



Theatre

We know that whenever you help build a set, design costumes, create a sound and lighting design, or develop a character, you have a chance to develop yourself. That's why at Waldorf College, you put on the show.

And there is no one else quite like you, is there? Clever, motivated, original. A down-to-earth dreamer intent on making the world aware of what you have to offer. Our company is full of practical idealists who work hard and play hard together.

In fact, the Waldorf Theatre Program is all about you—how you grow and develop in character as you join with other characters (our impassioned faculty included) to make it all happen, on-stage and behind the scenes.

Our curriculum includes coursework that leads to bachelor of arts degrees in theatre arts and to bachelor of science degrees in theatre/speech education. We also offer a theatre minor and a theatre concentration within the humanities and elementary education programs.

If you choose to earn a Shakespeare minor—one of an exclusive few in the United States—you'll take an array of courses in classical acting and Elizabethan history while learning about original staging. This means we perform in natural lighting and encourage audience interaction just the way actors and audiences did during Shakespeare's time. Of course you'll also help produce our annual Shakespearean play each fall.

All fine arts programs at Waldorf College are open programs. This means that all students, regardless of major, are encouraged to apply and audition for positions and opportunities within the music and theatre programs, including a spring musical produced in collaboration with the Music Department.

Questions? E-mail: theatre@waldorf.edu



Music

Music moves you, and you understand its power to move others. And when you perform alone or as part of a vocal or instrumental ensemble, you experience music's capacity to impact lives. You are a musician.

When you study music at Waldorf College, you join faculty who share your deep appreciation for music's transformative properties. We understand that you want a program of study with a balance of academically challenging coursework and artistically rewarding performances.

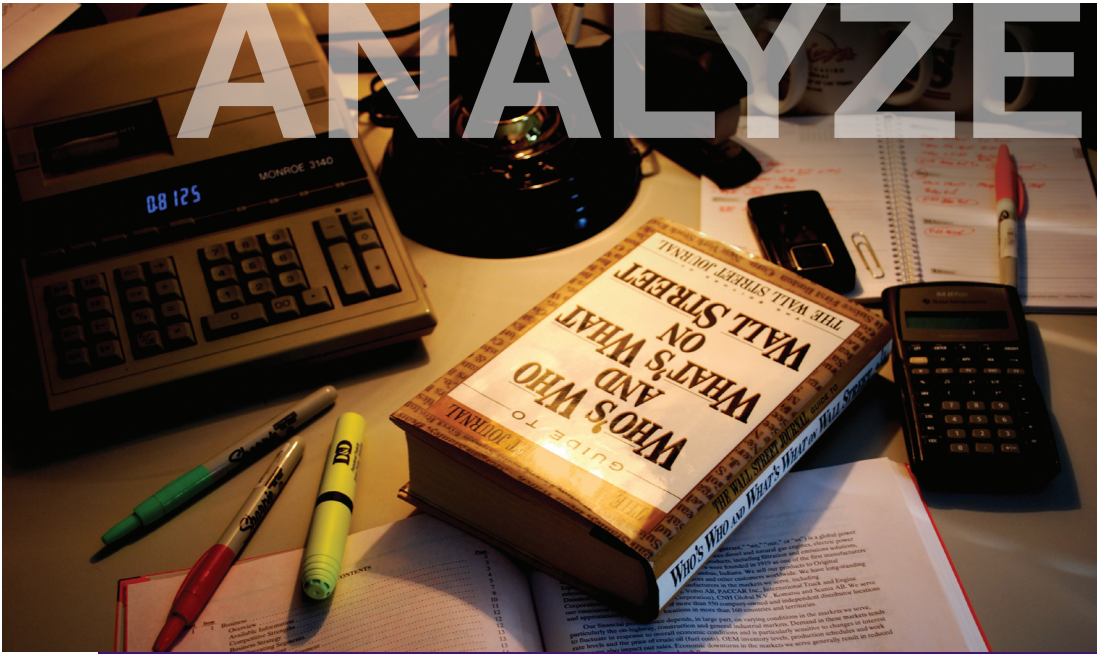
Our curriculum includes theory, aural skills, history and conducting with emphasis in vocal, instrumental, piano or organ music. Our major areas of study include: performance, church music, and arts management. The music education program leads to K-12 licensure in vocal and instrumental music.

