sociology, art, biology, English, environmental science, health science, history, mathematics, music, theater and drama, political science, and psychology.

Elementary education majors complete two separate student teaching experiences. The first experience involves a half-semester in a public school classroom, usually followed by one semester on campus during which students may be required to complete individually prescribed course work to strengthen any demonstrated weaknesses. The second student teaching experience, which involves a full semester in the public school classroom, may occur during either the fall or spring semester of the senior year.

Secondary teacher licensure programs are available in the following content areas: art, dance, English, life science, mathematics, music, physical education, physical science, social studies, and theater arts.

Bachelor of Arts in English

Students in this program explore literature and language from critical, aesthetic, historical, linguistic and national perspectives. Opportunities to study creative writing and journalism are also components of the program. Secondary licensure in English is also available.

Bachelor of Arts in History

History is recognized as a field central to the liberal arts tradition. Its study of the variety and diversity of human experience through time is vital to developing an educated perspective on the world today.

A history major is an appropriate and useful one for students planning to enter the fields of teaching, public service, museum work, historical preservation and law, as well as those intending to study at the graduate level.

Bachelor of Arts in Hospitality and Tourism Management

Tourism and hospitality is the third largest industry in the United States today and it is projected that by the year 2010 it will be the largest industry in the world. This diverse industry provides challenging and exciting career opportunities for students with a variety of talents and interests. The hospitality and tourism management (HTM) program is designed to prepare students for a career in this exciting and diverse industry. HTM students complete a core of business and hospitality and tourism courses and may augment their knowledge with a selection of elective courses. In addition, the HTM program weaves over 1050 documented hours of experiential learning throughout a student’s four years in the program. Finally, through a partnership with the Educational Institute of the American Hotel and Lodging Association, students who successfully complete a specific eight-course sequence are eligible to receive a Hospitality Operations Certificate from the AH&LA.

Bachelor of Arts in Journalism

The B.A. in journalism prepares students for a career in print journalism. Course requirements center journalism in the liberal arts and provide students with a strong, practical background in feature writing, investigative reporting, creative nonfiction, media technology, and the ethics and history of journalism as a profession. In addition to courses specific to journalism, students will also develop a reporting specialization in a content area of their own choosing, through cross-disciplinary coursework and a capstone reporting internship at an area newspaper or news outlet.

Bachelor of Arts in Liberal Arts

The Liberal Arts major seeks to give students the tools to explore and understand connections and patterns: within and among disciplines, between self and the world; among different cultures. It seeks to give students knowledge of how great thinkers in various fields have sought to understand experience and use their learning to address problems and engage fully with life.

Bachelor of Arts in Music

The music program offers the following concentrations.

- **Classical Studies**

This program is designed for students who are already proficient in a classical instrument or voice and are interested in advanced training in all areas of technique, musical theory, history, and style. It is designed for students who are seriously interested in pursuing advanced degrees or careers in classical music performance or in teaching music theory or history. An audition is required for entrance into this concentration. Ensembles can include small string, wind and vocal chamber ensembles, Chamber Singers, choir, and band. Graded juries are held each semester and a senior recital is required.

- **General Music Studies**

This option is designed for students who do not plan to become performers but wish to pursue the study of music. The student who chooses this track must have acquired competency in at least one instrument or voice. Participation in performance ensembles is optional, but recommended.

- **Jazz/Contemporary Studies**

This program is designed for students interested in pursuing careers in jazz performance or contemporary music and who can demonstrate reasonable competency in at least one instrument or voice. This concentration includes two tracks: 1) a performance track for students primarily interested in developing performance skills and 2) a studio production track for students interested primarily in acquiring technical skills that will prepare them to work in professional music studios.

- **Music Education**

This concentration is designed for students pursuing licensure in the field of music education K-12 and who can demonstrate proficiency in at least one instrument or voice. A recital is required. Students are given final approval to enter into a teaching practicum only upon satisfactory completion of a comprehensive diagnostic examination. The major areas covered in the examination are music theory, music history, music education concepts, keyboard harmony, and ear training and sight singing.

