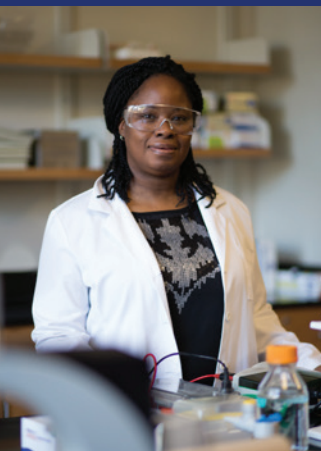


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CLAYTON STATE UNIVERSITY

College of Arts and Sciences

PROGRAM DESCRIPTIONS

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Welcome to the College of Arts and Sciences at Clayton State University. We are excited that you have expressed an interest in joining us.

The College of Arts and Sciences is the largest and most comprehensive academic unit at Clayton State University in terms of students, faculty, programs, and courses. The mission of the College includes teaching, service to the University and our community, research, and creative activities. Our programs and courses are designed not only to impart knowledge, but also to provide the essentials skills necessary for the workplace in an increasingly complex, uncertain and changing world: the ability to think critically, communicate effectively, and apply knowledge creatively and ethically.

We are blessed with exceptional, hard-working, caring faculty, whose experience and education provide the basis for making their disciplines come alive in the classroom, laboratory, and studio. They are committed teachers, who employ a wide variety of active learning techniques supplemented by rich technological resources to address a wide range of learning styles and to ensure the success of each student. Whether teaching introductory courses in the core curriculum or upper-level courses in majors or graduate courses, our faculty members bring enthusiasm, concern for students, and teaching skill to all their classes.

Experiential learning is a central component in our programs in the College of Arts and Sciences. Each of the college's nine departments requires the application of knowledge gained in course work to real-world environments as part of the curriculum for its undergraduate majors. Internships, faculty-directed research, or community service are integrated into our graduation requirements. These experiences play a key role in developing students' appreciation for learning so essential in preparation for their lives and careers.

We look forward to working with you in meeting your educational and career goals. I encourage you to discover additional information about the College of Arts and Sciences by visiting us at clayton.edu/arts-sciences and applying today.

Nasser Momayezi

Dean, College of Arts and Sciences
Clayton State University

DEPARTMENT OF BIOLOGY

Undergraduate Majors in Department of Biology

- B.S. Biology
- B.S. Biology, Secondary Education

Message from the Department

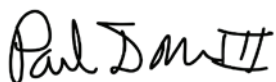
Greetings Future Biology Major,

I am happy to hear that you are considering Clayton State University for your biology degree! We have developed our program to prepare you for a variety of pathways, including preparing you for professional programs (medical school, dental school, veterinary school, and others), for graduate programs, or for a career. The curriculum for our B.S. degree in Biology is designed to allow students the flexibility to choose courses in their area of interest and to help them achieve their academic and professional goals. Given the flexibility in our program, students often minor in other areas of interest, such as Chemistry, Forensics, Psychology, etc., without having to take additional courses beyond what is required for the degree. You can find more information about minors at catalog.clayton.edu/degree-programs/#minorstext.

Our courses and labs are taught by faculty members, who take pride in teaching and are committed to student success. We do not use graduate assistants to teach our majors like other universities. We offer courses and labs in a variety of areas, including ecology, evolution, genetics, cellular biology, vertebrate biology, plant biology, and many others. Our science buildings have state-of-the-art laboratories and equipment, and students have opportunities to work directly with faculty on research projects in a variety of different specialties. In addition to lab skills, our program is designed to incorporate other top, in-demand skills employers are seeking, including collaboration skills, analytical skills, and oral and written communication skills.

I look forward to welcoming you to the Department of Biology at Clayton State University. If you have further questions, please feel free to reach out to me at any time at PaulMelvin@clayton.edu or (678) 466-4789.

Thanks,



Paul Melvin
Chair, Department of Biology

For additional information see clayton.edu/arts-sciences/departments/biology

Biology Major at Clayton State University

According to the National Association of Colleges and Employers Job Outlook Survey, the top five skills employers look for in college graduates are: collaboration, problem solving, analytical/quantitative ability, written communication proficiency, and oral communication proficiency. The Biology Program at Clayton State University is carefully designed to include each of these skills, which students master throughout the curriculum.

Career Possibilities for Biology Majors

Graduates of Clayton State University's biology program often continue to postgraduate study in medicine, dentistry, pharmacy, physical therapy, and veterinary medicine. Others work in government agencies, private industries, education, and law enforcement. The Bureau of Labor Statistics projects 16-30 percent growth in healthcare careers for biology majors such as medical and diagnostic technicians, physician's assistants, and genetic counselors. Careers in physical therapy are expected to grow 34 percent by 2024. Starting salaries for these positions range from \$51,000 to \$102,000.

Degree Programs

B.S. in Biology

We offer a general biology degree designed to prepare students for a variety of pathways, including professional schools (medical, dental, veterinary, and others), graduate programs, and career readiness. Students have experiential learning opportunities including undergraduate research projects with the biology faculty.

B.S. in Biology Secondary Education

In addition to the general biology degree, students can also choose to obtain certification in secondary education in preparation to teach high school biology.

Student Testimonials

"Clayton State not only provided the challenging courses needed to grasp the concepts needed to thrive in the field of public health but also offered the mentorship that many institutions lack."

—Brion Edwards '13, Public Health Analyst at the CDC

"My ability to understand peer-reviewed articles, use my critical thinking skills, and approach life with an open-minded, scientific perspective were all nurtured at Clayton State University."

— Jennifer Webb '10, Animal Keeper at Zoo Atlanta

"I fell in love with the faculty and its sense of community. Everyone genuinely cared about me, and they were dedicated to seeing me achieve my goals."

—Matthew Shelnutt '10, Doctor of Osteopathic Medicine



DEPARTMENT OF CHEMISTRY AND PHYSICS

Undergraduate Majors in Department of Chemistry and Physics

- B.S. Chemistry
- A.S. Integrated Studies, Pre-Engineering
- A.S. Integrated Studies, Pre-Pharmacy

Message from the Department

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I am happy to hear that you are considering Clayton State University for your degree! We have developed our program to prepare you for a variety of pathways, including preparing you for professional programs (pharmacy school, engineering school, medical school, dental school, and others), for graduate programs, or for a career. The curriculum for our B.S. degree in Chemistry is designed to allow students to choose from three different pathways including, Professional, General, and Biochemistry pathways. Given the flexibility in our program students often minor in other areas of interest, such as Forensics, without having to take additional courses beyond what is required for the degree. You can find more information about minors at catalog.clayton.edu/degree-programs/#minorstext.

