The School of Communication and the Arts is comprised of five academic units: the Department of Art and Art History, the Department of Communication, the Department of Media Arts, the Fashion Program, and the Music Program. The School offers the Bachelor of Arts Degree with majors in Studio Art, Art History, and Communication; the Bachelor of Science Degree with majors in Digital Media and Studio Art; and Bachelor of Professional Studies Degrees in Fashion Design and Fashion Merchandising. Minors offered by the School are Art History, Communication, Cinema Studies, Fashion Merchandising, Photography, Music, and Studio Art.

MISSION:
The mission of the School of Communication and the Arts is to prepare students to live and work successfully in the increasingly technologically driven, global communication environment of the 21st century. Students in the School’s five academic programs are immersed in an integrated approach to the study and practice of communication and the arts through the exploration of theories and models associated with their field of study, and by the application of what they have learned in hands-on, real-world practice experiences. Students also take advantage of extensive study-abroad and internship opportunities provided by the School. The School of Communication and the Arts faculty represent diverse academic and artistic backgrounds and interests, and this diversity is reflected in their teaching, research, and creative activities. The School is dedicated to serving students, the professions of communication and the arts, and the New York State Hudson River Valley community of which it is an integral part.

GOALS:
• To help students communicate effectively and ethically using the convergent languages and tools of the communication and arts disciplines.
• To help students critically and imaginatively analyze complex forms of communication, works of art, and performance.
• To help students make informed choices in an increasingly multicultural and media-centric society.
• To help students be engaged members of their community.
• To help students pursue rewarding careers in communication and the arts.
• To help students pursue graduate studies in communication and the arts.

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School of Computer Science and Mathematics

Roger Norton, Ph.D., Dean
Mary Ann Hofmann, M.A., M.S., Assistant Dean

Programs of Study
The School of Computer Science and Mathematics includes the following Departments: The Department of Computer Science, Information Systems and Information Technology and The Department of Mathematics.

The School offers the Bachelor of Science Degree with majors in Computer Science, Information Technology and Systems, and Applied Mathematics. Also offered is the Bachelor of Arts Degree with a major in Mathematics. In addition, the School offers the Master of Science Degree in Computer Science and in Information Systems. (See the Graduate Catalog for information on these programs.)

Mission:
The School of Computer Science and Mathematics prepares all Marist students to live and work in a technology-driven, rapidly changing world. The School provides a broad-based mathematical and technological education to its students within the context of a solid liberal arts foundation. Students receive in-depth instruction in the theoretical underpinnings of their chosen fields, which they can apply through a wide variety of practical experiences.

The School prepares students for careers of lifelong learning in which they can contribute at the technological frontier of a global community that is increasingly dependent on mathematical and technological expertise. In addition, the School provides students with an ethical framework for the responsible use of mathematics and technology.

Goals:
• To educate students to think critically, communicate effectively, and create work of high quality.
• To stimulate intellectual curiosity and risk-taking so that students can become agents of change in their chosen fields.
• To teach students to become independent learners so that they will have the skills to continue learning throughout their lives.
• To provide students with the necessary theoretical and practical knowledge to prepare them for careers in mathematics, computer mathematics, computer science, information systems, and information technology.
• To prepare students for graduate study in mathematics, computer science, information systems, and information technology.
• To provide mathematical and technical competency education to the entire Marist student community through a wide variety of courses in mathematics and computing.

The School of Computer Science and Mathematics is committed to providing its students with a broad range of educational opportunities both on and off the Marist College campus, including internships in the surrounding business community that provide many students with experience in their chosen fields. The School is dedicated to serving its students, the professions of mathematics and computing, and the community of which it is a part.

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School of Liberal Arts

Martin Shaffer, Ph.D., Dean

Programs of Study
The School of Liberal Arts includes the following Departments: The Department of English, The Department of History, The Department of Modern Languages and Cultures, The Department of Philosophy/Religious Studies, and The Department of Political Science.

The School offers the Bachelor of Arts Degree with majors in American Studies, English, History, French, Spanish, Philosophy, and Political Science.
The School of Liberal Arts reflects the central educational values and commitments of Marist College and of the disciplines of the liberal arts. Through their dedication to the Core/Liberal Studies program, an important component of the divisional curriculum, Liberal Arts faculty provide leadership in support of the aspiration of our institution to blend career preparation with a liberal arts education and, thus, they play a crucial role in shaping the educational experience of every student who attends Marist College.

The hallmarks of the Liberal Arts curricula are interdisciplinary and multidisciplinary. While striving to prepare students to become reflective, critical, and engaged citizens, the faculty of the Liberal Arts seek to transcend traditional disciplinary boundaries while respecting the integrity of each discipline. Focusing on the unity and integration of knowledge, they address issues from diverse viewpoints and create synergistic teaching opportunities with each other, as well as between the Liberal Arts and the wider Marist Community, that lead students to develop breadth as well as depth.

