Art/Art History







Visual artists and art historians: find your creative voice!

Explore your talents in the midst of critical dialogue, freedom and discovery. Study in the context of a Christian community of scholars who, with curiosity and conviction, strive to live out grace and truth. The art major focuses on thinking and doing in concert. With its studio and historical components, the department designs courses to equip students with skills, habits and knowledge to be discerning, faithful participants in the art world and in the visual culture of today. Since we see spiritual, intellectual and creative maturity as a unified whole, we strive to model this synthesis in our own art-making, research, and teaching endeavors. We also expect our students to cultivate a desire for learning and to bring a Christian sensibility to all aspects of art-making and viewing.

SELECTED COURSES

- Painting
- Intermedia
- Digital Tools
- Theory and Criticism in the Arts
- Illustration
- Figure Drawing
- Art, Theology and Worship
- Printmaking
- Museum Studies

CARFFR PATHS

- Graphic design
- Gallery-centered fine art
- Photography
- Illustration
- Art education
- Gallery management
- Museum education
- Museum curator
- Arts ministry





SCOTT ANDERSON, M.F.A.

Professor Anderson specializes in figurative realism, teaching drawing, painting, and multiple digital graphics courses. An active freelance illustrator, he creates work for magazines and newspapers across the country.



LISA DEBOER, PH.D.

Dr. DeBoer is the department's art historian. In addition to teaching lower- and upper-division art history classes, she also teaches art theory and criticism. Her book, "Visual Arts in the Worshiping Church," won the Arlin G. Meyer Prize.



NATHAN HUFF, M.F.A.

Professor Huff teaches courses in drawing, painting, intermedia, and design, and he exhibits his work regionally and nationally. Using symbolic imagery, he often merges painting and sculpture as he explores themes of memory and the particular narratives of place.



MEAGAN STIRLING, M.F.A.

Professor Stirling teaches printmaking, design, and 4D intermedia. She combines multiple print processes, painting, and installation in her work focusing on how Americans perceive safety.

OPPORTUNITIES ABROAD



- Westmont in San Francisco
- Westmont in Europe Semester
- Studio Art Center International Florence, Italy
- Gordon in Orvieto, Italy
- IAU College, Aix-en-Provence, France

ALUMNI

Joel Daniel Phillips '12 is an acclaimed contemporary artist whose work focuses on the tenets of classical draftsmanship employed in monumental formats. His charcoal drawings have been exhibited across the United States, including the Smithsonian National Portrait Gallery, the Fort Wayne Museum of Art, and the Philbrook Museum of Art. In 2016 he received third prize in the Outwin Boochever Portrait Competition of the Smithsonian National Portrait Gallery.

Hallie Heald '14 is a freelance illustrator living in New York City. Her first book, "The Women Who Made New York," with author Julie Scelfo, was published in 2017 and featured portraits of the revolutionary women who made New York into the cultural epicenter. She wrote and illustrated a book celebrating introverts, "41 Reasons I'm Staying In," published in 2019 by William Morrow and Company.



Biology







Delve deeper into the natural world as you explore living systems, both human and non-human, in the lab and the field.

Work closely with Christian professors who introduce you to creative and rigorous scientific investigation in a classroom that includes the mountains, the coast and the Channel Islands. Through coursework and independent research, you learn laboratory techniques and field methods. You may even conduct advanced research with faculty and fellow students. Professors integrate biology and faith and discuss issues related to science, ethics and culture. Rigorous study combined with personal attention prepares you for rewarding and challenging work in the lab and the environmental, biotech and health fields.

SELECTED COURSES

- Physiology
- Marine Biology
- Behavioral Ecology
- Biology and Faith
- Molecular Biology
- Genomics and Bioinformatics

- Teaching (elementary, secondary and college)
- Health sciences (M.D., P.A., nurse practitioner, D.O., dentist, chiropractor)
- Public health (epidemiology, policy, education, research)
- Forensics
- National Park Service (park ranger, fish and wildlife biologist)
- Ecology and conservation biology
- Biotechnology





STEVE JULIO, PH.D.
His team's discovery and

characterization of a genetic switch in the bacteria that causes whooping cough may lead to better therapies



BETH HORVATH, M.S.

She is an invertebrate zoologist working with Eastern Pacific gorgonian corals who loves spending time exploring tide pools up and down the West Coast.



EILEEN MACMAHON MCQUADE, PH.D.

A unique strain of arthritic mice help her study autoimmune disorders. She is working full time in the Provost's Office with special responsibilities as associate dean of the faculty.



JEFF SCHLOSS, PH.D.

He is an internationally known expert on the biology of love and religious belief.



YI-FAN LU, PH.D

He is a researcher who has contributed to Zika antiviral drug development and modeled neurological diseasesphotography.

OPPORTUNITIES OFF CAMPUS



- Westmont's Global Health Uganda
- Organization for Tropical Studies: Tropical Diseases, Environmental Change and Human Health, Costa Rica
- Creation Care Studies Program, Belize or New Zealand
- Creation Care Studies Program, Au Sable Institute for Environmental Studies, Michigan or Washington

ALUMNI

Grace Teranishi '18 worked for California Fish and Game after graduating from Westmont and is working on a Masters degree through Moss Landing Marine Labs.

Rachel Maragliano '17 earned a Master of Science degree in forensic science and works as a criminologist for the California Department of Justice.

Matthew Lee '19 has been accepted into a master's program in education with an emphasis on science teaching geared to school-age children.

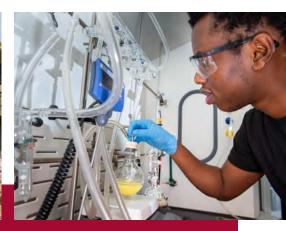
Amanda "Mandi" Chamberlin '15 has completed her Doctor of Optometry program at the University of Houston.



Chemistry







Immerse yourself in the lab and study with Christian professors.

In small classes, you work closely with professors who care deeply about you and your future. Demanding courses and a range of tracks help students think like a scientist and discover what it means to work in a lab. Chemistry majors undertake research with personal guidance from professors, and many spend 10 weeks in an intensive summer research program. Cutting-edge labs and state-of-the-art instrumentation set Westmont's program apart and give graduates an advantage in finding jobs or getting into graduate school. You receive a first-rate education in chemistry from Christian professors who integrate faith and learning and prepare you for meaningful work.

SELECTED COURSES

- Science and Religion Seminar
- Organic Chemistry
- Advanced Inorganic Chemistry
- Analytical Chemistry
- Thermodynamics
- Biochemistry
- Advanced Biochemistry
- Computational Chemistry Seminar

- Industrial or clinical chemist
- Chemical engineer
- College professor
- Dentist
- High school teacher
- Marine scientist
- Pharmacologist
- Physician
- Nuclear medicine technician





KRISTI CANTRELL, PH.D.
Helps biochemists understand neurodegenerative diseases and students make wise choices about medical school;

expert in protein aggregation



STEVE CONTAKES, PH.D., Seeks a cleaner world through new molecules with his specialty in inorganic biochemistry; thinks with you about integrating science and faith



AMANDA SILBERSTEIN, PH.D. Develops new methods for hooking molecules together and explores the wonders of organic chemistry with you



BRANDON HAINES, PH.D. Simulates organic reactions in a computer to better understand the details of bond making and breaking



ALLAN NISHIMURA, PH.D. Mentor to a generation of undergraduate chemistry researchers; he probes the motions of molecules in thin films



STEPHANIE COWELL, M.S. Expert at orienting new students to experimental chemistry and keeping you safe in the lab



MICHAEL EVEREST, PH.D.