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I look forward to welcoming you to the Department of Chemistry and Physics at Clayton State University. If you have further questions, please feel free to reach out to me at any time at CassParker@clayon.edu or (678) 466-4788.

Thanks,



Dr. Cass Parker

Chair, Department of Chemistry and Physics

For additional information clayton.edu/arts-sciences/departments/chemistry-and-physics

Chemistry Major at Clayton State University

A degree in chemistry opens a number of career opportunities, over forty, according to the American Chemical Society. The choice of that career path starts in one of the six majors areas of chemistry: Analytical Chemistry, Biological/Biochemistry, Chemical Engineering, Inorganic Chemistry, Organic Chemistry, and Physical Chemistry. Each of these areas is addressed when you pursue and complete your Bachelor of Science degree in chemistry at Clayton State University.

Career Possibilities for Chemistry Majors

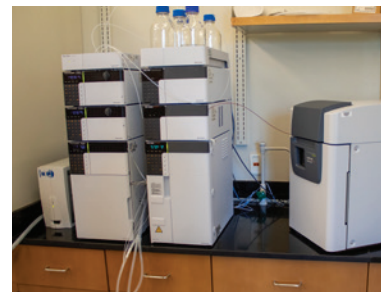
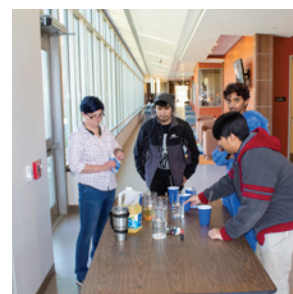
- Agricultural Chemistry
- Analytical Chemistry
- Biochemistry
- Biotechnology
- Business
- Catalysis
- Chemical Education
- Chemical Engineering
- Chemical Information Specialists
- Chemical Sales
- Chemical Technology
- Colloid and Surface Chemistry
- Consulting
- Consumer Product Chemist
- Environmental Chemistry
- Food and Flavor Chemistry
- Forensic Chemistry
- Geochemistry
- Inorganic Chemistry
- Materials Science
- Medicine
- Medicinal Chemistry

- Organic Chemistry
- Pharmacy
- Pharmacology
- Physical Chemistry
- Polymer Chemistry
- Pulp and Paper
- Politics
- Research and Development
- Scientific & Technical Writing
- Textile Chemistry
- Water Chemistry

Degree Programs

The Bachelor of Science degree is designed to prepare undergraduate for entry into the job field, graduate school, or professional school via three concentrations to address the career aspirations of the student: General Track, Professional Track, and Biochemistry Track.

Chemistry courses are offered in seated, hybrid, and online formats. The laboratory courses are offered in a seated mode.



DEPARTMENT OF ENGLISH

Undergraduate Majors in Department of English

- B.A. English
- B.A. English, Secondary Education

Message from the Department

Greetings Future English Major,

I'm delighted to hear of your interest in major in English at Clayton State University. My name is Dr. Mary Lamb, and I am the chair of the Department of English. I'm writing to tell you about the programs and opportunities available to our English majors with the hope that you will consider majoring, or perhaps minoring, in English.

The Clayton State University English major is grounded in a traditional academic discipline rooted in the classics but is also dynamic and contemporary: literature and writing are steeped in culture, ever-changing, and integral to life. The English major prepares students for a wide variety of careers, including business, higher education, law, medicine, nonprofits, politics, public relations, publishing, technology, writing, and many more. In fact, the critical and creative thinking and communication skills that English majors develop make them strong candidates in a job market where these abilities are scarce among the candidate pool. Additionally, there are many other benefits to majoring in English, like reading literature that tackles some of humanity's greatest questions, learning to think critically about literary texts and apply their message to contemporary issues and learning to effectively debate and discuss texts and ideas with your peers and professors. Learning about the power of language and its history, developing your writing—creative, professional, and everything in between—and making connections across genres, time periods, and civilizations are also part of the exciting work of an English major. Instead, our English majors learn an array of complex skills—collaboration, problem-solving, creating thinking, and empathy as well as learning to use writing and publishing software; they participate in publishing internships and meet professional writers through the Visiting Writers Reading Series.

In order to accommodate students' busy lives, we offer both online and seated courses, which means you can choose to complete your entire B.A. online, on campus, or a combination of the two. We've also created a combined degree that allows students to earn a Bachelor of Arts in English and a Master of Arts in Liberal Studies in just five years. This way, students who come to Clayton State University intending to earn an M.A. can do so more affordably and efficiently than ever before.

All of these options are available for English minors as well. English majors have the flexibility to minor in other interest areas to bolster their skills, including film, communication and media, history, pre-law, marketing, biology, and psychology. I hope that you will consider majoring in English at Clayton State University and taking advantage of all that our program has to offer. You can find more information about us on our website, and I encourage you to reach out to me at MaryLamb@clayton.edu or at (678) 466-4735 with any questions. On behalf of the Department of English, we look forward to working with you.

Sincerely,



Mary Lamb

Chair, Department of English

For additional information clayton.edu/arts-sciences/departments/english

English Major at Clayton State University

According to the National Association of Colleges and Employers Job Outlook Survey, written and oral communication skills are the third and fifth most important employee attributes. Effective communication in multiple modes is only one of several skills that English majors develop in our program; others that employers highly value include critical thinking, collaboration, and technology skills.

Career Possibilities for English Majors

- Advertising
- Arts and Entertainment
- Broadcasting
- Business
- Editing
- Education
- Human Resources
- Internet Publishing
- Journalism
- Law
- Library Science
- Management
- Medicine
- Non-profits
- Politics
- Professional, Scientific and Technical Services
- Publishing, Print and Digital

Degree Programs

B.A. in English—Literature, Writing or Secondary Education

We offer three concentrations for a B.A. in English—literature, writing, and secondary education. An English degree will give students the foundation to thrive, solve problems, and succeed in their civic, personal, and professional lives. They will learn to be creative, imaginative thinkers and problem-solvers, equipped to participate effectively in an ever-changing, information-based society.