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In vocal music, open auditions are held for the Waldorf Choir, St. Christopher Chorale and the Sangkor women's ensemble. In instrumental music, you may audition for the Waldorf Wind Symphony, Ambassador Chamber ensembles, or the Waldorf College Jazz Band. The Waldorf Choir and the Waldorf Wind Symphony tour domestically or internationally each year with overseas tours occurring every four years. Waldorf College is proud to be an All-Steinway school.

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Business

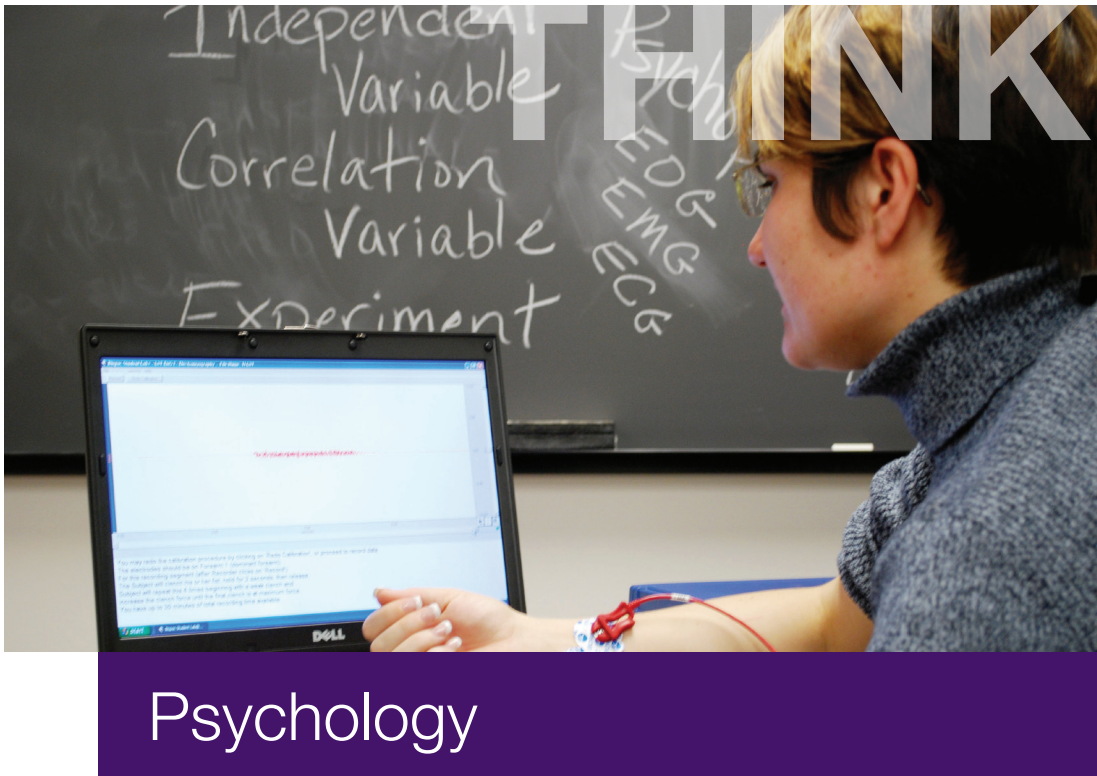
You are self-motivated, inquisitive and creative – exactly the qualities that will serve you well in your chosen business career. Waldorf's business faculty understand how to encourage these traits while expanding your knowledge of sound business practices and principles, whether through a class lecture or a trip to visit a major corporation.

As you invest your time academically, Waldorf's dedicated faculty invest in you. They understand how to encourage your best characteristics while guiding you toward an academic emphasis that aligns with your personal and professional goals: management, finance and banking, or marketing.

We have a strong network of alumni who regularly offer opportunities for internships that lead toward the fulfillment of a vocational call. Are you on your way to becoming a manager, director, analyst or loan officer? The possibilities are endless, and the interactions you'll enjoy with our faculty and your educational peers will aid your personal discernment.