The faculty of the School of Liberal Arts are committed to the cultivation of the teacher/scholar, recognizing that legitimate scholarship is not confined to a single focus and that teaching excellence embraces innovative and technologically advanced forms of instruction in a variety of settings. They acknowledge the internationalization of our nation's interests and concerns and endeavor to ensure that our students develop global perspectives and appreciation of foreign cultures, beginning with the richness and changing composition of American culture. Finally, faculty investigate new ways to illuminate the problems and questions of life, heightening student awareness of the moral and ethical implications of human existence, and help them connect what takes place in the classroom to their own lives.

**GOALS:**

- To prepare students for a productive life by helping them develop the skills of critical analysis, reflection, effective communication, and information literacy.
- To foster in students an understanding and appreciation of intellectual, aesthetic, and professional creativity.
- To enhance students’ learning and intellectual development through the use of technological resources.
- To lead students to become informed, responsible, and motivated and to maximize their capacity to interpret events and processes as well as to help shape them.
- To ground students in their own historical experience and to help them develop ways to analyze issues that challenge them as citizens.
- To guide students to confront issues of social responsibility, human rights, and dignity and to prepare them to support and promote social justice.

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### SCHOOL OF MANAGEMENT

ELMORE R. ALEXANDER, Ph.D., Dean  
CARMEN CIRINCIONE, Ph.D., Associate Dean  
JEAN THEOBALD, M.P.S., Assistant Dean

#### PROGRAMS OF STUDY

The School of Management includes the following Departments: The Department of Accounting and Economics/Finance, The Department of Management/Organization and Environment.

The School offers the Bachelor of Science Degree with majors in Accounting and Business Administration, as well as the Bachelor of Arts Degree in Economics. In addition, the School offers the Master Degree in Business Administration and the Master Degree in Public Administration. (See the Graduate Catalog for information on these programs.)

#### MISSION:

We develop people of integrity with the managerial expertise, vision, pragmatism, and ethical sensibility to succeed professionally and personally on their own and with others. We prepare leaders to face the challenges of a dynamic and diverse world grounded in our ideals of excellence in education, the importance of community, and commitment to service.

**Excellence in Education:** We challenge and develop students by creating a nurturing, integrative experiential education within a strong liberal arts tradition.

**Importance of Community:** We collaborate as a community of faculty, staff, students, alumni, and other stakeholders to expand and continuously improve knowledge of the practice, study, and teaching of management through program innovation, research, and professional activities.

**The Commitment to Service:** We use our knowledge and experience with our stakeholders to improve the operation of public and private organizations and the quality of life for individuals and communities in both the region and the world.

#### VISION:

**Our Vision:** The Marist College School of Management is a leader in creating and delivering a personal, integrative, and relevant management education.

**Our Goal:** To develop the most sought after ‘ready to work’ corporate citizens who seek out and thrive on opportunities for change.

**Our Faculty** is highly skilled, committed, and respected as teachers and scholars whose research is meaningful to their peers and our business partners. The school is a resource of organizational knowledge and expertise for our stakeholders.

**Our Programs** are distinguished by providing demanding and applied management education in a liberal arts setting. The faculty is collaborative and passionate, fostering a community of excellence that engenders student flexibility, develops ingenuity, initiative, and the sensibilities needed to be adaptive in an ever-changing organizational landscape.

**Our Graduates** are cross-functional big picture thinkers equipped with ethical, global and entrepreneurial mindsets, and excellent communication and technology skills. Their personal initiative, skilled curiosity, and know-how drive their leadership in crafting and implementing sound management strategy.

**In Short:** The SOM graduate is a Business Renaissance Person, with 360-degree perspective, and in big demand by top employers seeking immediate value from graduates who can hit the ground running.

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**SCHOOL OF SCIENCE**

ELMORE ALEXANDER, Ph.D., Interim Dean  
NEIL FITZGERALD, Ph.D., Interim Assistant Dean

**PROGRAMS OF STUDY**

The School of Science includes the following Departments: The Department of Athletic Training, The Department of Biology, The Department of Chemistry, Biochemistry & Physics, The Department of Environmental Science & Policy, and The Department of Medical Laboratory Sciences.

The School offers the Bachelor of Science Degree with majors in Athletic Training, Biology, Biology Education, Biomedical Sciences, Chemistry, Chemistry-Biochemistry, Environmental Science-Policy, Environmental Science-Science, and Medical Technology. The Bachelor of Arts Degree with majors in Biochemistry and Chemistry is also offered.