Combined Degree—B.A. + M.A.L.S.

We offer a combined degree option for a B.A. in English and a Master of Arts in Liberal Studies (M.A.L.S.) in 145 hours instead of the traditional 157—that's only one year for a Master's degree.

English courses are offered in seated, hybrid, and online formats, and students can earn a B.A. in English via 100% online classes, on-campus classes, or a combination.



DEPARTMENT OF HUMANITIES

Undergraduate Majors in Department of Humanities

- B.A. in History
- B.A. in History, Secondary Education
- B.A. in Spanish
- B.A. in French

Message from the Department

Hello, Future Historians

Memories of childhood history classes have left many with the mistaken impression that history is simply about memorizing dates and names. But it is so much more. The study of the past encourages students to contextualize problems and view those problems from multiple perspectives. History teaches foundational skills in communication, research, and critical thinking. A survey from the American Association of Colleges and Universities shows that employers value precisely these skills in new hires. In a separate survey, history graduates from across the country confirmed that these were the same skills they used at their jobs every day.

Every history major at Clayton State University learns these highly sought-after skills of communication, research, and critical thinking, particularly through the completion of our two-semester thesis project. This project gives students the unique opportunity to conduct original archival research at the National Archives at Atlanta or the Georgia Archives, both of which are adjacent to the Clayton State University campus. No other university in the country is located so closely to two first-rate archival facilities. This distinctive, award-winning thesis project requires students to develop their own research projects, examine and interpret archival documents, and present and write up their findings.

Job opportunities for history majors include those closely related to the discipline, such as work in public history, government and civil service, and archival services. Data from the US Census Bureau, however, reveals that history students find work in a variety of industries not traditionally associated with history. The most popular fields for history graduates are education, management, legal occupations, sales, and office and administration support. Increasingly, students are also working in the growing technology sector. The Clayton State University history program helps our students find their future careers. In addition to the standard history major, the program offers two professional tracks in secondary education and public history. Internships are available, and students have regular opportunities to network with professionals in archival work, public history, and education. Free career services are available to all students. The Clayton State University history program gives students the skills and resources that they need to succeed in today's job market.

Sincerely,



Dr. Adam Tate

Chair, Department of Humanities

For additional information clayton.edu/arts-sciences/departments/humanities

History and Secondary Education at Clayton State University

According to the National Association of Colleges and Employers Job Outlook Survey, problem-solving, written communication skills, and oral communication skills are win the top five most important employee attributes. The history program works to develop these skills in its majors.

THE HISTORY AND SECONDARY EDUCATION PROGRAM PREPARES STUDENTS FOR CAREERS IN SECONDARY EDUCATION.

Degree Programs

B.A. in History and Secondary Education

In addition to the traditional major, Clayton State University also offers several degree options emphasizing teacher preparation in the field of history education. At the undergraduate degree level, students can earn a degree in history which includes Georgia Teacher Certification. Students must apply to the program in the fall of their junior year. In addition to content coursework and the senior thesis, students in the HSTE program complete both a practicum and student teaching internship in a local secondary school throughout their senior year. At the graduate level, students with at least 18 hours of HIST coursework and a 3.0 grade point average are invited to apply for the MAT History program. This streamlined 36-hour program involves both content and pedagogy training. Like the undergraduate counterpart, students take part in a year-long student teaching experience, and the degree carries certification for grades 6-12 in history. Those interested in applying should contact Dr. Charles Elfer (CharlesElfer@clayton.edu).

The History and Secondary Education program at Clayton State University offers courses in seated, hybrid, and online formats.

History Major at Clayton State University

Career Possibilities for History Majors

- Law
- Education
- Public History
- Management
- Journalism
- Government Agencies
- Non-Profit Work
- Library Science

Degree Programs

B.A. in History

The History Program at Clayton State University introduces students to the discipline of history and teaches them to understand their world from a historical perspective. This historical awareness is vital, since all aspects of contemporary life (science and technology, politics and war, social and cultural issues, economics, philosophy, and other parts of the human experience) are shaped by the past. Along with training in historical research and analysis, the program also develops the skills of critical thinking, cultural awareness, and effective communication. Additionally, the program strives to offer students unique learning opportunities, such as internships, exposure to archival research, and study abroad, in order both to create a memorable educational experience and to help our graduates stand out in today's competitive job market.

The History Program at Clayton State University offers courses in seated, hybrid, and online formats. Students can earn a B.A. in history via 100% online courses, on-campus courses, or a combination of the two.



DEPARTMENT OF INTERDISCIPLINARY STUDIES

Undergraduate Majors in Department of Interdisciplinary Studies

- Bachelor of Applied Science
- B.S. Integrative Studies
- B.A. Liberal Studies

Message from the Department

Dear Future Laker,

I am delighted to hear of your interest in majoring in an Interdisciplinary Studies Program. My name is Dr. Jason Davis, and I am the Chair of the Department of Interdisciplinary Studies, which includes Bachelor of Applied Science majors in Technology Management and Administrative Management, B.S. in Integrative Studies, and B. A. in Liberal Studies.

Each of the interdisciplinary studies programs are unique, but they all allow students flexibility to design a curriculum that suits their career goals and provides them with the necessary critical thinking, written/oral communication, and problem-solving skills to excel in their future career.

The BAS curriculums enhance student understanding of organizational leadership, workplace behaviors, and industrial knowledge. In addition, students will develop their writing, critical thinking, presentation, and organizational decision-making abilities. The BAS curriculum is offered 100% online which makes it flexible and convenient for working adult students. Students must satisfy one of three requirements to be admitted into the BAS program, and those requirements are found on the Interdisciplinary Studies website.

The Integrative Studies and Liberal Studies programs allow students to design a multidisciplinary curriculum tailored to their educational and career goals. In short, students are not bound to studying one specific discipline but can mix and match courses from across multiple areas of study. Specific requirements for these degree programs can be found on the Interdisciplinary Studies website. Also, students can easily pursue one or more minors while completing their curriculum in these programs, which make them even more attractive. You can find more information about minors at catalog.clayton.edu/degree-programs/#minorstext. Accordingly, Integrative Studies graduates develop intellectual and practical skills that are highly transferable to multiple workplace settings and desired by employers!