Many of our alumni have built on the skill and expertise developed at Waldorf to become executives at major corporations. Others have fulfilled personal dreams as entrepreneurs. Whatever your career goals, Waldorf's business department gives you the foundation you need to get started.

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Psychology

You study characters in books, intrigued by the progression of their development as plot lines unfold. You, an avid people watcher, even study the individuals you encounter in daily life because people—what they do and who they are—simply fascinate you. In fact, you could devote hours to discussing how people think and why they do what they do. That may be why you are considering a career in psychology, the study of human behavior and mental processes.

By the very nature of the discipline, psychology is a discipline of service. Compassionate listeners and analytic thinkers make excellent psychology professionals, and studying psychology could lead to a career in research, teaching, or practice in one of a variety of psychological disciplines.

- clinical • experimental • developmental • social • counseling • sports
- industrial / organizational • health • forensics • human factors • educational

At Waldorf College you get the benefit of liberal arts preparation while pursuing psychological studies, which means your educational path is well rounded. The topics you discuss and skills you learn will fully equip you for continued studies in graduate or professional programs. However, you may choose to go directly into a career as a case manager, childcare professional, corrections or parole officer, mental health technician or a social services worker. You'll even be ready for a career in fields that don't seem directly related to psychology such as advertising management, marketing research or college admissions.

What are you waiting for? Begin your psychology career at Waldorf College and start optimizing your own potential while learning how to help others optimize theirs.

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English

You find libraries enlightening and bookstores beguiling. You regard books as wonderful windows to the world—reflecting the way life was, is or might be in the future.

At Waldorf you'll enjoy seminar-style classes with others who, like you, consider it a privilege to spend large portions of a week reading. Perhaps it's the latest bestseller, a book loaned to you by a friend, or a literary classic from your lifetime reading list—whatever the subject, you regard it as time well spent.

Why? You love literature and understand how a degree in English can shape your future. Perhaps you are on your way to a career in law or business. Maybe you want to become a high school teacher or train as a pastor or teach English overseas. Whatever your career goals, your professors will help get you there.

As a Waldorf English major, you'll engage in compelling conversations about characters, plotlines and literary devices, while studying noted authors such as Mark Twain, Toni Morrison, Jane Austen, Charles Dickens and The Bard himself.

In fact Waldorf is one of only two colleges in the nation where you can earn a minor in Shakespeare, a program of study that combines English, history and theatre courses in an innovative way that enlightens and informs your career path. Or, if you choose a Secondary Education major, your English classes will give you the knowledge to ignite a love of words in your own students, as well.

Bibliophiles, unite! Open the first chapter of your life at Waldorf.

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Communications

You can learn from a book. You can learn from a lecture. You can even learn from a demonstration. But Waldorf's communications faculty know you won't really start to learn until you get your hands on a project and create. Whether you favor written or electronic communication, you will have semester after semester of opportunities to write, record, edit and design. Your passion to produce will lead the way.

We know you are passionate about learning and capable of achieving. We also know that learning and achieving come together in powerful and unique ways when you are provided a chance to put it all together. That's why each of our campus media organizations is student-managed. Our campus media—KZOW 91.9 FM, WAL-TV, The Lobbyist or The Warrior—serve as your pre-professional proving ground.

You and your student colleagues meet weekly to plan each radio show, TV broadcast, newspaper article or magazine spread slated for production. Our campus media organizations are open programs. This means that all students, regardless of major, are encouraged to participate. If a chance to lead seems appealing, you may interview for a media management position so you can exercise personal skills that will serve you well in a career.

What makes our program unique?

- We teach what we know: Each faculty member chose to teach after enjoying a career as a professional communicator, and each remains active in his or her field. Our goal is to develop the kind of employees we liked to hire.
- We teach today's technology: You are immersed in current technology to develop current skills.
- We teach engagement: You are required to complete two internships—one that helps you determine if you are headed in the right direction and one that helps you land your first job.
- We believe in you.

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Biology

You understand that all forms of life are entwined in a fascinating web, shaped by responses and adaptations to circumstance. An inquisitive nature fuels your drive to discover which, in turn, feeds your desire to learn.