**MISSION:**

The School of Science primarily addresses itself to meeting the needs of students majoring in the scientific disciplines. These needs include a sound grasp of theoretical principles and the ability to apply them. A strong emphasis on laboratory experiences and student research is designed to wed theory and practice. Our aim is to prepare students for continuing education at the university level, including programs in the health professions and law, and for entry-level professional positions in the fields for which they have been trained. Consistent with this aim toward professional preparation, science programs stress the broader skills and competencies that form the basis for leadership and management roles in the professions. Consonant with the historical mission of the College, the School also aims to provide students with the content knowledge required for secondary school teacher certification.

More broadly, the School addresses the needs of every student for scientific literacy. This is achieved within the scope of the Natural Sciences requirement of the Core/Liberal Studies curriculum of the College. Here the focus is on a grasp of the scientific approach to gaining knowledge, a critique of this methodology and its limitations in addressing the full range of human problems and aspirations, and the opportunity to confront, use, and apply the knowledge content of at least one of the scientific disciplines.

Finally, the School recognizes its place within the broader scientific community where it acknowledges a responsibility for contributing to scientific knowledge consistent with its character as a four-year liberal arts college, providing leadership in professional settings, and supporting scientific and educational enterprises in the larger community. Because of the location of Marist College on the Hudson River, these responsibilities take on special meaning when seen in the context of caring for the health and vitality of this extraordinary resource.

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MARGARET R. CALISTA, M.S.W., Dean

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The School of Social and Behavioral Sciences includes the following Departments: The Department of Criminal Justice, The Department of Education, The Department of Psychology, and The Department of Sociology and Social Work.

The School offers the Bachelor of Arts Degree with majors in Psychology, and Psychology with dual certification in Childhood Education and Students with Disabilities 1–6. Also offered is the Bachelor of Science Degree with majors in Criminal Justice and Social Work. In addition, the School offers the Master of Arts Degree in Psychology, Mental Health Counseling, Educational Psychology, School Psychology, and the Advanced Certificate in School Psychology. (See the Graduate Catalog for information on these programs.)

MISSION:

Study in each of the School's undergraduate majors provides students with professional preparation for entry into fields of work associated with the major. Concurrently, students’ learning prepares them for advanced study in career-oriented graduate programs.

The curriculum for each of the School's majors presents a highly integrated blend of the theoretical and applied aspects of the respective disciplines. This theoretical/applied integration is enhanced by significant internship experiences. Internships are designed for students to continue their learning in real work situations and to have the experience of making learning-based contributions to real problems in the work setting.

The School seeks to accomplish its mission by creating learning environments in which students are encouraged to develop their critical-thinking, problem-solving, self-reflective, self-management, and creativity skills. This occurs in the context of studying course content, learning the methodologies of the discipline, learning skills associated with the discipline, and engaging in the values/ethical issues presented by the discipline. Drawing upon knowledge gained from their broad-based Core/Liberal Arts curriculum, students work with faculty to integrate their professional and liberal arts studies. Faculty also seek to invigorate the learning environment through innovative uses of technology. Throughout the entire program students are given many opportunities to demonstrate progress in fulfilling the requirements of their major.

From a professional perspective, faculty facilitate students’ internalization of the discipline's code of ethics. The School's professional focus is also enhanced by the availability of accelerated, combined Bachelor's/Master's Degree programs for exceptional students in the B.A./M.A. in Psychology and the B.A./M.A. Psychology/Educational Psychology with dual certification in Childhood Education and Students with Disabilities 1–6. These exceptional students begin to take graduate-level courses during their undergraduate program. Similarly, graduates from the School’s Social Work major may receive advanced standing in MSW programs throughout the country with significant saving of credits at the graduate level. Students in the Criminal Justice major may begin study in the Master's/Public Administration Program, and earn an M.P.A. with a concentration in Criminal Justice within one year after graduating with their Bachelor’s Degree.

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MISSION:
The School of Global and Professional Programs is a comprehensive unit of Marist, offering courses, degree and certificate programs, non-credit and for-credit professional programs, on-site training, and related services for adults, career professionals, and businesses. Its mission is to be a leader in providing innovative, quality-driven education built on a strong liberal arts foundation that will embolden and enhance the ability of professionals to succeed in a global economy.

The School of Global and Professional Programs is responsible for the following academic programs:

- Adult Bachelor's Degree Completion Programs (including the B.A./B.S. in Liberal Studies)
- Executive Education
- Center for Lifetime Study
- Summer Session
- Winter Intersession
- Fishkill Executive Center

The goal of the School of Global and Professional Programs has always been to emphasize quality in academic programs, teaching facilities, and support services for the adult student. This emphasis has built a true adult learning community offering the widest array of graduate, undergraduate, and professional certificate programs in the Hudson River Valley.

The School of Global and Professional Programs is located on the main campus, just off Route 9 in Poughkeepsie, New York, (845) 575-3202. The Fishkill Executive Center is located at the intersection of Route 9 and I-84 in the town of Fishkill, (845) 897-9648.