I hope that you will consider majoring in one of the exciting Interdisciplinary Studies programs at Clayton State University and take advantage of all that our programs have to offer. Graduates from these programs develop intellectual and practical skills that are highly transferable to multiple workplace settings and desired by employers! You can find more information about our programs on the following pages, and I encourage you to contact me, JasonDavis@clayton.edu or call (678) 466-4855, with any questions.

Sincerely,



Jason Davis

Chair, Department of Interdisciplinary Studies

For additional information see clayton.edu/arts-sciences/departments/interdisciplinary-studies

Degree Programs

Bachelor of Applied Science Degree

The Bachelor of Applied Science (B.A.S.) degree offers career advancement opportunities to people who have earned the Associate of Applied Science (A.A.S.), the Associate of Applied Technology (A.A.T.), other career Associate degrees, 38 hours of technical coursework, or at least 12 hours of military credit.

- **PRELIMINARY TRANSCRIPT REVIEW:** Students who would like to receive an unofficial preliminary review of their transcript for an examination of acceptable credits can email Ms. Elnora Farmer, B.A.S. program coordinator, at ElnoraFarmer@clayton.edu. Please be sure to attach your transcript.
- **APPLY ONLINE:** Access the following link to apply: www.clayton.edu/admissions/undergraduate
- **APPLICATION DEADLINES:**
FALL–July 15
SPRING–November 15
SUMMER–April 15
- **FINANCIAL AID:** Apply for financial aid at the following link: www.clayton.edu/financial-aid
- **FAST:** Students can graduate after completing 14 classes (assuming the core curriculum has been completed).
- **FLEXIBLE AND CONVENIENT:** 100% online program with three majors, seven concentrations, and two minors.
- **COST EFFECTIVE:** The majority of the courses utilize no-cost (free online) or low-cost (under \$40) textbooks.
- **CAREER-ORIENTED:** The B.A.S. program is taught by faculty with industry experience, and the content is focused on knowledge that leads to career advancement.
- **MENTORING:** Faculty mentors are assigned in the capstone course to assist students in reaching their academic and professional goals.

clayton.edu/arts-sciences/departments/interdisciplinary-studies

Bachelor of Science Integrative Studies

The Bachelor of Science in Integrative Studies degree allows students to design a interdisciplinary curriculum tailored to their educational and career goals. Students have the flexibility to take courses in multiple areas of study and give themselves a broader range of knowledge. The skills gained help students become marketable job candidates for an ever-changing workforce.

- **TRANSFER STUDENTS:** Given the flexibility of the curriculum, transfer students can potentially have most of their prior academic credits satisfy Integrative Studies degree requirements. This prevents students from having to “start over” with a new major requirements, reduces the time needed to graduate, and saves money.
- **APPLY ONLINE:** Access the following link to apply: www.clayton.edu/admissions/undergraduate
- **FINANCIAL AID:** Apply for financial aid at the following link: www.clayton.edu/financial-aid
- **ACCOMMODATING:** Students can craft a curriculum that satisfies their intellectual and professional interests.
- **CONVENIENT:** Students can potentially complete the degree requirements 100% online.
- **PRACTICAL EXPERIENCE:** Integrative Studies majors are required to complete an internship that offers high impact learning, practical knowledge, and professional networking opportunities.
- **CAREER-ORIENTED:** The required Capstone course focuses on career-readiness and prepares students for the transition to professional endeavors.
- **MENTORING:** Students will received a faculty mentors to assist students in reaching their academic and professional goals.

catalog.clayton.edu/academic-catalog/arts-sciences/interdisciplinary-studies/integrative-studies-bs

Bachelor of Arts in Liberal Studies

The Bachelor of Arts in Liberal Studies degree affords students an interdisciplinary education valued by employers. Beyond satisfying one Arts and Sciences minor (areas include Arts, English, Education, History, Cultural Studies, Psychology, Social Sciences, and more) students have the flexibility to take courses across multiple disciplines. Thus, students develop valuable skills like critical thinking, communication, and problem solving.

- **TRANSFER STUDENTS:** Given the flexibility of the curriculum, transfer students can potentially have many of their prior academic credits satisfy Liberal Studies degree requirements. This prevents students from having to “start over” with a new major requirements, reduces the time needed to graduate, and saves money.
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catalog.clayton.edu/academic-catalog/arts-sciences/interdisciplinary-studies/liberal-studies-ba



DEPARTMENT OF PSYCHOLOGY

Undergraduate Majors in Department of Psychology

- B.S. Psychology and Human Services

Message from the Department

Dear Future Psychology and Human Services major,

Hello! My name is Dr. Antoinette Miller, and I am the Chair of the Department of Psychology. I am thrilled that you are interested in learning more about our Psychology and Human Services major at Clayton State University.

Our department values our potential to work toward positive change in our communities and prepare our students either to work within their communities upon graduation with their B.S. or continue their education with Master's- or Doctoral-level study in a number of areas.

We know our students come from a wide variety of settings and accommodate busy schedules with a mixture of online and seated courses, including a fully online option for our B.S. in Psychology and Human Services or Minor in Psychology. Given the flexibility in our program, students often minor in other areas of interest without having to take additional courses beyond what is required for the degree. You can find more information about minors at catalog.clayton.edu/degreeprograms/#minorstext.

I encourage you to reach out to me at AntoinetteMiller@clayton.edu or at (678) 466-4834 with any questions. I hope to hear from you soon!

A. R. Miller

Antoinette Miller, Ph.D.

For additional information see clayton.edu/arts-sciences/departments/psychology

Psychology and Human Services at Clayton State University

According to the National Association of Colleges and Employers Job Outlook Survey, teamwork, problem-solving, and analytical/quantitative skills are the top three most important employee attributes. These thread throughout our program; others that employers highly value include interpersonal skills, leadership, and flexibility/adaptability.

Career Possibilities with a B.S.

- Adult Learning Trainer
- Advocate (Child, Elderly, etc.)
- Case Manager
- Community Organization Worker
- Data Analyst
- Fundraiser
- Human Resources Trainer
- Project Evaluator
- Mental Health Agency Administrator
- Public Relations Representative
- Social Researcher
- Social Services Aid
- Volunteer Coordinator
- Victims' Advocate

Students who complete the Bachelor's degree may continue their education with Master's- or Doctoral-level study in a variety of areas, including Clinical or Counseling Psychology, School Psychology, School Counseling, Social Work, Educational Psychology, Developmental Psychology, Counseling, Behavioral Health Sciences, or Human Resources, to name a few.