Bachelor of Arts in Musical Theater

This new B.A. in musical theater will link already existing programs in theater, music, and dance, relying primarily on present resources in the Performing Arts Department and creating several new classes unique to the demands of singer/actor training, a market whose growth in the New England area has been quite steady in the past decade. The program will require 55 credits in theater and music, including up to 3 classes in dance and an internship. This degree brings theater, music, and dance together in a collaboration designed to enhance the employment possibilities/potential of singer/actors and widen their career prospects as performers - training them to compete in the musical theater market.

Bachelor of Arts in Outdoor Education

The outdoor education major is highly experiential and leads to diverse careers working with a variety of populations in outdoor settings. The program consists of a core and two concentrations: 1) adventure education and wilderness leadership and 2) environmental education. The major offers students technical training in outdoor pursuits/adventure leadership and environmental education in combination with cross-disciplinary study in education, psychology, biology, and prepares students for a career or graduate study in outdoor education, outdoor recreation, or environmental education.

Students must earn a grade of C (2.0) or better in all required courses in the degree program. Prior to the required internship, students must complete OED 3010, Learning in the Outdoors, have junior or senior standing, and obtain a recommendation from the outdoor education faculty. Students should meet with their advisors early in their program for specific details regarding the internship process.

- **Adventure Education & Wilderness Leadership Concentration**

Students in this concentration will be prepared for work in the fast-growing field of educational and recreational outdoor programs. Graduates may work with adventure outfitters and guide services, outdoor education centers, and camps that include programs in outdoor living/travel, ropes courses, and outdoor leadership development programs. Graduating students could also pursue advanced degrees in outdoor education, outdoor recreation, or outdoor therapeutic recreation.

- **Environmental Education Concentration**

Students in this concentration will be prepared for employment in a variety of settings, including working at outdoor education, environmental, and nature centers; as naturalists or interpreters in federal, state, or local parks; conducting nature or environmentally oriented activities for municipal or community recreation programs; as summer camp nature specialists; and as school and college workshop leaders and curriculum consultants. Students can also pursue advanced degrees in outdoor education and environmental education.

Bachelor of Arts in Political Science

The B.A. in political science is designed to develop an understanding of the theoretical and

relationship between political culture and governmental structures at the four traditional levels of political organization—local, state, national, and international. Students develop the ability to compare alternative systems and to understand the actual political process at various levels. Writing and research skills are also developed, especially in seminar and independent research courses. Graduates of the program are prepared for graduate and professional study and for positions of responsibility in public and civic organizations.

Bachelor of Arts in Psychology

Psychology majors explore a wide range of theories concerning human behavior, development, thought, emotion, learning, intelligence, personality, group dynamics, and abnormal behavior. Through course work and a variety of fieldwork opportunities, students are encouraged to use what they learn to foster a better understanding of themselves and their relationships. Although many careers in psychology require a graduate degree, the major is valuable as a basis for any career.

Bachelor of Arts in Theater and Drama

The B.A. in theater and drama is designed to serve students who aspire to become theater performers, teachers, theater technicians and managers, or those who wish simply to gain a broader knowledge and understanding of themselves and the world around them as part of a strong liberal arts education. It also prepares students for graduate work. Secondary licensure in theater arts is also available.

Bachelor of Fine Arts in Creative Writing

In this program, aspiring writers learn the craft of fiction, poetry, and prose nonfiction in literature courses and writing workshops. Small classes and individualized instruction are key features of this student-centered program. A student and professional reading series and internships with the department’s nationally distributed literary magazine, *Green Mountains Review*, complement the academic course work.

Bachelor of Fine Arts in Studio Arts

Students with a strong commitment to the studio arts may prefer this specialized degree with a greater concentration in studio work. Admission to the program must be followed by a minimum of three semesters of studio work before the senior exhibition. A student is admitted into the program only upon recommendation by the studio arts faculty and approval by the chairperson, following a successful portfolio review. In addition, each candidate for the B.F.A. must present an exhibition and gallery talk in the Julian Scott Gallery during the final year of study. This exhibit is prepared under the guidance and supervision of the art faculty and must demonstrate proficiency in a chosen area of concentration. For the B.F.A., a student must complete a total of 60 credits by fulfilling all the requirements for a B.A. in art (45 credits) plus 15 credits in advanced courses. The B.F.A. senior seminar prepares students for a professional career.