Physical chemist who uses powerful lasers to study surfaces and powerful teaching techniques to help you learn chemistry

OPPORTUNITIES ABROAD



- Westmont's Global Health Uganda
- Westmont in Asia
- Organization for Tropical Studies: Tropical Diseases, Environmental Change and Human Health, Costa Rica
- Creation Care Studies Program, Belize
- Creation Care Studies Program, New Zealand
- Organization for Tropical Studies, South Africa

ALUMNI

Elizabeth Simoneit '15 enrolled at the University of South Florida College of Medicine after spending a year teaching English in Querétaro, Mexico. She graduated from Westmont with degrees in chemistry and Spanish and won the Kenneth Monroe Award

for academic achievement, campus leadership and impact on fellow students. She pursued two majors so she could communicate with Spanish-speaking patients in their own language and volunteer in communities where doctors aren't easily accessible.



Communication Studies







Cultivate wisdom and eloquence as you study human communication.

Become a wise analyst of human influence in a globally oriented, media-saturated environment. Explore your own role in the world in light of the increasing power of media, the challenge of interpersonal faithfulness, and the dynamics of social movements while being informed by Scripture and research in Communication Studies. And pursue eloquence in verbal and nonverbal action as you learn to embody compassion, argue clearly, and invite reconciliation.

SELECTED COURSES

- Media and Mass Communication
- Conflict and Reconciliation
- Persuasion and Propaganda
- International Rhetoric
- Argumentation and Advocacy
- Public Speaking
- Interpersonal Communication
- Media Ethics
- Group Communication and Leadership

CARFFR PATHS

- Marketing and sales
- Public relations
- Journalism
- Law
- Ministry
- Consulting
- Advertising
- Digital media

- Event planning
- Teaching
- International development
- Mediation
- Film and television
- Non-profit management





GREG SPENCER, PH.D.

Recently wrote two books: Awakening the Quieter Virtues and Reframing the Soul



LESA STERN, PH.D.

Published one of the first scholarly studies about Facebook



DEBORAH DUNN, PH.D.

Studies peacemaking Studies socia organizations and leads the rhetorica study abroad-programs on of childhood conflict and reconciliation



ELIZABETH GARDNER, PH.D.

Studies social change and the rhetorical construction of childhood

OPPORTUNITIES ABROAD



- Communication Studies Mayterm in Conflict and Reconciliation (Israel / West Bank and Northern Ireland in 2019)
- American University of Paris: Global Communication
- American Studies Program, Washington, D.C.
- The Hague, Netherlands (University Studies Abroad Consortium): Communication Management
- Los Angeles Film Studies Center
- NYU, Buenos Aires, Argentina: Global Media, Journalism, Cinema

ALUMNI

Amy Owens Roach '03, vice president of iHeartMedia's Connections West team, works with the country's largest advertisers, reaching more than 243 million people each month. She specializes in automotive advertising, working closely with Honda and Nissan to create artist-driven marketing campaigns using iHeartMedia's suite of assets. "My job is exciting and rewarding, as it allows me to be creative, meet with clients at the building stage of a campaign, and present opportunities that have been customized for them," she says.

Justin Zoradi '04 started These Numbers Have Faces in 2008 to invest in the future leaders of Africa. The organization supports young people attending college in South Africa, Rwanda, Uganda and the Democratic Republic of Congo, empowering them with the skills needed to lead their countries. Justin has written about his experiences after Westmont and his desire to do something meaningful and significant in a fearful and uncertain world in his book, *For These Times*.



Computer Science







Do you value rigorous academics? Like a challenge? Seek to understand the common threads running through every discipline?

Consider a major in computer science, the formal study of abstract problem-solving. Computers permeate every facet of our society, so more and more careers relate to them: bioinformatics, cognitive science, digital media arts, neuroscience, artificial intelligence, computer graphics, management information systems, human-computer interaction, and intellectual property law. In fact, all fields and organizations welcome the talents of properly trained computer scientists. Learn how to organize and communicate information, use algorithms, procedures or formulas for solving problems, and work with a team to find practical applications.

SELECTED COURSES

- Design and Implementation of Solutions to Computational Problems
- Discrete Mathematics
- Abstract Models for Concrete Problems Using Java
- Computer Organization and Hardware Architectures
- Programming Languages
- Creative Software Architectures for Collaborative Projects

CARFFR PATHS

Computer science is a great field with many opportunities. Money magazine rated software architect as the best job in America based on job opportunities, satisfaction and pay. Annual job openings in computer science will likely exceed the number of graduates for the foreseeable future. Opportunities for careers in computer science are both numerous and diverse, and a critical shortage of well-prepared professionals should persist.





ANNA ABOUD, PH.D.

Pursues effective and efficient processes in mathematics, data science, and mathematics education.



RUSSELL HOWELL, PH D

Has written about science and faith, and has co-authored a textbook in the area of complex analysis.



DAVID HUNTER, PH.D.

Applies algebra, geometry and topology to computing and data



DON PATTERSON, PH.D.

Obtained a patent for a device evaluating infant movement in a NICU



MARYKE VAN DER WALT, PH D.

A mathematician and musician who applies data science to diabetes

OPPORTUNITIES ABROAD



- Westmont in Asia
- Westmont's Europe Semester
- Westmont in San Francisco
- Westmont Downtown

ALUMNI

Dustin Carroll '04 completed a master's degree in marine science/physical oceanography from Moss Landing Marine Laboratories in Monterey.

Luke Chambers '02 is a programming manager at iParadigms, the leader in the field of textual intellectual property protection and the provider of Turnitin plagiarism detection products.

James Hanson '03 is a security consultant with FishNet Security, a national leader in information security solutions.

Nick Lassonde '03 helped to start a software company purchased by Kaseya, a global provider of IT automation software.

As a Westmont student, Morgan Vigil '11 organized an after-school computer science program to help local high school students. She interned for Green Hills Software and then worked for them as a test engineer. After completing a doctoral program in computer science at UC Santa Barbara, she joined the faculty at Northern Arizona University, where she directs the Community Aware Networks and Information Systems Lab and works to overcome digital inequality in indigenous communities.



Data Analytics







Learn how to apply mathematical and computational techniques to make decisions in a wide range of industries and organizations.

Professors in mathematics, computer science, economics and business created this interdisciplinary major in the context of a liberal arts program. Your study begins with foundational courses in each discipline and moves to advanced classes in probability and statistics, database design, big data, machine learning, management science and game theory. A senior seminar provides a capstone experience and Christian perspective. Employers increasingly seek graduates who understand how to analyze data effectively in order to responsibly answer mission critical questions.

SELECTED COURSES

- Design and Implementation of Solutions to Computational Problems
- Information Retrieval and Big Data
- Database Design
- Artificial Intelligence and Machine Learning
- Research and Forecasting
- Principles of Accounting
- Probability and Statistics

CARFFR PATHS

- Management Analyst/Consultant
- Data Scientist
- Big Data Analytics Specialist
- Research Analyst
- Manager of Services or Manufacturing Operations
- Data Analyst
- Project Manager
- Supply Chain Manager
- Market Research Analyst





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ENRICO MANLAPIG, PH.D.

He has studied the economics of speed dating



DAVID HUNTER, PH.D.

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RUSSELL W. HOWELL, PH.D.,

Views mathematics through the eyes of faith



MARYKE VAN DER WALT, PH.D.

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OPPORTUNITIES ABROAD



- Westmont in Asia
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- Westmont in San Francisco
- Westmont Downtown

Economics and Business







Apply what you learn in internships, network with successful alumni and find a meaningful job.

Our student-centric approach and collaborative, friendly environment provide a healthy blend of quantitative analysis and economic theory with practical application in the marketplace. Our students gain information and expertise that make them better contributors and communicators and prepare them for fascinating and gratifying business careers. They work closely with professors and explore the often-challenging intersection of faith, learning and business. Successful Westmont alumni provide our students with valuable networking, internships and mentoring, helping them discover, develop and use their Godgiven talents. Our graduates have become leaders in a wide range of industries worldwide, from Fortune 500 companies to Silicon Valley start-ups to non-profit organizations.