Career Possibilities with Graduate Education

- Licensed Psychologist (Clinical Psychologist, Counseling Psychologist, School Psychologist, I/O Psychologist)
- School Counselor
- Healthcare Coordinator
- Child Intervention Specialists
- Director of Mental Health Services
- Licensed Professional Counselor (LPC)
- Licensed Clinical Social Worker (LCSW)
- Human Resources Manager

The B.S. in Psychology and Human Services program is conducted both in-person at Clayton State University's main campus in Morrow, Georgia and entirely online.

Degree Programs

B.S. in Psychology and Human Services

This program is firmly grounded in the discipline of psychology, while also promoting the knowledge and skills necessary to pursue rewarding career opportunities in public and private sectors. Training provides excellent preparation for immediate employment, as well as graduate or professional school. The fact that contemporary psychology must be multicultural, recognizing that culture and history play a crucial role in addressing the needs of a diverse global society, is central to our program.



Student Testimonials

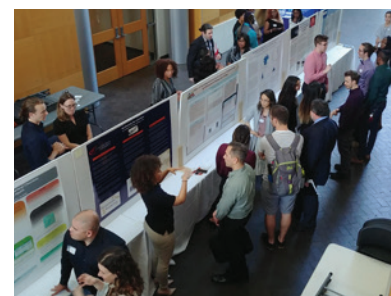
“Since graduating from Clayton State in May 2009, I completed coursework in Speech Pathology and began to work in the schools as a Speech-Language Pathologist Assistant. I then finished a master’s degree 2014 as an Assistive Technology Specialist and today I specialize in speech therapy and universal design. Now, I’m in the dissertation process of obtaining my Ph.D. in Industrial-Organizational (I/O) Psychology. Clayton State has been the foundation in my entire process of career and educational endeavors. Currently, I am an educational consultant and work with secondary and post-secondary institutions regarding assistive technology evaluations and assessments. Clayton State University’s psychology program provided me with the coursework and internships opportunity to begin my journey in education. I appreciate all the guidance and wealth of information Clayton State has provided, and I hope that the students today take advantage of the many opportunities presented to them.” —*La Toya Glenn, B.S. in Psychology and Human Services, '09*

“I had a few different options for where I could earn my degree. After taking my first psychology course at Clayton State through the joint enrollment program, I immediately fell in love with the department. There was such a diversity to the professors and the coursework. I knew no matter how my interests in psychology evolved, there would be a professor at Clayton State who could guide me on my journey. I felt inspired by the staff and knew that all of them cared as much about my success as I did. I was able to complete an internship and directed research that gave me a clear advantage when it came time to apply to graduate school. I’ve sometimes thought about how my life would be different if I had gone somewhere else but I cannot imagine that it would be better. Beyond the extensive knowledge I gained from the coursework, my time at Clayton State helped me grow into a better version of myself. For that I will always be grateful.” —*Jamal El-Amin, B.S. in Psychology and Human Services, '12; M.S. in Clinical/Counseling Psychology, '15*

Admission to the Program

Students can enter the Psychology and Human Services program any time after being admitted to Clayton State University. The University admits students three times per year in August, January, and May. Whether you are going to college for the first time or transferring from another institution, the first step is to apply.

Visit the admissions website to learn more about application requirements and process at clayton.edu/admissions or (678) 466- 4115.



DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SCIENCES

Undergraduate Majors in Department of Social Sciences

- B.S. in Criminal Justice
- B.S. in Legal Studies
- B.S. in Political Science
- B.S. in Sociology

Message from the Department

Hello, Future Social Scientists!

My name is Dr. Joshua Meddaugh, and I am Chair of the Department of Social Sciences at Clayton State University. I am excited to hear that you are considering picking one of our four majors as you pursue your academic goals. The department offers a variety of degree options, ranging from a Master of Arts Degree in Public Administration to traditional bachelor's degrees in criminal justice, legal studies, political science, sociology, a 100% online bachelor's degree in political science, to an associate degree in paralegal studies, or an American Bar Association Certified Paralegal Certificate. We offer a little something for everyone!

Also, note that students pursuing a B.S. in one of our majors can also pursue one of many different minors since these majors allow students to apply numerous electives to their chosen major. We make it easy to tailor your degree to your future career. You can find more information about minors at catalog.clayton.edu/degree-programs/#minorstext.

Graduates with degrees from the Social Sciences have gone on to work on Presidential Campaigns, work in a variety of Social Services agencies, have created their own Non-Profit Organizations, have become Police Officers, or have pursued their JD at programs like Emory Law or Ph.D. at programs like the University of Georgia or Loyola University.

I hope that you will consider selecting a major offered by the Department of Social Sciences at Clayton State University and will take advantage of all that our programs have to offer. You can find more information about our programs on the following pages, and I encourage you to contact me, JMeddaugh@clayton.edu or (678) 466-4607, with any questions. Hope to see you soon!

Sincerely,



Dr. Joshua Meddaugh

Chair, Department of Social Sciences

For additional information see clayton.edu/arts-sciences/departments/social-sciences

Criminal Justice at Clayton State University

According to the National Association of Colleges and Employers Job Outlook Survey, problem-solving skills, working as a team, and analytical/quantitative skills are the first, second, and fourth most important employee attributes. The Criminal Justice program, within the Department of Social Sciences, develops these highly sought-after skills be it in teams-based instruction, research methods, victim advocacy, and problem-solving training.

Degrees and Careers

- B.S. in Criminal Justice
- Federal Law enforcement
- Minor in Criminal Justice
- Police Officer
- Corrections Officer
- Probation Officer
- Victim Advocate

Mission of the Criminal Justice Program

The mission of the Criminal Justice program is to capitalize on the diversity of the Clayton State University student population and multidisciplinary training of faculty to provide students with a specialized understanding of the criminal justice system and criminal behavior. Curriculum and instruction are designed to advance knowledge, understanding, and skills relevant to the criminal justice discipline in order to prepare students for careers, advancement, or graduate studies in criminal justice, law, and other justice-related fields.

Criminal Justice courses are offered in seated, hybrid, and online formats, and students can earn a Master of Public Administration with a focus in Criminal Justice courses.

