

THE ACADEMIC PROGRAM

The Area of Academic Affairs is committed to its goal of improving the academic standards and competitiveness of the College. To this end, we will provide a high-quality undergraduate twenty-first century education to all students that will consist of a reinvigorated, practical, and engaged liberal education.

We are committed to making our liberal arts education—across all fields—rigorous, inclusive, pragmatic, and socially responsible. Bennett College for Women will become an “intentional” institution that will employ resources and align its practices in purposeful ways to provide a powerful liberal education to all students.

The Area of Academic Affairs will continue its endeavors to empower women to become global leaders by providing a liberal strengths-based education augmented with specific experiences in training and research that lead to a career, promote post-graduate education, and encourage lifelong learning.

Degrees: Bennett College awards the following degrees in 16 degree-programs:

Bachelor of Arts: A Bachelor of Arts degree is awarded to a student who completes the requirements for a major in Arts Management, Business Administration, Elementary Education (K-6), English (Teaching and Non-teaching tracks), Journalism and Media Studies, Middle Grades Education (6-9), Music (Teaching track, K-12), Political Science, Psychology, and Special Education (K-12).

Bachelor of Science: A Bachelor of Science degree is awarded to a student who completes the requirements for a major in Biology (Teaching and Non-teaching tracks), Chemistry, Computer Science, Mathematics (Non-teaching track), and Psychology.

Bachelor of Arts and Science in Interdisciplinary Studies: A Bachelor of Arts and Science degree is awarded to a student who completes the requirements for a major in one of the six tracks of Interdisciplinary Studies: Honors Track, Special Admissions Option for Non-traditional and Medically Documented Learning Disabled (LD) Students, History, Africana Women’s Studies, Womanist Religious Studies, and Global Studies.

Bachelor of Fine Arts: A Bachelor of Fine Arts degree is awarded to a student who completes the requirements for a major in one of the three tracks of Visual and Performing Arts: Theatre, Music (Teaching-K-12, and Non-teaching tracks), and Visual Arts.

Bachelor of Social Work: A Bachelor of Social Work degree is awarded to a student who completes the requirements for a major in Social Work.

Majors

In order for a student to graduate from Bennett College, she must complete all requirements and a major concentrated course of study in a given department. Students must also earn a minimum grade point average of 2.0. A student must earn a grade of “C” to pass a major or cognate course. Students may select a major in the following disciplines:

Major Programs

- Arts Management (Music and Visual Arts Tracks)
- Biology (Teaching 9-12 and Non-teaching Tracks)
- Business Administration
- Chemistry
- Computer Science
- Elementary Education (K-6)
- English (Teaching 9-12 and Non-teaching Tracks)
- Interdisciplinary Studies
- Journalism and Media Studies (Four Tracks)
- Mathematics (Teaching 9-12 and Non-teaching Tracks)
- Middle Grades Education (6-9)
- Political Science
- Psychology
- Social Work
- Special Education (K-12)
- Visual and Performing Arts, B.F.A. degree offering three tracks: (Theatre, Music- Teaching K-12, and Non-teaching track, and Visual Arts)

Bennett College also offers the following Dual Degree or Joint Degree Programs.

Dual Degree Programs: Students may receive a Bachelor of Science degree in our Dual Degree in Engineering program from NC A&T State University by participating in the Bennett College for Women/North Carolina Agricultural and Technical State University Dual Degree Engineering Program. At the end of the first year at Bennett College students may apply for admission to the Dual Degree Engineering Program in the Office of the Coordinator of the Dual Degree Engineering Program at Bennett College. The following engineering degrees are offered: Chemical, Mechanical, and Electrical Engineering.

Pharm. D. Degree in the Science/Pharmacy Program at Howard University

Students may receive a dual degree in chemistry/pharmacy in which the student earns a B.S. degree in Chemistry from Bennett and a Doctor of Pharmacy from Howard School of Pharmacy. (For more information contact the Program Coordinator, Dr. Susan Curtis)

Doctor of Chiropractic Degree in the Doctor of Chiropractic Program at Life University
Students may receive a dual degree in biology/chiropractic in which the student earns a B.S. Degree in biology from Bennett and a Doctor of Chiropractic from Life University. (For more information contact the Program Coordinator, Dr. Dr. Susan Curtis)

Articulated Master's Degree: Master's Degree in Sport Health Science Program at Life University (For more information contact the Program Coordinator, Dr. Gwendolyn Bookman)

Joint Degree Program: JD Degree in Law at St. John's University, School of Law. (For more information contact the Program Coordinator, Dr. Ambrous Jacobs)

Partnership Programs: Bennett College is in partnership with Howard University to offer students a 2+2 Nursing Degree Program. (For more information contact the Program Coordinator, Sekhara Rao Basavaraju)

Minor Programs: Bennett College also offers the following minors for students who elect to fulfill the requirements.

- Biology
- Chemistry
- Computer Science
- Economics
- English
- History
- Journalism and Media Studies
- Mathematics
- Music
- Philosophy
- Political Science
- Psychology
- Religion
- Spanish
- Special Education

ACADEMIC AFFAIRS STRATEGIC GOALS

- To improve the content and quality of academic offerings.
- To improve the infrastructure that supports research, teaching and scholarship.
- To provide quality programs that prepare students for the world of work and post baccalaureate studies.
- To improve and maintain an intellectually stimulating environment for all members of the College community.
- To become a major source for educating women of color for the sciences.
- To improve the quality of academic support services to enhance student performance.

INSTITUTIONAL EDUCATIONAL OBJECTIVES

- To encourage experiences for free and open inquiry in a college community that emphasize enduring ethical values and respect ethnic, cultural, and religious diversity.
- To provide a liberal arts education augmented with specific experiences in training and research that leads to a career, promotes post-graduate education, and encourages life-long learning.
- To empower women to become leaders through learning experiences that develop critical and analytical skills, personal and social development, and foster compassion.
- To provide information and opportunities to enhance and practice effective communication skills.
- To provide a learning environment supportive of spiritual, mental, and physical well-being.
- To provide resources and training that will enable students to become proficient and ethical users of technology in a global society.
- To promote the pursuit of social justice and political activism by encouraging and enhancing the desire to serve society through service learning, and community and public service.
- To cultivate external partnerships to provide students with educational resources, personal and professional networking opportunities, and career and work-related experiences.