VARIED COURSES & CAREER PATHS

- Accounting
- Economics
- Management
- Statistics
- Finance
- World Poverty
- Marketing
- Organizational Behavior

- Start-ups
- Fortune 500's
- Entrepreneurship
- Business development
- Healthcare
- Law
- Real estate development



Our faculty have degrees from Oxford, Columbia, Stanford, Texas, Penn, and Cornell, among others.



MARTIN ASHER, PH.D.

He served on the staff of the President's Council of Economic Advisers



BABARA DEVIVO, PH.D.

She lectures surgeons on the organizational behavior about how to better diagnose and treat tumors



RICK IFLAND, M.ST., MBA

He travels with you to Haiti each spring to launch small businesses meeting local needs



ENRICO MANLAPIG, PH.D.

He has studied the economics of speed dating



EDD NOELL, PH.D.

He explores the moral foundations of economic systems



OPPORTUNITIES ABROAD/PARTNERSHIPS

- Westmont in Asia
- Westmont's Europe Semester
- Westmont in San Francisco
- Westmont Singapore

- American University Paris
- King's College London
- Lithuania University
- and many others

ALUMNI

Sharon Rose '89 is an attorney in Washington, D.C., with Cadwalader, Wickersham and Taft in the White Collar Defense and Investigations Group, representing clients in U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission enforcement matters. Her expertise includes securities and accounting fraud, insider trading, market manipulation, and the Foreign Corrupt Practices Act. She earned an MBA in finance from the Drucker School of Management at Claremont Graduate University and a Juris Doctor from the University of California Davis School of Law. She is a Westmont trustee.

WHERE OUR ALUMNI WORK

Accenture, AppFolio, Apple, Bank of America, Box.Com, JPMorganChase, Citi, Disney Animation Studios, Facebook, Frost Brown Todd, Goldman Sachs, Google, HP, IBM, Kaiser Permanente, Kiva, Microsoft, MorganStanley, PayPal, Pixar, Rareform, Unitus, WebConnex, WellsFargo, Kirkland & Ellis, Procore, Cottage Health System, Deckers Outdoor Corp, Yardi Systems.

R. Tyler Gibbs '91 is senior vice president and general manager of Toyota Racing Development Inc. He was originally hired to build their supply chain from scratch and eventually gained management responsibility and oversight for finance, strategic planning, and administration. He earned an MBA at the University of Pennsylvania's Wharton School.

Nicholas Parisi '05 is a Founder of Silfra Capital and a former equity partner at Goble Investments and COO at Goble Properties. Nick has overseen over \$450M in direct buy-side deals and has experience in mergers and acquisitions, debt management, LP equity placement and portfolio operations.

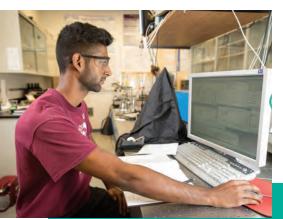
WHERE OUR ALUMNI GO TO SCHOOL

Duke University Fuqua School of Business, Harvard Business School, Harvard Law School, Indiana University Kelley School of Business, Loyola Law School, London School of Economics, University of Manchester, USC Marshall School of Business, University of Oxford, Stanford Business School, UCLA Anderson School of Management, University of Chicago School of Business, University of Washington Law School, University of Pennsylvania Wharton School of Business Vanderbilt Law School, UC Berkeley Boalt School of Law, USC Law School.



Engineering

with a Mechanical Concentration







Learn all the technical and problem-solving skills of an engineer but coupled with strong communication abilities, an interdisciplinary sensitivity, and a theological groundedness only found in the Christina liberal arts.

This Bachelor of Science in Engineering will give you a firm foundation in the engineering field as a whole but with upper-division courses that provide a mechanical engineering concentration. Apply your knowledge in a sequence of project-based courses as you join a team tackling a real-world problem. An internship with a local technology company with provide additional valuable experience. A specially designed Engineering Mayterm will further hone your skills. Finally, a junior and senior seminar sequence helps you place your education in a broader context demonstrating the interconnectedness of engineering science with other disciplines such as theology, sociology, art, and philosophy.

SELECTED COURSES

- Engineering and the Liberal Arts
- Multivariable Calculus
- Circuits and Electronics
- Materials Engineering
- Control Systems
- Mechanical Design
- Engineering Seminar II: Faith, Technology, and Christian Responsibility

- Aeronautical Engineer
- Drafting Technician
- Controls Engineer
- Design Engineer
- Equipment Engineer
- Instrumentation Engineer
- Materials Engineer
- Project Engineer
- Research and Development Engineer
- Structural Engineer





KEN KIHLSTROM, PH.D.

Demonstrates physics by lying on a bed of nails and walking on hot coals



MICHAEL SOMMERMANN, PH.D.

A nuclear physicist who takes astronomical photos



RUSS HOWELL

He is co-author of *Complex* Analysis for Mathematics and Engineering



MARYKE VAN DER WALT, PH.D.

A mathematician and musician who applies data science to diabetes



ANNA ABOUD, PH.D.

Pursues effective and efficient processes in mathematics, data science, and mathematics education.



TOM WHITTEMORE

A nuclear physicist who takes astronomical photos

OPPORTUNITIES ABROAD



- Westmont in Asia
- Westmont's Europe Semester
- Westmont in San Francisco
- Westmont Downtown
- Westmont in Mexico
- Westmont in Northern Europe

RESEARCH

Like all Westmont students, engineering majors will have the opportunity to conduct research with professors or pursue their own projects and ideas. This hands-on experience prepares them for engineering jobs and for graduate school.



English







Stretch your faith and your reason by journeying into the challenging worlds and words of others.

Go beyond required composition and literature courses into a department rich in writing and globally conscious literary study. Join a Westmont professor and 24 classmates for a semester in England, where literature comes alive in context. Be transformed by close encounters with novels, poems, short stories, plays, and essays from around the world. Explore creative writing, film studies, journalism, gender studies, ethnic studies, teacher preparation, and internships. Easily add a second major to broaden your education.

SELECTED COURSES

- American and British Novelists and Poets
- Creative writing workshops
- Ethnicity and Race in American Literature
- Global Narratives
- Postcolonial Literature
- Seminars on major authors
- Women Writers
- *English major (standard) or English major with a writing concentration
- *English minor and Writing minor also available

CARFFR PATHS

- Book, magazine, and online publishing
- Creative production in poetry, fiction, non-fiction, and screenwriting
- Grant writing for non-profits
- Journalism
- Law
- Medicine
- Ministry
- Psychological counseling
- Teaching at all levels (college, secondary, or elementary)
- Teaching English overseas





PAUL DELANEY, PH.D.

Whisks students off to live theater productions



CHERI LARSEN HOECKLEY, RANDALL VANDERMEY, PH.D.

Directs gender studies and Critiques Christian clichés hosts marathon readings of and crafts original poems, novels



PH.D.

photos, and plays



SARAH SKRIPSKY, PH.D., **CHAIR**

Directs the Writing Center and studies the role of faith in writing tutorials



PAUL WILLIS, PH.D.

Navigates nature as a poet, essayist, and fantasy novelist



CARMEN MCCAIN, PH.D. Explores African literature

and Nigerian film



REBECCA MCNAMARA, D.PHIL.

Studies the history of emotions and has taught medieval literature on three continents



KYA MANGRUM, PH.D.

Fascinated by the nature of God's eye, she examines photography and slave narratives

OPPORTUNITIES ABROAD



- Westmont's England Semester
- Westmont's Europe Semester
- Westmont in San Francisco
- Westmont in Northern Europe
- Westmont's London Theatre Mayterm

ALUMNI

A content strategist, Ben Taylor '09 has focused on bringing an editorial mindset to the tech world. He currently writes and edits digital texts to highlight Facebook's integrity efforts. For three years, he directed the team creating the voice of Dropbox; that team defined the brand's written style and explained its features in simple language. Before Dropbox, he worked at Graphiq, a Santa Barbara startup that provides insights on topics from sports to health to politics. He successfully pitched and created an in-house editorial team of 12 people that published hundreds of data-driven, journalistic stories in major online publications, including TIME, AOL, MSN, Yahoo, Fox News, The Huffington Post and Sports Illustrated. While a Westmont English major, Ben studied theatre in London, attending over 50 plays and reading hundreds of reviews from top critics while crafting his own reviews, "an experience that shapes [his] writing to this day."