Waldorf's Biology program is young and vigorous, full of opportunities to explore, test and experiment. You'll work in both traditional and state-of-the-art laboratories alongside professors who love sharing their vast knowledge of scientific topics.

All of Waldorf's facilities were fully renovated in 2006 with a microbiology lab added the following year that's dedicated to teaching and research in cellular and molecular biology. In 2008 Waldorf added a specialized lab that also serves as a bioinformatics laboratory. Through the GeoWall applications featured in this lab, it's possible to visualize structures and spatial variations with the aid of 3D technology. You'll thrive in our multi-sensory educational environment.

At Waldorf you'll be encouraged to apply new knowledge to answer biological questions and solve problems, giving you a critical advantage. In addition, you'll find yourself drawn to independent study and research opportunities that can place you ahead of your peers when you continue your work in graduate school, a professional school or a career related to biological sciences.

Where might a Waldorf biology degree lead you? Most likely to a career in the fields of conservation biology, research, education, medicine or health sciences.

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Wellness

You know what it means to juggle classes, school activities, friend time, and family commitments. You probably even know how stressful life gets when too many things are competing for your energies at once. As someone attracted to a career in health promotion or exercise science, you value “balance.” You strive for a sense of well being for yourself and others.

Through classes shaped by experiential learning, community service and hands-on application, you’ll begin to model seven components of wellness that affect a person’s well being:

- Emotional
- Environmental
- Intellectual
- Occupational
- Physical
- Social
- Spiritual

Your learning will be also enhanced by facilities—such as our wellness center and human performance lab—that feature technology used by NASA scientists and top-tier athletes. By the time you graduate, you might feel ready to take on the world.

At Waldorf we teach what it means to live a balanced life while helping you learn how to teach, train, coach or mentor others. Our wellness emphases include children’s wellness, fitness management, exploratory and pre-professional. As a pre-professional wellness major, you’ll be prepared to continue your studies in medicine, chiropractic medicine, dentistry, occupational therapy, physical therapy or pharmaceuticals.

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Creative Writing

For you, words form pictures and images in compelling ways. Your unique way of looking at the world takes shape through stories that simply have to be told—and you are the one to tell them.

At Waldorf, you'll find out that your creative writing classmates probably keep a journal of ideas too and that you, like them, have words, phrases and ideas at the ready should you feel a piece in the making. Perhaps it's a poem, an essay, a short story or a play. Whatever starts to form, you are ready when your muse moves.

Through seminar-style courses, you'll work with experienced professors to hone your writing skills and try new techniques. Collaborative learning will lead you to new discoveries as you formulate a future with writing at its core.

In addition to ample opportunities to write, you will enjoy a rich variety of literature as well as interdisciplinary studies in art, music, theater, philosophy, religion and history. The literature courses will help you learn the meaning and importance of the written word, while covering a breadth of genres, time periods, and authors.

Creativity. Writing. You. Waldorf College. Let's get your future started.

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Education

You know that teaching is more than “loving kids.” It’s how lives are changed.

At Waldorf College the close relationships you develop with your professors and classmates help you discover how your unique passion shapes the kind of teacher you’ll become. Are you destined for a preschool, elementary, middle school or high school classroom? Is there a specific area of concentration at which you excel?

You’ll discover the type of teacher you are meant to be through multiple opportunities to try your skills in the classroom. During your first semester in the program and every semester after, our faculty arrange regular clinical observations—or placements in classrooms at area schools—to give you hands-on experiences:

- reading with students • tutoring students • observing specific classroom practices
- teaching lessons • creating unit plans

As a result you gain a better understanding of why you are motivated to teach.

You also learn how to manage all aspects of a classroom environment including behavior management, educational content and instruction methods. In fact, Waldorf College specializes in learning how to assist students with diverse educational needs and using modern classroom technology. After graduation you’ll enter your own classroom ready for any instructional challenge that comes your way.

Because education is a service field, service is a component of Waldorf’s Education Department. You’ll have an opportunity to participate in 100 hours of community service on your way to graduation. As you work on behalf of local schools, organizations, campus activities and special projects, you’ll learn more about yourself and the life you’ll lead as a teacher.

