The College of Liberal Arts & Sciences (CLAS) provides the foundation of a university education, with disciplines in the natural sciences, social sciences, and humanities. CLAS has more than 35 academic departments and centers, and houses two interdisciplinary schools: the School of the Environment and the School of Gender, Race, and Nations. CLAS delivers specialized training to students and prepares them with essential skills in critical thinking, problem solving, quantitative and qualitative analysis, communication, and intercultural competence, all while connecting their classroom learning with the Portland Metro community.

CLAS hosts Ooligan Press, a nationally lauded general trade press focused on publishing books reflective of the Pacific Northwest. The History Department is home to the 80-year old *Pacific Historical Review*, the leading journal of Pacific Rim history. Our Russian Flagship program is one of only four National Security Education-fund Russian programs in the country. Graduates of our Speech and Hearing Sciences graduate program attain 100 percent job placement year after year. Our burgeoning doctoral programs in the sciences, mathematics, and social sciences boast graduates who go onto positions at institutions such as Stanford, the University of Michigan, and Virginia Tech. The College also provides an important pathway for future teachers to learn their subject-specific content before embarking on their licensure programs.

- **CLAS is dedicated to student success.** Last Mile, a graduation intervention program developed by advisors, has resulted in successful graduation applications of 60 percent of CLAS majors whose applications were initially deficient. Last Mile has helped over 700 students across the University to graduate. The donor-supported “CLAS Last Mile Award,” inspired by the program, helps students who are nearing graduation but are at-risk of dropping out. The College continues to graduate record numbers of students each year.

- **The Collaborative Life Sciences Building**, a joint project between OHSU, PSU, and OSU, houses research and teaching space for the CLAS Departments of Chemistry and Biology, OHSU’s School of Dentistry and School of Medicine, and OSU’s College of Pharmacy. Modern lecture halls and state-of-the-art teaching labs provide 2,000 biology and chemistry students per day with innovative educational experiences in several gateway courses for the allied health professions and core courses for Biology and Chemistry majors.
■ **CLAS faculty produce cutting edge research and award-winning scholarship in their fields.** Highlights from 2015 include: Chemistry professors Jim Pankow, Robert Strongin, and David Peyton received international news coverage of their discovery of high formaldehyde levels in e-cigarettes. The three researchers received an additional $3.5 million for further study of the effects of e-cigarettes. English Professor Paul Collins and Anthropology Professor Doug Deur made the *New York Times* Bestseller's List. Catherine McNeur, assistant professor of History, won four book awards for her debut book *Taming Manhattan*. Other faculty are working on cures for malaria and HIV, new vaccines for viruses, preserving soon-to-be-extinct languages, and making advances in interventions for children with autism spectrum disorder. In line with best practices for student success, our researchers involve undergraduates in their research, providing foundational experiences for our students on their educational pathways.

■ **CLAS students and faculty use their expertise to give back to the community.** Damien Jack ’15 utilized his interdisciplinary education in Judaic Studies and dance history to contribute to the Dance Heritage Coalition’s prestigious American Dance Treasures Project. Tami Lasseter Clare, assistant professor of Chemistry, develops materials and techniques for art conservation and restoration for museums across the country. Matthew Carlson, professor of Sociology, is a founding member of the Oregon Health Research and Evaluation Collaborative (OHREC), which has become a national model for its success in helping policy-makers understand what really works in healthcare.

■ **Fundraising is on the rise.** CLAS graduates, faculty, and friends of the university helped the College establish over 12 new scholarships during the past two years. The College has more than doubled its philanthropic gifts over the past few years, with nearly $8 million raised in 2015.

■ **CLAS has a diversity of K–12 outreach and college preparation programs,** including the Challenge Program, which offers dual-credit and college credit for high school students in basic disciplines such as mathematics, computer science, Spanish and English. Our Center for Geographic Education in Oregon is a nationally recognized model for bringing current knowledge and classroom resources to K-12 teachers. NW Noggin, a neuroscience outreach program, partners with undergraduate and graduate students from PSU, OHSU, and WSU-V to use art and science to teach middle school students about the brain. Faculty like Cornel Pewewardy, professor of Indigenous Nations Studies and recipient of the Potlatch Fund’s 2015 Leadership Honoring Award for Education, regularly collaborate with community partners on issues of concern to K–12 schools.

■ **The College is a leader in pedagogical innovation.** Courses from Biology to Philosophy employ the latest, research-based methods of impactful instruction. This year, three new faculty in the sciences will focus on improving the classroom experience for students in Biology, Chemistry, and Physics. These hires are just part of our effort to pioneer new classroom techniques and significantly improve student success in large introductory STEM classes.

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**TOP UNDERGRADUATE MAJORS**
Psychology, Biology, Communication Studies, General Studies: Social Science, English

**STUDENT CREDIT HOURS**
Undergraduate: 249,180
Graduate: 38,847
PhD: 4,687

**ALUMNI**
65,936

**DEGREES AWARDED 2014-2015**
Bachelor’s: 2,331
Master’s: 329
Doctoral: 36
Certificates: 92

**FACULTY BY TENURE STATUS**
Tenured: 202
Tenure Track: 83
Non-Tenure Track Full Time: 129
Non-Tenure Track Part Time: 210

**FULL TIME EQUIVALENT SUPPORT STAFF**
46,167

**BUDGET SUMMARY**
Education and General Funds: $61,039,993

**PRIVATE GIVING (FY14)**
$8,000,000

**DEGREE PROGRAMS**


PhD—Applied Physics, Applied Psychology, Biology, Chemistry. Earth Environmental and Society, Mathematics Education, Mathematical Sciences, Sociology, Systems Science