Lizzy LeRud '07 is a scholar and teacher of American poetry whose research focuses on the cultural histories of poetic forms and genres. Currently a postdoctoral fellow at the Georgia Institute of Technology, she earned a doctorate in English literature at the University of Oregon and completed a postdoctoral fellowship at Emory University after exploring career opportunities in law, marketing, and creative writing. Her current book project, Against Prose: The Fear of Decline in American Poetry Since Reconstruction, uncovers the sociopolitical history of the poetryprose dichotomy to explain a century of anxiety over poetry's flagging cultural status. She is also at work on a second project exploring recent anti-racist poetic forms, tentatively entitled Radical Rule-Makers.



French







Studying French at Westmont helps you become proficient in the language. At the same time, you develop intercultural sophistication so you can live comfortably and effectively in the French-speaking world.

Majors spend a semester studying abroad at an approved university. At Westmont, you work closely with professors and benefit from small classes. A flexible curriculum helps you find classes that meet your needs. Courses vary but always include language, literature, and civilization and culture. You leave Westmont ready for an ever-shrinking world with a wider perspective and appreciation of different cultural heritages. You discover the face of Christ in people from other civilizations who share our world.

SELECTED COURSES

- Survey of French Literature
- French Literature of the 20th Century
- Nineteenth Century Art
- 19th century French Novel
- 17th century Golden Age Theatre
- Chivalric Tradition in French Literature

- Foreign Missions
- Domestic Human-Service Agencies
- Education
- International Business
- Law
- Government Services
- The Arts





MARY BLACKWOOD COLLIER, PH.D.

Knighted by the French government as a Chevalier de France dans l'Ordre des Palmes Académiques for promoting French language and culture

OPPORTUNITIES ABROAD



- Semester in Aix-en-Provence, France
- Semester in Montpellier, France
- Semester in Paris

ALUMNI

Bill Seiber '97 says, "Since graduating in 1997, I have worked in the non-profit sector with an international ministry, attended law school, and launched into a productive and rewarding career in the area of agricultural law for the Colorado Office of the Attorney General. Knowing and continuing to study French has given me the personal reward of living and traveling in France while cultivating and maintaining life-long friendships with French people. Studying a foreign language taught me more than how to speak in that language, though. Understanding a foreign tongue allows me to perceive the complexities of cultural differences and the unique gifts of cultural diversity in both work and travel. The study of language blessed me with a desire and an ability to see, hear, and even to tell the story through the eyes of another person."

Ella Urquhart '20 notes, "As a French student at Westmont, I was able to simultaneously pursue my love for foreign language and learn the intricacies of a different culture; my French courses better prepared me to engage with the wider world and enter into conversation with those different from me. As someone eager to live abroad again, my Westmont French experience has given me new insights at an age of great personal development—I will take with me the language skills and the greater cultural awareness I've developed wherever I go in the future!"



History







Do you enjoy studying different peoples, places, and periods? Do stories from long ago pique your curiosity? Do you wonder why people do what they do?

If so, consider a history major. Our international faculty will teach you how to read, research and write history well—and help you gain skills that will serve you in any profession. History studies human activity and its meaning, exploring different dimensions of human interactions, including politics, economics, religion, culture, and ecology. Sharpen your analytical and critical skills and learn to ask good questions, to understand situations from several vantage points, to cultivate humility, and to understand and appreciate other times, people, and cultures.

SELECTED COURSES

- Foundations of History
- Perspectives on World History
- Modern Middle East, 1800-Present
- Imperialism and Independence
- The Making of Modern Europe, 1914-Present
- Modern and Contemporary Latin America
- Civil War and Reconstruction America
- Reformation Spirituality

- Education
- Government
- Non-profits
- Finance
- Law
- Archival Work
- Marketing
- Management
- Christian Ministry





ALISTER CHAPMAN, PH.D.

Educated in England, he specializes in modern European history



HEATHER KEANEY, PH.D.

Provides historical and cultural contexts for current events in the Middle East



CHANDRA MALLAMPALLI, PH.D.

Examines race, religion and law in Colonial India



MARIANNE ROBINS, PH.D.

A native of France and expert on early modern French history

OPPORTUNITIES ABROAD



- Westmont's Europe Semester
- Westmont in Northern Europe
- Westmont's England Semester
- Westmont in Jerusalem
- Westmont in Cairo

ALUMNI

After Westmont, Thea Brentlinger '16 spent three years living and working in Idaho within the hospitality and health care industries. She found herself using many of the organizational and communication skills she developed through her history major and gained further confidence in her abilities to receive, interpret, and transmit information and ideas effectively. Her ongoing love of history has prompted her to pursue graduate school a master's degree at the University of Utah, where she will study the history of the American West.

Named this spring as the Outstanding Senior in both of his majors, history and Spanish, **Gabe Grabowski** '19 is well prepared to take on the exciting opportunities and challenges that lie before him. In fall 2019 he serves as staff assistant on the Westmont in Mexico semester, a program he participated in as

a student. Then in March 2020, he will begin a year of teaching English in Argentina under the auspices of a grant from the highly prestigious Fulbright Scholar Program.

Benjamin Peterson '18 works for California Assembly member Monique Limón as a Field Representative in the 37th District, comprising Santa Barbara and Ventura counties. In this position, Benjamin draws upon the communication and critical-thinking skills he developed through his history major. Benjamin serves as a policy advisor to the Assembly member on issue areas, briefing her on these issues and attending related meetings. Benjamin needs to maintain an updated awareness of state and local issues, be engaged and build relationships with members of the community, and figure out ways to problem solve and make recommendations to the Assemblymember.



Kinesiology







Kinesiology professors train you in the scientific study of human movement and celebrate God's greatest creation: the human body.

Passionate about their field, professors work closely with you in class and involve you in their research projects. Personal, interactive and relevant classes expose you to the entire umbrella of kinesiology—biophysical, behavioral and sociocultural—and help you dig deeper into your studies. Internships give you opportunities to observe and assist a variety of health professions and develop your own career path. Westmont's excellent reputation with top graduate schools assists you in continuing your education through graduate programs.

SELECTED COURSES

- Human Anatomy
- Human Physiology
- Motor Behavior
- Physiology of Exercise
- Biomechanics
- Psychology of Movement
- Sociology of Movement and Health
- Special Populations

- Physical Therapy
- Occupational Therapy
- Physician
- Physician Assistant
- Nursing
- Personal Training
- Chiropractic
- Athletic Training
- Exercise Physiology
- Cardiac Rehabilitation
- Public and Global Health
- Gerontology





GREGG AFMAN, ED.D.

Takes students overseas for research with European exercise scientists



JOHN MOORE, M.A.

Teaches students to be dynamic leaders in their chosen field



RUSSELL SMELLEY, M.ED.

Infuses ideals of character in his teaching and coaching



DAVE WOLF, M.A.

Applies theories of psychology as they relate to movement and sport



CYNTHIA TOMS, PH.D.

Inspires global health students to be involved locally and throughout the world



TIMOTHY VAN HAITSMA, PH.D.

Runner, rock climber, and hiker interested in how the mind influences exercise



OGECHI NWAOKELEMEH, PH.D..

Helps students make connections between the classroom and the local community



ADAM GOODWORTH, PH.D.

