

NEW INTERDISCIPLINARY MAJOR WILL BUILD ON RIVIER'S HISTORY IN THE LIBERAL ARTS

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Following the highest fall enrollment in its 90-year history, the University announced that it is establishing a new interdisciplinary Bachelor of Arts in Humanities and Social Sciences for the Fall 2025 semester.

This new program of study draws upon the disciplines of English, history, political science, philosophy, religion, and sociology, and will build upon Rivier's history in the liberal arts. The critical thinking, problem-solving, and clear communication skills students develop will lay the foundation for a variety of careers in the public, private, and nonprofit sectors. These include business executives, financial analysts, non-governmental organization leaders, communication managers, and government officials, among many others. It will also prepare students for graduate study in any of the humanities or the social sciences disciplines, as well as law and business school.

"This new major encompasses the humanities themes initiated through the *Journeys of Transformation* core curriculum, which is an essential element of the University's academic experience," said **Sister Paula Marie Buley, IHM**.

The major's theme of stewardship, society, and service will provide students with a broad perspective and opportunities to understand current and emerging issues, especially those requiring civic engagement, intellectual knowledge, ethical reasoning, and entrepreneurial drive.

Additional information is available at rivier.edu/humanities. ■