Bachelor of Science in Biology

The B.S. in biology is designed for students who desire more comprehensive training in the life

sciences. Students who complete the required education courses for secondary licensure are eligible to teach life sciences for grades 7-12 in the public schools.

Bachelor of Science in Environmental Science/Natural Resources

The environmental science/natural resources program prepares students for job opportunities in business, education, and government, primarily in the management of natural resources and the development of public policy.

Bachelor of Science in Integrated Environmental Science

The integrated environmental science program offers students a curriculum that focuses more heavily on laboratory and field courses, preparing them for more technically-oriented positions in the environmental field and for graduate programs in the sciences.

Bachelor of Science in Health Sciences

The health sciences major is designed for students wishing to pursue careers in health and physical education, in adult and corporate fitness, and in allied medical professions including physical therapy, occupational therapy, respiratory therapy, physician’s assistant and nursing. Because of the wide variety of career options available in this major, entering students are encouraged to obtain a faculty advisor as soon as possible so that an appropriate plan of study can be developed according to the student’s career aspirations. The health sciences degree requires students to maintain an overall C average. Secondary teacher licensure in physical education is also available. **Concentrations: Health and Exercise Science, Physical Education Teacher Licensure.**

Bachelor of Science in Mathematics

The B.S. in mathematics provides students with an opportunity to study one of western civilizations oldest and richest disciplines. In addition to the intrinsic value of the study of mathematics as a liberal art, the mathematics degree provides the foundation for a variety of careers in business, scientific and related fields. Students desiring preparation for a high school teaching career may also earn secondary mathematics teaching licensure.

Bachelor of Science in Wellness and Alternative Medicine

This interdisciplinary major examines the evolution, principles, and science of conventional allopathic medicine, mind/body medicine, multi-cultural health systems, and the social/global movement to integrate these forms of healing into conventional allopathic medicine. Using a social, cultural, and life science approach to health, students learn how to evaluate optimal health care choices through an integrated approach to healing from disease, self-care strategies to reduce stress, and wellness lifestyles that contribute to global and environmentally sustainable healthcare. Included are studies of naturopathy, chiropractic, Chinese medicine, acupuncture, herbalism, homeopathy, Ayurveda, nutrition, biofeedback, hypnosis, imagery, meditation, yoga, Native American medicine, Shamanism, massage/body work, manual therapies, and the energetic practices of Reiki, therapeutic touch, and prayer. This major prepares students for diverse postgraduate healthcare

careers that integrate conventional and alternative medicine. Examples include physicians, naturopaths, nurses, chiropractors, Chinese medical practitioners, and massage therapists.

- **Mind/Body Medicine**

Students learn how the mind and body work together to produce wellness through meditation, dance, massage, and psychological explorations into sexuality, death, addiction, and Jungian personality types and religion.

- **Social and Environmental Health**

Students learn how personal lifestyle choices collectively affect the health and wellness of a community and explore the powerful role of culture and social structure in a holistic model for social change.

- **Pre-Clinical**

Students complete pre-professional course preparation for careers in chiropractic care, physician assistants, acupuncture and naturopathy. In this concentration students are required to choose one of the following two tracks: chiropractic or naturopathy.

Associate Degrees

- **Associate of Arts in General Studies**

This two-year program exposes students to a range of disciplines and provides a sound educational base for future studies at the bachelor’s or professional level.

- **Associate of Arts in Technical Theater**

This career-oriented program includes course work in technical theater skills (stagecraft, lighting and design, music and audio engineering), studio and performing arts and general management; an internship is required.

- **Associate of Science in Management**

This program looks at the four major functions of a manager—planning, organizing, leading, and controlling—and prepares students for first-line managerial positions. Students also have the business course base to continue in the baccalaureate business management program.

Certificates

Certificate in Nonprofit Management

Johnson State College’s nonprofit management certification program is a collaboration between the Business/Economics department and the Center for Service Learning. This program is designed to allow flexibility for the student by allowing the student to meet prescribed competencies in combination with course work or practical experience.

Certificate in Small Business Management

The program provides owners, operators and employers with the knowledge and skills necessary to organize and operate successful small businesses. The program emphasizes management functions rather than operational techniques. The sixteen-credit certificate requires students to complete courses in financial accounting, principles of management, small business management, principles of marketing, and business law.