Applies engineering approaches to investigate human movement and balance control

OPPORTUNITIES ABROAD



- Westmont's Europe Semester
- Westmont's Global Health Uganda
- Creation Care Studies Program, Belize
- Westmont in Mexico
- Latin America Studies Program, Costa Rica (CCCU)
- Creation Care Studies Program, New Zealand

ALUMNI

After graduating from Westmont in 2002, Allison Sandquist spent a year working and enjoying Santa Barbara before she started the physical therapy program at Chapman University. She graduated from Chapman with her doctorate degree in physical therapy in 2006 and worked for Hayashida and Associates in Santa Barbara as a physical therapist

for six years. During that time she became certified as an orthopedic specialist (OSC), competitively raced outrigger canoes for the Santa Barbara Outrigger Canoe Club, and coached pole-vault at Westmont. In 2012, Allison and her husband moved to New Zealand where she works on and off as a physiotherapist.



Liberal Studies

Elementary Education







Your Path to Teaching Elementary School

Become a knowledgeable, caring, Christian educator through our rigorous, highly practical and professional program. You will learn from full-time professors with K-12 experience as you develop essential skills and attitudes to succeed as an elementary or secondary teacher. Westmont's stellar reputation opens doors for you to observe, teach, and invest in diverse schools across several grade levels. The Liberal Studies major develops strong expertise in content related to teaching Language Arts, Science, Social Studies, Physical Education, Art and Music. Liberal Studies majors also choose 10-12 units as a focus area or concentration. With careful planning and hard work, you can complete a B.A. and Teaching Credential in 4 or 5 years.

Secondary candidates major in Art, English, History, Social Sciences, Physical Education/Kinesiology, Music, Mathematics, the Sciences (Biology, Chemistry, Physics) and Spanish. Secondary candidates, with careful planning and hard work, can complete a B.A. and Teaching Credential in 4 or 5 years.

SELECTED COURSES

- Explorations in Teaching
- Perspectives on Cultural Diversity and Education
- Computers for the Classroom Teacher
- Language Acquisition
- Special Education for the Classroom Teacher
- Health Education for the Classroom Teacher

CARFFR PATHS

Most Liberal Studies majors pursue a teaching credential and begin a career as an elementary school teacher.

Secondary credentials are offered in

- Art
- English
- History/ Social Sciences
- Physical Education/ Kinesiology
- Music
- Mathematics
- Science:
 - Biology
 - Chemistry
 - Physics
- Spanish





MICHELLE HUGHES, ED.D.

Promotes compassion, reflection, gratitude, and joyful learning



ANDREW MULLEN, PH.D.

Loves history, biology, literature—and K-12 students



CAROLYN MITTEN, PH.D.

Seeks to foster a desire to learn

OPPORTUNITIES ABROAD



- Westmont in Mexico
- Westmont in Northern Europe
- Westmont's Europe Semester
- Westmont's England Semester

ALUMNI

Nicole Aoki '20, Elementary: "My professors were able to cater to my individual needs as a student teacher, and they knew me well enough to pair me with a cooperating teacher who complemented my teaching style. Additionally, the courses I took during the credential program were relevant to what I experienced in student teaching. With extensive knowledge about the Common Core State Standards and with the practice of lesson planning during the credential program, I felt better prepared with the rest of my responsibilities in the classroom."

Kayla Monson '19, Elementary: "Westmont's Credential Program is rich in practical application, relevant teaching strategies, and in preparing teaching candidates for the realities of the classroom.

During my credential year, I received hands-on tools and experience through my ED courses, various field sites, observing my cooperating teachers, and through one-on-one mentoring from professors who observed and advised my teaching. One of the most meaningful aspects of my experience was completing the two-week take over in a 4th grade classroom. This was the best way to prepare me for what to expect as I entered a full-time teaching position. I also felt well supported from the Education Department's professors who would observe, advise, and encourage me as I pursued my teaching credential. Westmont's teaching program was a wonderful blessing and I would highly recommend it to anyone seeking to become a teacher."



Mathematics







When you study mathematics at Westmont you actively participate in your learning and work closely with both students and professors.

You belong to a supportive community of mathematicians becoming fluent in the language of the natural world. You look beyond numbers and formulas to abstract patterns, using your imagination and stretching your creativity. As you develop deeper understanding of the fundamentals of mathematics, you'll become a well-educated and well-rounded person. Through your classes and work on research projects, you'll gain knowledge and skills that make you a better thinker and communicator and prepare you for interesting and rewarding careers.

SELECTED COURSES

- Calculus
- Discrete Mathematics
- Linear Algebra
- Real Analysis
- Problem Solving
- Codes and Encryption
- Complex Analysis
- Introduction to Subdivision Methods
- Probability and Statistics

CARFFR PATHS

- Finance
- Accounting
- Education
- Software Development
- Biomedical Research
- Medicine
- Linguistics
- Law
- Operations Research
- Systems Analysis





RUSSELL W. HOWELL, PH.D., DEPARTMENT CHAIR

Views mathematics through the eyes of faith



DAVID HUNTER, PH.D.

Looks for ways to improve the teaching of mathematics



MARIA VAN DER WALT, PH.D.

A mathematician and musician who applies data science to diabetes



ANNA ABOUD, PH.D.

Pursues effective and efficient processes in mathematics, data science, and mathematics education.

OPPORTUNITIES ABROAD



- Westmont's Europe Semester
- Westmont in Northern Europe
- Westmont's England Semester
- Westmont in Asia
- Budapest Semester in Mathematics

ALUMNI

Janet Watkins Ohru '96 completed a master's degree in linguistics after Westmont and works for Wycliffe Bible Translators in Indonesia teaching translating techniques to local Bible translation facilitators. The Wycliffe team will soon release its translation of the gospel of Mathew, with the gospel of John next in line.

Kyle Bechler '06 works as a data scientist with CBRE in Santa Barbara. In 2015, he completed his doctorate in statistics at UC Santa Barbara. His areas of expertise include predictive modeling, machine learning, leveraged credit, and financial modeling.

Carol Downes '12 is an assistant professor of mathematics at Hendrix College in Arkansas. After graduating from Westmont, she completed a doctorate in mathematics at Rice University. She thinks her time at Westmont prepared her well for graduate work, and she teaches a wide range of courses in the mathematics program at Hendrix.

Robby Cherry '06 earned a master's degree in education and coached cross country and track. He now teaches mathematics at Crean Lutheran High School in Irvine, Calif., and serves as an assistant coach for cross country and track and field.



Music







Develop your musical skills and knowledge with Christian professors who encourage your creativity and relate faith to the art and craft of music.

Engage in the serious study, composition and performance of great music at an advanced level. Discover the vital role music plays in the liberal arts and the Westmont community. Choose from the general, music performance, and music composition tracks or earn the professional Bachelor of Music Education (B.M.E.) degree that leads to a public school teaching credential. Study at a school accredited by the National Association of Schools of Music (NASM).

SPECIFIC MAJORS

- Music B.A. General
- Music B.A. Performance
- Music B.A. Composition
- Music B.A. Worship Leadership
- B.M.E. Music Education
- B.M. Performance (concentration in Voice, Piano, or Orchestral Instrument)

SELECTED COURSES

- Principles of Music
- Ensembles
- Private Lessons
- Conducting
- Music History
- Composition
- Orchestras, Choirs, Chamber Music, Jazz Ensemble
- Annual Opera/Musical Theater Productions

CAREER PATHS

- Performing musician
- Music teacher
- Church music
- Music publishing
- Music management
- Music business
- Recording
- Broadcasting

*Highly supportive music scholarship program available to all qualified students, both majors and non-majors





MICHAEL SHASBERGER, D.M.A.

Orchestra, Conducting, Church Music, Opera and Literature



STEVE HODSON, D.M.A

Piano, Organ, Conducting



GREY BROTHERS, Ph.D

Music History, Choral Conducting, Church Music



STEVE BUTLER,

Composition, Computer Aided Music, Music Theory



HAN SOO KIM, D.M.A.