Legal Studies at Clayton State University

According to the National Association of Colleges and Employers Job Outlook Survey, problem-solving skills, working as a team, and analytical/quantitative skills are the first, second, and fourth most important employee attributes. The Legal Studies program, within the Department of Social Sciences, develop these highly sought-after skills be it in law office management skills, legal research and writing, and logic training.

Degrees and Careers

- B.S. in Legal Studies
- Paralegal
- A.S. in Paralegal Studies
- Legal Assistant
- Paralegal Certificate (ABA Approved)
- Client Intake Specialist
- Pre-Law Minor
- Client Case Manager
- Court Clerk

Why Get a Degree in Legal Studies?

The B.S. degree in Legal Studies is designed for students who want to pursue a degree that emphasizes practical skills plus analytical and conceptual thinking, legal research and writing, a study of the evolution of various legal theories, a solid understanding of substantive areas of law, and the role of law in society. It also allows students to take courses in a variety of departments throughout the university. The B.S. degree is a good option for students who plan to work in fields impacted by law and legal regulation or who are considering law school or other fields of graduate studies. Please note that paralegals and other non-lawyers may not provide legal services directly to the public, except as permitted by law.

Legal Studies courses are offered in seated, hybrid, and in both synchronous and asynchronous online formats.

Political Science and Government Studies at Clayton State University

According to the National Association of Colleges and Employers Job Outlook Survey, problem-solving skills, working as a team, and analytical/quantitative skills are the first, second, and fourth most important employee attributes. The Political Science program, within the Department of Social Sciences, develop these highly sought-after skills be it in research methods, public administration, nonprofit management, and courses on public policy.

Degrees and Careers

- Master of Public Administration
- Government Agency
- B.S. in Political Science and Government Studies (traditional)
- Legislative Aide
- Law
- B.S. in Political Science and Government Studies (online)
- Political Campaigns
- Minor in Political Science
- Non-Profit Management

What Will I Learn In Political Science?

The Political Science and Government Studies program includes a core of courses essential for all public sector-related careers, plus a systematic study of political and governmental institutions and behavior. It focuses on governmental services, political theory, American and international law, political parties and interest groups, public opinion, and research methods. This degree seeks to prepare students for careers, advancement, or graduate studies in government, politics, law, and other political science-related fields.

Political Sciences courses are offered in seated, hybrid, and online formats, and students can earn a Master of Public Administration and B.S. in Political Science and Government Studies via 100% online classes.

Sociology at Clayton State University

According to the National Association of Colleges and Employers Job Outlook Survey, problem-solving skills, working as a team, and analytical/quantitative skills are the first, second, and fourth most important employee attributes. The Sociology program, within the Department of Social Sciences, develop these highly sought-after skills be it in research methods, social problems, public health coordination, and social work courses.

Degrees and Careers

- B.S. in Sociology
- Social Services
- Minor in Sociology
- Councilors
- Minor in Social Work
- Social Workers
- Social Media Analysts
- Victim Advocacy

Come Join Us In Sociology!

The Sociology program focuses on the study of our behavior as social beings and includes a basic core of courses essential for a wide variety of careers specific to and outside of sociology. In addition to providing students with a strong foundation in sociological thought, this curriculum prepares students with innovative skills, critical thinking abilities, global understandings, and writing skills that employers in all fields consistently seek.

Sociology courses are offered in seated, hybrid, and in both synchronous and asynchronous online formats.

SCHOOL OF EDUCATION

Undergraduate Majors in School of Education

- B.A. Middle Level Education
- B.S. Elementary Education
- Supports the Secondary Education Degrees in Biology, English, History and Math

Message from the Department

Welcome Future Teacher,

I'm delighted to hear of your interest in Teacher Education at Clayton State University. My name is Dr. Dennis Attick, and I am the Assistant Dean in the School of Education. The School of Education offers three undergraduate certification programs. We have an Elementary Education program that leads to certification in grades P-5. The longest-running program in the School of Education is our Middle Level Education program that leads to certification in grades 4-8. We also have a Secondary Education program that leads to certification in grades 6-12 in one content area. Students who successfully complete any of our 3 programs are very successful at finding a successful career in the state of Georgia.

I hope that you will consider majoring in Education at Clayton State University and taking advantage of all that our program has to offer. You can find more information about our programs and our people on our website or by contacting me or one of our program coordinators listed below, DennisAttick@clayton.edu, or (678) 466-4826. On behalf of the School of Education, I look forward to working with you.

Secondary Education Coordinator: Dr. Charles Elfer (CharlesElfer@clayton.edu)

Middle Level Coordinator: Dr. Latasha Adams (LatashaAdams@clayton.edu)

Elementary Coordinator: Dr. Sharren Thomas (SharrenThomas@clayton.edu)

Best Regards,



Dr. Dennis Attick

Assistant Dean, School of Education

For additional information about these majors see clayton.edu/arts-sciences/school-of-education

Teacher Education at Clayton State University

Elementary Education, Secondary Education, and Education Administration are featured as Hot Careers according to the Georgia Department of Labor's Hot Careers to 2028. The faculty in the School of Education have many years of experience as teachers and administrators in local schools. They are not only highly regarded for their expertise, research, and knowledge within their field of study, but are also committed to student outcomes. The Education faculty at Clayton State University will work with you inside and outside the classroom to ensure you are equipped with the knowledge and skills needed for a rewarding career as a teacher.

Degree Programs

B.S. in Elementary Education

Our Bachelor of Science in Education with a Concentration in Elementary Education degree prepares candidates for certification in grades P-5 through the Georgia Professional Standards Commission (GAPSC). There continues to be a growing need for Elementary educators due to a decline in production of new teachers over the last decade. The Georgia Department of Labor (DOL) lists Elementary Education as one of the state's top jobs in its short-term employment projections for 2020 and beyond.

B.A. in Middle Grades Education

Our Bachelor of Arts in Middle Grades Education program prepares candidates for certification in grades 4-8, with two areas of subject-area concentration. Our Middle Grades program is approved by the Georgia Professional Standards Commission (GAPSC) as an initial certification program.

B.A. in Secondary Education

Our Bachelor of Arts in Secondary Education program prepares candidates for certification in grades 6-12, with one content-area concentration. Our Secondary Education program is approved by

the Georgia Professional Standards Commission (GAPSC) as an initial certification program.

Education courses are offered in seated, hybrid, and online formats.