You’ll also discover how teaching is a way of life. You just can’t stop being a teacher.

Waldorf College is accredited by the Higher Learning Commission of the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools. Waldorf College has a state-approved teacher education program through the Iowa Department of Education.

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History

You are fascinated by old photographs showing people and the places they lived. Your ancestors intrigue you, and you're easily lost in the process of looking back.

The Greek word "historia" means "quest," and you, a future historian, are on a quest for answers—actually, one specific answer: How can you transform your appreciation and deep interest of history into a rewarding career?

At Waldorf College, our faculty—who stay active in their fields—work with you to pursue independent research goals and discern your vocational or career goals. You'll also collaborate with classmates as part of Waldorf Historia, our history club. You'll watch campaign events, explore archives, visit presidential libraries, and venture to museums in major cities together.

Those experiences will help you land a high-quality internship on the way to a career that matches your interests. Our students have worked as interns at the Iowa State Archives, the Iowa Governor's Office, the Iowa First Lady's Office, U.S. Representative offices in Iowa and Minnesota and U.S. Senate offices in Washington, D.C. Others have worked as interns in regional museums, county courthouses, law enforcement agencies, businesses and law offices from Minnesota to New Mexico.

Perhaps your goals include continued studies in graduate school on the way to an MA, MDiv, MTheo, MRes, JD, PhD or another degree that matches your interests. Our Waldorf faculty will help you find a graduate school that fits your future and possibly a teaching assistantship or a full-expense scholarship.

So, why was Nixon elected after the 60s freedom decade? What really happened during WWII? How did that town become the county seat? Become a Waldorf College history major and enjoy where your quest takes you.

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Undecided - Exploratory

As a student beginning to consider your college education, you have probably already been asked more than once: “What’s your major?” Like many others, you may not have had the time yet to explore the various areas of study available to you, or possibly your interests are so broad that you are not ready to concentrate on just one.

If you are still deciding, you will find yourself in good company at Waldorf College. Nearly one-third of our enrolling freshmen arrive on campus with an undeclared academic interest, making “undecided” one of our most popular “majors.” At Waldorf, your academic advisor will work with you to chart a course of study tailored to your interests. Until you declare a major, you’ll likely take general education courses along with electives that help you determine which academic program, or major, best fits your unique passions and abilities.

Waldorf offers a liberal arts approach to education which means you benefit from exposure to many disciplines and the broad education they provide. Your learning experiences will equip you with a broad base of knowledge and the ability to think critically regardless of the topic.

Waldorf students enjoy the opportunity to earn bachelor of arts or bachelor of science degrees while concentrating on an emphasis in one of these fascinating areas:

- Biology • Business • Communications • Creative writing • Education • English
- History • Humanities • Interdisciplinary • Music • Theatre • Psychology • Wellness

Coming soon—programs that blend residential and online learning:

- Criminal Justice • Fire Administration • International Management
- Organizational Leadership • Sports Management

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Humanities/Interdisciplinary

Perhaps you're someone who thinks outside the box. That's why your unique approach to life requires a one-of-a-kind approach to an academic program of study. Waldorf College offers two options that make it possible for you to design a major that aligns with your skills and interests: humanities and interdisciplinary.

Allow your passion to lead as you design a course of study as distinct as you are.

Humanities

Our humanities major is an interdisciplinary program that incorporates courses in creative writing, english, music, theatre, literature, philosophy, religion, history and humanities research. Rather than engaging in a narrow field of study, you'll enjoy courses of broad interest as part of this liberal arts option. You'll also complete a minor in an area of your choice as you gain valuable critical thinking and writing skills. With a bachelor of arts in humanities, you can directly enter careers in museums, theatres, music organizations, churches, publishing firms or educational institutions.

Interdisciplinary

This academic option allows you to design your own major in consultation with an academic advisor who understands your educational and career goals. You'll work together to determine an appropriate course of study as well as a timetable for the completion of your chosen degree requirements. In order to consider this option, you must be found in good academic standing. Your personalized plan, submitted no later than your fourth semester at Waldorf College, will center on a curricular proposal that you have designed to accommodate your career aspirations.

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