Internationally acclaimed violinist, Chamber Music



DANIEL GEE, M.M.

College Choir, Chamber Singers, Conducting, Composition

Along with renowned specialists on every orchestral instrument, voice, organ, strings and piano

OPPORTUNITIES ABROAD



- Music Semester in Vienna
- Westmont's Europe Semester
- Westmont in Northern Europe
- Westmont's England Semester
- Westmont in Asia
- Regular international ensemble tours

ALUMNI

Luke Mizuki '15 and Emily Rutherford Mizuki '15 met as first-year Music Majors in Westmont's Music Department, fell in love on choir tour in Russia and Lithuania, and got married two years after graduating from Westmont. They both went on to earn a Master of Arts in Teaching from the Longy School of Music in Los Angeles and currently teach general music, band, and choir at public and private schools in Orange County. "At Westmont, we were encouraged to explore all the facets of music: composing and conducting, collaborating and accompanying, and of course teaching - before Music Education was even available as a major! Having such a well-rounded education in both the liberal arts and music has proven invaluable for us as musicians and educators."

Aaron Wilk '16 majored in biology, chemistry, and music with an emphasis in piano performance. He is currently an MD/PhD student at Stanford University where he studies how the immune system can protect from and contribute to viral diseases, including Covid-19. He continues to study piano at Stanford, staying active in solo performance and chamber music. "In high school, I was worried about finding ways to balance my two academic passions: science and music. Westmont provided me with the flexibility and resources to pursue both passions well. The interdisciplinary approach of the Westmont liberal arts education, combined with the vibrant community of the Music Department, presents a one-of-a-kind opportunity to holistically develop your musical craft."



Philosophy







If you love arguments and big ideas, philosophy is for you.

You will rigorously explore our deepest beliefs and biggest questions about reality, about human nature, about what we can be sure of, about how we should treat one another and why. At Westmont, philosophy is the practice of faith seeking understanding, emboldened by the promise to the prayerful that "the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus" (Phil. 4:7). Belong to a community that fosters both steadfast Christian commitment and no-holds-barred grappling with the puzzling questions that thoughtful people of every era have asked.

SELECTED COURSES

- Philosophical Perspectives
- Critical Reasoning and Logic
- Medieval Philosophy
- Formal Logic
- Modern Philosophy
- Ethics
- Philosophy of Religion
- Intellectual Virtue and Civil Discourse

- Law (Philosophy majors consistently score best on the Law School Admission Test.)
- Business (Philosophy majors score among the best on the Graduate Management Admissions Test.)
- Medicine
- Christian Ministry
- Tech
- Editorial Work
- Social Work
- Any profession that requires an advanced degree (Philosophy majors score best on the Graduate Records Exam.)





MARK NELSON, PH.D.

Mark Nelson studies ethics, epistemology and philosophy of religion. His recent publications include: "Epistemic Tension and Epistemic Duty", "What the Utilitarian Cannot Think", and the "Law of Noncontradiction: Oh Yeah and So What?".



JAMES TAYLOR, PH.D.

Jim Taylor studies
epistemology, philosophy
of religion, and Christian
apologetics. His recent
publications include
Introducing Apologetics:
Cultivating Christian
Commitment and Learning
for Wisdom: Christian
Education and the Good Life.



DAVID VANDER LAAN, PH.D.

David Vander Laan studies metaphysics and philosophy of religion. His recent articles include "The Paradox of the End without End," "Creation and Conservation," and "The Concord of Molinism with Modal Voluntarism."



OPPORTUNITIES ABROAD

- Westmont's Europe Semester
- Westmont in Northern Europe
- Westmont's England Semester

ALUMNI

Amy Seymour '07 is an assistant professor of philosophy at Fordham University specializing in metaphysics. She earned her master's degree in philosophy at Northern Illinois University, where she also received the Best Philosophy Graduate Student of the Year award in her second and last year. She then went on to the University of Notre Dame where she received her doctorate in philosophy. She researches metaphysical questions such as: "Can statements about the future really be true in advance of the events to which they refer? If they can, is this compatible with belief in human free will?"

Sharyna Scott '10 graduated from Northeastern University School of Law and operates her own law practice in San Diego, California. She specializes in business, estate planning and immigration law. She says, "I love solving complex problems in my areas of practice and seeing the look of relief on my clients' faces when we've finished their legal process successfully. I have used the critical thinking skills I learned during my time at Westmont in law school and in my practice. Learning about and balancing different ideas, laws and policies with people's personalities and behaviors is a large part of what I do."



Physics







When you study physics, you seek a fundamental understanding of the physical universe.

You'll also take courses in mathematics, the language of science, and chemistry for scientific breadth. Test some of the theory you learn in laboratory classes and hands-on research and take advantage of opportunities to conduct research with your professors. State-of-the-art instrumentation enriches your experience. You may also pursue internships with high-tech firms in Santa Barbara. Such practical training prepares you for graduate school and professional work in science, engineering and related fields. Interested in a double major? Take the Bachelor of Arts track for greater breadth and flexibility.

SELECTED COURSES

- Modern Physics
- Multivariable Calculus
- Differential Equations
- Mechanics
- Optics
- Electricity and Magnetism
- Quantum Mechanics
- Thermodynamics

- Research physicist
- Science writing
- Patent law
- Software development
- Materials research
- Nuclear medical science
- Forensic science
- Museum education
- Engineering (mechanical, electrical, process, civil, aeronautical, etc.)
- Medicine
- Technician
- Teaching (high school or college)





KEN KIHLSTROM, PH.D.

Demonstrates physics by lying on a bed of nails and walking on hot coals



MICHAEL SOMMERMANN, PH.D.

A nuclear physicist who takes astronomical photos



BOB HARING-KAYE, PH.D.

An experimental nuclear physicist who specializes in teaching laboratory-based courses

OPPORTUNITIES ABROAD



- Westmont's Europe Semester
- Westmont in Northern Europe
- Westmont's England Semester
- Westmont in Asia

ALUMNI

Jesse Cozean '07 majored in physics at Westmont and works for medical device companies his mother, Colette Day Cozean '80, has started. He is vice president of research and development at Innovative BioDefense Inc. and Abela Pharmaceuticals, and he spends much of his time in the lab. At Westmont, he learned to think through problems and persist until he solved them, which helps in developing new products. He has also written a book "My Grandfather's War: A Young Man's Lessons from the Greatest Generation," which documents Robert Cozean's ordeal in a German camp.

A specialist in the narrow field of radiation oncology, **David Bush** '86 treats cancer patients from around the country. He works as a physician and professor at Loma Linda University Medical Center in Loma Linda, Calif., which has pioneered the promising technology of proton radiation therapy. He contributes valuable research about this form of treatment, seeking ways to help heal people with cancer. He majored in both physics and biology at Westmont.



Political Science







As a Westmont political science major, you'll learn by doing.

You might play the part of a congressional party whip trying to reform health care; or issue a decision on religious freedom as the chief justice on the U.S. Supreme Court in a mock trial; or you might travel to New York as part of a Model United Nations. The political science major trains students in the theory and practice of politics in the United States and the global community, emphasizing international relations, American politics, and political philosophy. Our department helps students become politically competent citizens in light of the Christian faith, working faithfully for justice in a world characterized by political, social, cultural, religious, and economic diversity.

SELECTED COURSES

- American Government
- International Development
- Political Theory and Ideology
- Empirical Political Research
- Constitutional Law
- The Politics of Sports
- Presidential Election Politics
- American Public Opinion
- Christianity and Politics
- International Organizations and Law
- Politics of Film
- Contemporary Political Theory

- Business and finance
- Law
- Management consulting
- Teaching
- Public relations
- Government administration
- Foreign service
- Social services
- Military and police services
- Journalism
- Christian ministry





JESSE COVINGTON, PH.D.

Specializes in political theory, constitutional law, political theology, religion and politics, First Amendment.



TOM KNECHT, PH.D.