B.S. in Education Concentration in Elementary Education

Clayton State University is now offering an undergraduate degree for individuals interested in teaching in Elementary Schools. The new degree is a Bachelor of Science in Education with a Concentration in Elementary Education*. The degree prepares candidates for certification in grades P-5 through the Georgia Professional Standards Commission (GAPSC).

CREDIT TRANSFER POLICY

We recognize that many career-minded students have already earned some college credit, or even their associate's or bachelor's degree, through another institution. At Clayton State University, we value your previous education and experience, offering a transfer credit policy that allows you to carry over previously earned education credits to help you move forward in your program. Transfer credits must be reviewed for approval for transfer.

IN DEMAND

There continues to be a growing need for Elementary educators due to a decline in production of new teachers over the last decade. The south metro-Atlanta area continues to see population growth that put it in the top twelve for fastest growing metro areas in the United States. The Georgia Department of Labor (DOL) lists Elementary Education as one of the state's top jobs in its short-term employment projections for 2020 and beyond. The DOL estimates 120 new positions and 320 job replacements for a total of 440 annual openings with an average salary of \$41,700. Between 2016 and 2022, Elementary employment in Georgia is projected to grow by 28%, or 3,306 jobs, statewide.

FACULTY

Our faculty are one of our greatest assets. The faculty in the School of Education have many years of experience as teachers and administrators in local schools. They are not only highly regarded for their expertise, research, and knowledge within their field of study, but they are also committed to student outcomes. Our 93% pass rate for our students on EdTPA over the last three years is indicative of our commitment to preparing students for success. The Education faculty at Clayton State University will work with you inside and outside the classroom to ensure you are equipped with the knowledge and skills needed for a rewarding career as a teacher.

PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS

- Overall GPA (2.5 required)
- Completed Georgia Educator Ethics Exam (gapsc.com)
- Passing Scores All Program Admission GACE
- Program Admission GACE waived with SAT score of 1000 or above
- Completion of at least 45 semester hours of college credit
- Students are required to complete all courses in Areas A-F with grades of A, B, C, or K before formal admission to program
- A one-page essay on why you want to be an Elementary Educator
- Interview with Elementary Education Coordinator

**pending final approval from GAPSC www.clayton.edu*



DEPARTMENT OF VISUAL AND PERFORMING ARTS

Undergraduate Majors in Department of Visual and Performing Arts

- B.A. in Communication and Media Studies
- B.S. in Music Education
- B.A. in Film Production
- B.A. in Theatre
- B.A. in Music

Message from the Department

Dear Future Laker,

I am delighted to hear of your interest in majoring in a Visual or Performing Arts Program. My name is Dr. Terre Johnson, and I am the Chair of the Department of Visual and Performing Arts, which includes Bachelor of Arts majors in Communication and Media Studies, Film Production, Music, and Theatre and a Bachelors of Music in Music Education.

These programs are designed to strengthen your abilities to write and speak well, think critically and apply innovative technical and/or artistic skills in the visual and performing arts. The skills and knowledge you receive by studying in our program(s) will enrich your life and help you to thrive in your chosen profession. Below I provide some interesting facts about our programs.

- Our Communication and Media Studies alumni have covered stories for the New York Times and Sports Illustrated, worked for Cox Media Group, started their own video production company, or attended a prestigious graduate school.
- Our Film Production alumni work for many renowned companies such as Sim International, Warner Media, NFL Network, Georgia Public Broadcasting, Pietown Productions (HGTV), Catrett and Associates, and NBC.
- Our Music program is fully accredited by the National Association of Schools of Music and is the only program of its kind to benefit from sharing space and resources with internationally renowned Spivey Hall, where the greatest musicians in the world regularly perform.
- Thanks to generous benefactors, it is possible for outstanding music majors to study music at Clayton State University with substantial scholarships.
- Our Theatre alumni are employed in successful careers across entertainment, including acting, directing, producing, stage management, costuming, and scenic or lighting design.

Also, note that students pursuing a B.A. in CMS, Film, Music or Theatre can also pursue one of many different minors since these majors allow students to apply numerous electives to their chosen major. You can find more information about minors at catalog.clayton.edu/degree-programs/#minorstext.

I hope that you will consider majoring in a Visual and Performing Arts program at Clayton State University and take advantage of all that our programs have to offer. You can find more information about our programs on the following pages and I encourage you to contact me, TJohnson230@clayton.edu or (678) 466-4762, with any questions.

Best wishes,

Terre Johnson

Terre Johnson

Chair, Department of Visual and Performing Arts

For additional information see clayton.edu/arts-sciences/departments/visual-and-performing-arts

Communication and Media Studies at Clayton State University

According to the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, “employment in media and communication occupations is projected to grow 14 percent from 2020 to 2030, faster than the average for all occupations... Demand for media and communication occupations is expected to arise from the need to create, edit, translate, and disseminate information through a variety of different platforms.

Career Possibilities in Communication and Media Studies

- Advertising
- Arts Publicity
- Broadcasting
- Client Services
- Communication Strategist
- Content Creator
- Creative Director – Copy
- Healthcare Communication
- Higher Education
- Journalism
- Non-profits
- Podcaster
- Political Communication
- Public Relations
- Publishing, Print and Digital
- Radio Host
- Social Media Strategist
- Speech Writer
- Television Producer
- Vlogger
- UI/UX and Web Design

Degree Programs

Communication and Media studies courses are offered in seated, hybrid, and online formats, and students can earn a B.A. in CMS via a combination of virtual and on-campus classes.

B.A. in Communication and Media Studies

We offer three concentrations for students who choose to major in Communication and Media Studies—Media Production, Organizational and Corporate, and General. A degree in Communication and Media Studies will give students the foundation to be creative and strategic in defining audiences, reaching objectives, and earning recognition. In demand across industries, alumni who choose to become communication professionals find that they can launch rewarding careers, choosing from a diverse array of sectors.

Minor in Communication and Media Studies

Since effective communication and understanding how the mass media operate are skills that bear relevance to a diversity of fields, students of many disciplines add a minor in Communication and Media Studies to their curriculum of study.

Minor in Corporate Communication

Advertising, public relations, audio podcasting, digital media, and crisis management just a few of the course areas available to students who minor in corporate communication.