Specializes in American politics, public opinion, foreign policy, politics of sports.



KATHERINE BRYANT, PH.D.

Specializes in international politics, international development, empirical methods, international conflict and peace building.

OFF-CAMPUS PROGRAMS OPPORTUNITIES



- Westmont's Europe Semester
- Westmont in Northern Europe
- Westmont's England Semester
- Westmont in Asia
- Westmont in Cairo

- Westmont in San Francisco
- Westmont Downtown
- Washington D.C. Semester
- And many more!

ALUMNI

Jimmy Wittrock '10 graduated on the prelaw track and worked as a field organizer for a senatorial campaign before earning a master's degree from George Washington University in political management. During his time at GWU, he worked as a marketing assistant at the Democratic National Committee and eventually returned to Santa Barbara to work for Lois Capps, a member of the U.S. House of Representatives. He served as the deputy campaign manager for Salud Carbajal's successful congressional campaign and is now a legislative aid at the California State Assembly.

Hannah Cochrane Byrnes '11 has worked for the Department of State in the Bureau of European and Eurasian Affairs as their policy and regional affairs intern. After receiving her master's degree in security studies at Georgetown University, she served as a research intern for the International Strategic Research Organization focusing on the United States position toward the PKK in Turkey and Iraq. She is a senior consultant for Deloitte Consulting, one of the Big Four accounting firms.



Psychology







Gain a thorough grounding in the scientific discipline of psychology.

Discover how psychological knowledge informs your faith—and how your faith informs your understanding of psychology. Apply your knowledge through research with professors and present your work at academic conferences. Participate in local internships to investigate possible careers. Psychology alumni attend nationally known graduate schools, and local employers recruit them. Graduates have received honors such as a clinical post-doctoral internship at Harvard Medical School and a Ford Foundation Pre-doctoral Minority Fellowship. In 2015, Best Psychology Degrees named our program one of the top 10 Up-and-Coming Undergraduate Psychology Programs in the West.

SELECTED COURSES

- Lifespan Development
- Clinical Neuropsychology
- Social Psychology
- Abnormal Psychology
- Fundamentals of Clinical and Counseling Psychology
- Behavioral Neuroscience

CAREER PATHS

Our graduates hold a wide variety of positions in areas of psychology and related fields. Many work in clinical or counseling, school, health, rehabilitation, and educational psychology. Some serve in industrial/organizational settings, marketing, and neuropsychology. Still others specialize in social, media, military, or forensic psychology. Our department works hard to ensure the success of our graduates.





ANDREA GURNEY, PH.D.

Helps children by strengthening families through her counseling practice



STEVE ROGERS, PH.D.

Studies the neuropsychology of aging, dementia and spirituality



CARMEL SAAD, PH.D.

Explains how implicit bias unknowingly affects your thinking and actions



RONALD E. SEE, PH.D., DEPARTMENT CHAIR

Examines the neurobiology of drug addiction and biomarkers of treatment for major depression



BRENDA SMITH, PH.D.

Considers the role of persuasion in the relationship between pharmaceutical representatives and doctors

OPPORTUNITIES ABROAD



- Westmont's Global Health Uganda
- Westmont in Cairo
- Westmont's England Semester
- Westmont in Asia

ALUMNI

Katie Mukai '14 graduated with a degree in psychology and worked as the laboratory coordinator for the Westmont Psychology Department for three years before starting a clinical psychology doctoral program on the neuropsychology track at Fuller Theological Seminary in Pasadena. In addition to working toward her doctorate in clinical psychology, she is doing her clinical training at Vanguard University's Counseling Center and works as a psychometrist at UCLA's Longevity Center and for a private neuropsychology practice.

Megan Fuller '15 graduated from Westmont with a degree in psychology and enrolled in California Lutheran University's Master of Science in Counseling program. Since completing her master's in 2018, Megan has worked for the Department of Surgery and manages the UCLA

Plastic and Reconstructive Surgery residency training program. She is passionate about collaborating with her colleagues to develop and improve wellness programs and opportunities for trainees in graduate medical education.

Kaitlin Kinney '17 graduated from Westmont with a degree in psychology on the behavioral neuroscience track. She earned a Master of Science from the University of Southern California in neuroimaging and informatics. She then worked at the Semel Institute for Neuroscience at UCLA as a research associate in the Laboratory of Molecular Neuroimaging, using brain imaging techniques to investigate drug addiction and its effects on neurocognitive functioning and neural circuits. She has recently started in the Neuroscience PhD program at Wake Forest University in North Carolina.



Religious Studies







Study with committed scholars passionate about their work and their students, who will invest in your education and spiritual growth

Dive deeply into the Bible, explore the history of Christian traditions around the world, and learn about major world religions – all from a thoughtfully evangelical Christian perspective. Experience the Middle East, Europe, and India with your professors on a study-abroad program and put your education to work in practicum courses in churches, parachurch organizations, and more in Santa Barbara and at Westmont in San Francisco. Find your place in the millennia-old traditions of the Christian faith.

SELECTED COURSES

- Biblical Hebrew and Greek
- Pentateuch
- Prophetic Literature of the Old Testament
- Old Testament in Ancient Near Eastern Context
- Jesus and the Gospels
- Paul and his Legacy
- Early and Medieval Christianity
- Reformation and Modern Christianity
- Theology
- Missiology
- World Religions
- Internship

- Christian counseling, clinical counseling, spiritual direction
- Foreign and domestic missions
- Iournalism and the arts
- Marketing and management
- Medicine (including physical therapy), medical missions
- Music, sacred music, worship leadership
- Nonprofit organizations, NGOs, Peace Corps
- Pastoring, youth ministry
- Social work, occupational therapy
- Teaching (secondary school, undergraduate, postgraduate)
- Law and legal professions





HOLLY BEERS, PH.D.

A biblical scholar who addresses the ways the New Testament uses and interprets the Old **Testament**



CHARLES FARHADIAN. PH.D.

Studying world religions and Christian mission takes him to Southeast Asia and the Pacific



BILL NELSON, PH.D.

A Baptist pastor and retired Air National Guard chaplain who teaches Old Testament and Hebrew



CARYN REEDER, PH.D.

A New Testament scholar who studies the family and violence in the Bible and biblical worlds



HELEN RHEE, PH.D.

Church historian who examines early Christian attitudes and practices regarding wealth and poverty



SANDRA RICHTER, PH.D. TELFORD WORK, PH.D.

Brings Old Testament characters to life by exploring their world



A theologian who trains students to think like Christians



SAMEER YADAV, PH.D.

An interdisciplinary theologian who studies mysticism, religious experience and race in Christian life and thought.



OPPORTUNITIES ABROAD

- Westmont's Europe Semester
- Westmont in Northern Europe
- Westmont's England Semester
- Westmont in Cairo
- Westmont in Jerusalem
- Westmont in San Francisco

ALUMNI

After graduating from Westmont, Kat Burgett '11 completed a Master of Divinity and spent a year on staff at a church in South Africa. She is working toward a doctorate in New Testament at Duke University.

Nikki Ramage '13 completed a Master of Divinity at Azusa Pacific University on full scholarship and now serves as an Associate Pastor of Free Methodist Church of Santa Barbara.

Lindsey DeWilde Muthiah '17 has been working at a local non-profit organization and will be heading to the University of Chicago for its Masters in Social Work Program this fall.

Wesley Simmonds '18 will pursue a Master of Divinity at Duke Divinity School (on full scholarship) this fall.



Social Science







The four social sciences—economics and business, history, political science, and sociology and anthropology—offer clearer understanding of how people function in community, organize to accomplish common goals, and manage the production and exchange of goods and services.

As a social science major, you study people's behavior as individuals and in groups by focusing more on general characteristics or patterns of behavior than on particular persons or institutions. You choose your own area of emphasis, guided by the different set of questions and arena of human activity studied in each social science, gaining a broader perspective than students pursuing a single subject.

SELECTED COURSES

- Macroeconomics
- History of Economic Thought
- Money, Banking and Financial Markets
- Foundations of History
- American Government
- Political Theory and Ideology
- International Politics
- Sociological Theory
- Gender & Sex Roles in Cross-Cultural Perspective
- Reacting to the Past

CAREER PATHS

- Social Work
- Law
- Health Sciences
- Missions
- Ministry
- Business
- Government
- Teaching



AREAS OF EMPHASIS



- Economics and Business
- History
- Political Science
- Sociology and Anthropology

OPPORTUNITIES ABROAD



- Westmont's Europe Semester
- Westmont in Northern Europe
- Westmont's England Semester
- Westmont in Cairo
- Westmont in Jerusalem







ALUMNI

Kayla Petersen '20 works as the Program Coordinator for the Westmont Initiative for Public Dialogue and Deliberation, where she organizes conversations led by student facilitators to help members of the community understand one another as they devise solutions to complex problems.

Elizabeth Beebe '17 has previously worked for Old Skool Cafe, a youth-run supper club, in support of their overall operations and business development projects. After the Thomas Fire and Montecito Mudslide, she worked for two organizations in order to support impacted homeowners and workers. She is now pursuing her Master's of Public Affairs.



Sociology and Anthropology







Study patterns of human behavior through courses in sociology, anthropology and social work.

Majors choose from three tracks: general sociology, human services and cross-cultural. Professors encourage you to be aware of ongoing social inequalities and engaged with local and global communities to work toward social justice and cultural redemption. You learn about the social nature of economic inequality, globalization, family, race, technology, gender, culture, religion and deviance from a Christian perspective. Earn academic credit for internships with agencies addressing social problems. Take advantage of off-campus programs, especially Westmont in San Francisco. Conduct independent research and present your work at Westmont's Student Research Symposium. Professors work closely with you and get to know you personally.

SELECTED COURSES

- Introduction to Sociology
- Introduction to Cultural Anthropology
- Quantitative Research Methods
- Religion and Society
- Gender and Sex Roles in Cross-Cultural Perspective
- Human Services and Social Policy
- Sociology of Race and Ethnicity

- Social Work
- Counseling
- Probation
- Law enforcement
- Youth Services
- International relief
- Development work
- Foreign Service
- International business

- Missionary outreach in developing countries
- Law
- Public administration
- Church ministry
- Community development
- Health industry
- Non-profit organizations
- Media





SARAH JIREK, PH.D.

Explores trauma recovery, posttraumatic growth and resilience to help people make positive changes



SERAH SHANI, PH.D.

A Kenya native who writes about African immigrants, focusing on Ghanaians in New York City



FELICIA SONG, PH.D.

Studies digital technology's impact on relationships, community and spiritual formation



MEREDITH WHITNAH, PH.D.

Looks at the role of religion in both perpetuating and mitigating different forms of social injustice



BLAKE VICTOR KENT, PH.D.

Expertise in quantitative methods of research, specializing in population health, medicine, and religion



OPPORTUNITIES ABROAD

- Westmont in Asia
- Westmont's Europe Semester
- Westmont in San Francisco
- Westmont Downtown
- Westmont in Mexico
- Westmont in Northern Europe

ALUMNI

Janie Purcell Anderson '80 says "I enjoyed the San Francisco Urban program and being a resident assistant in Page during my years at Westmont. I worked at a home for unwed mothers (Florence Crittenton) until I had my own family. Later I went back and got my teaching credential and taught in private school and then in public school, mostly fourth and fifth grades."

Steven Alcala '13 writes "I graduated from the Los Angeles Police Academy in 2014 and have been working in the field since then. A majority of the calls I have responded to have dealt with domestic violence. I'm always looking to better myself and be the best police officer I can be."



Spanish







As a Spanish student at Westmont, you'll not only become proficient in the language, you'll also develop intercultural competencies so you can live and work effectively in a Spanish-speaking environment, whether abroad or at home.

Majors spend a semester off campus studying at an approved university and becoming immersed in the culture. At Westmont, you take small classes in language, literature, civilization and culture. You work closely with professors who draw on their own personal knowledge and experiences to make the material come alive. You leave Westmont with a wider perspective, greater appreciation of different cultural heritages, and equipped to engage our increasingly interconnected world.

SELECTED COURSES

- Introduction to Hispanic Literature
- Seminar in Magic Realism
- Cervantes's Don Quijote de la Mancha
- Advanced Fluency and Communication
- Hispanic Cultures: Latin America
- Cross-Cultural Studies
- Spanish Capstone Seminar
- Contemporary Latin American Poetry

- International Business
- Education
- Social Services and NGOs
- Law
- Foreign Missions
- Speech and Language Pathology
- Government Services
- Health and Medicine





DINORA CARDOSO, PH.D.

An expert in contemporary Latin American women writers



MARY DOCTER, PH.D.

Teaches students to be more interculturally competent abroad and at home



LEONOR ELIÁS, PH.D.

Speaks four languages and grew up in Mexico with parents from two cultures

OPPORTUNITIES ABROAD AND IN SANTA BARBARA



- Westmont in Mexico
- Semester in Seville
- Semester in Quito, Ecuador
- Internship opportunities in schools, social service agencies, hospitals and more

ALUMNI

Elizabeth Simoneit, MD, '14: "Spanish was my first love and I was thrilled to declare a Spanish major early on. As my passion for health and the underserved grew, I was able to continue my language and culture studies while I completed the pre-med curriculum—man, I love the liberal arts! The best experience I had at Westmont was studying abroad in Mexico. It changed my life for the better: in addition to the amazing friendships I still have today, I developed language and cultural skills that have allowed me to live internationally after graduation and provide culturally-competent medical care to my patients in their native language. I am now beginning my residency training in Family Medicine, where I speak Spanish every day."

Emily Mata '20: "I didn't expect to major in Spanish, but after I studied abroad in Mexico, I was hooked. I realized that majoring in Spanish provided me a range of knowledge that other majors didn't. I wasn't just memorizing grammar; I learned about the complex histories of colonization and White supremacy that are inseparable from language, I read the work of incredible authors whose movements of rebellion and liberation are embedded in the words we use, and I came to a deeper understanding of my heritage. The department made it easy for me to incorporate coursework from other disciplines like sociology and art history into my major so that I could explore the sociocultural contexts that impact the Spanish language. After completing a Fulbright scholarship in Mexico, I hope to pursue a career focused on providing arts education for students of color."



Theatre Arts







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SELECTED COURSES

- Great Literature of the Stage
- Contemporary Theatre and Film Performance
- Lighting Design
- Writing for Performance
- Design for the Theatre
- Directing for the Theatre
- History of the Theatre
- Gender and Ethnicity on the American Stage
- Acting the Song

- Actor
- Director
- Educator
- Independent filmmaker
- Producer
- Designer
- Playwright

- Dramaturge
- Worship artist
- Casting director
- Stage Manager
- Technical Direction
- Public relations and marketing





JOHN BLONDELL, PH.D.

Directed a Macedonian production of Shakespeare's "Henry VI Part 3" at the Globe Theatre in London



MITCHELL THOMAS, M.F.A.

Acts professionally on the local, national and international stage



JONATHAN HICKS, M.F.A.

An experimental lighting designer and active leader of IATSE Local 442

OPPORTUNITIES ABROAD



- England Semester
- London Theatre Mayterm
- Westmont in San Francisco
- Los Angeles Film Studies Center
- NYC Semester in Theater

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Christine Nathanson '16 is co-founder and artistic director of the MaArte Theatre Collective, which creates artistic space for the Filipino-American experience in our diverse and dynamic culture.

Josh Martinez Davis '18 is studying lighting design in the Master of Fine Arts program at NYU.

Luz Lorenzana Twigg '16 is studying playwriting in the Master of Fine Arts program at Columbia University.