Film Production at Clayton State University

This major prepares students for a wide variety of careers in film and video production. Given the continued growth in on-set and post-production jobs, students earning this degree will be able to help fill a gap in Georgia's film production workforce. According to the Occupational Outlook Handbook (US Bureau of Labor Statistics), in 2020, there were more than 63,000 jobs in film and video editing and camera operations. These jobs paid an average (median) of \$61,900 per year. This figure does not include jobs held by producers, directors, animation specialists, multimedia artists, support crews, accountants, and digital security experts. With the continued expansion of major studios in the greater Atlanta area, the number of job opportunities will be increasing exponentially.

Career Possibilities with a B.A.

- Assistant Camera
- Assistant Director
- Assistant Editor
- Audio Mixer
- Camera Operator
- Colorist
- Digital Imaging Technician
- Director
- Lighting Designer
- Motion Designer
- Producer
- Screenwriter
- Script Supervisor
- Sound Designer
- Video Editor
- Visual Effects Editor
- Visual Effects Supervisor

Degree Programs

B.A. in Film Production

Housed in the multi-disciplinary Visual and Performing Arts department, the Bachelor of Arts in Film Production prepares students for both creative and crew positions in the Georgia film industry. The degree includes coursework relating to pre-production and production with a focus on post-production storytelling tools: compositing,

editing, visual effects, motion graphics, and sound design. Students have the option to include classes and on-set experience with the Georgia Film Academy as part of their degree, or to specialize in courses that develop the personal creative vision and technical skill set of each student. Small course sizes (sixteen students or fewer in most classes) provide students a workshop-like environment in which to develop as filmmakers. Students also have the opportunity to take courses outside of the film area to pursue minor programs to enhance job marketability.

A.A. in Film Production

The Associate of Arts degree in Film Production provides a two-year option for completion of academic credentials in the field of film production, supporting the need for workforce development in Georgia's burgeoning film industry. Students can take GFA courses as part of their curriculum.

Minor in Film

The Film Minor prepares students for entering the workforce or earning graduate degrees in professional areas such as film performance, film studies, and film production/design. It develops and strengthens students' production, performance, critical thinking, and writing skills for success in all further academic and professional endeavors.

Film courses utilize state-of-the-art camera equipment and software for production and post-production, giving students crucial hands-on experience. Production courses for advanced production courses are offered at the Clayton State University Film Studio. Film Production courses are offered in seated, hybrid, and online formats, and students can earn a B.A. in Film production via a combination of online and on-campus classes.

Music Majors at Clayton State University

Well-trained musicians are masters of skills that are essential to success and highly valued by employers in all fields: drive to communicate compellingly, self-discipline to constantly improve performance, creativity in solving difficulties, collaboration to work well with others in a team, ability to improvise and recover quickly from mishaps, and commitment to have the product ready when the curtain is scheduled to go up—no excuses.

- Arts Management
- Arts Publicity
- Broadcasting
- Conducting
- Editing
- Entertainment of Copyright Law
- Higher Education
- Military Musician
- Ministry and Church Work
- Music Composition and Arranging
- Music Journalism
- Music Marketing and Sales
- Music Performance
- Music Recording and Production
- Music Therapy
- Publishing, Print and Digital
- Stage Directing and Stage Management
- Teaching, Independent Studio
- Teaching, K-12 grades, Public or Private

Music, like many professions (law, medicine, the clergy, etc.), has numerous career outcomes in which advanced graduate studies beyond the undergraduate degree and sometimes professional licensure are expected or required for entry.

The B.A. in Music and B.M. in Music Education are primarily conducted in person on Clayton State University's Morrow campus, utilizing the beautiful facilities of Carnes Hall for Music and Spivey Hall.

Degree Programs

B.M. in Music Education

A professional degree that prepares students for the state licensure necessary to teach music in the K-12 schools in Georgia. This degree also prepares students for other careers in music teaching, for graduate degree work, and for a variety of other professional futures in music and education.

B.A. in Music

A flexible degree that couples a strong preparation in music with the ability for students to tailor their studies to meet their goals by adding significant coursework, or even a formal minor, in other fields. The B.A. in Music degree will prepare students to be both creative and disciplined in discovering their audiences, refining their performance, and composing their career paths.

Minor in Music

The skills in collaboration, problem-solving, and creativity fostered by participation in music make a music minor an ideal element of preparation for almost any career.

Scholarships

Students can be admitted to the music programs at Clayton State University through an audition. As a result of auditioning, some music majors are awarded generous scholarships. To apply for admission to Clayton State University, visit clayton.edu/admissions. Once accepted, apply to become a music major by visiting clayton.edu/visual-and-performingarts/music/auditions.



Theatre at Clayton State University

According to the National Association of Colleges and Employers Job Outlook Survey, teamwork, problem-solving, and analytical/quantitative skills are the top three most important employee attributes. These skills characterize the typical Theatre major, who works as part of a backstage/onstage team, works to solve problems creatively while exploring the problems of the world in theatrical scripts, and constantly analyzes the real and imaginary worlds of the stage.

Career Possibilities with a B.A.

- Theatre Teacher
- Actor/Actress
- Company Manager
- Development Director
- Drama Therapist
- Artist-In-Residence
- Director
- Producer
- Box Office Manager
- Arts Fundraiser
- Scenic Designer
- Carpenter
- Scenic Artist
- Press Agent
- Arts Council Director
- Theatre Librarian
- Lighting Designer
- Electrician
- Business Manager
- Voice-Over Artist
- Personal Manager
- Audience Relations Specialist
- Coordinator Hair/Makeup
- Artist's Agent
- Community Arts Center Director

- Marketing Director
- Outreach Coordinator
- Costume Designer
- Draper
- Booking Agent
- Managing Director
- College Professor
- Special Effects Technician Publicist
- Grants Specialist
- Acting Coach
- Stage Manager
- Literary Agent
- Public Relations Director
- Dramaturg
- Property Designer Casting Director
- Technical Director
- Prod. Support Services
- Arts Administration

The B.A. in Theatre program is conducted primarily in-person at Clayton State University's main campus in Morrow, Georgia.

B.A. in Theatre

A flexible degree that couples a strong preparation in theatre with the ability for students to tailor their studies to meet their goals by adding significant coursework, or even a formal minor, in other fields. The B.A. in Theatre degree will prepare students to be both creative and disciplined in discovering their audiences, refining their performance, and choosing their career paths.

