The Concordia Experience
an exceptional education in the Liberal Arts

When one thinks of the typical description of a Liberal Arts education, it is often characterized as “well-rounded”. Our goal at Concordia College is not to simply produce well-rounded graduates. What can be learned from reading textbooks or sitting in a lecture hall is no longer enough to prepare you for a fulfilling career and life. Our objective is to engage and cultivate students in mind, body, and spirit; to endow our students with the transferrable skills and critical thinking to make an impact in your chosen profession and the community in which you live.

Consider the words associated with a typical college experience, and then in the context of The Concordia Experience:

- Textbook → Experiential Learning
- Classroom → The World
- Lecture → Discussion
- Professor → Mentor
- Program of Study → Discovery
- Degree → Opportunity
At Concordia, we challenge you to do more than think—we challenge you to do what you learn. Real world experience is at the heart of the unique education we provide. Choose from one of Concordia’s dynamic programs of study and you’ll be on a course of self-discovery to a career that fits your purpose and your passion.

More than a degree, The Concordia Experience is a portfolio of opportunities designed to launch your life after college. You’ll match your personal and professional interests with a program of study and gain experience, putting into practice what you learn in the classroom. All the while, you’ll form enduring relationships with fellow students, faculty, and staff.
The Five Elements of The Concordia Experience:

1. **The Concordia Distinctive**: A highly-regarded core curriculum of liberal arts courses designed to explore different perspectives and strengthen skills that will prepare you for any career and a lifetime of learning.

2. **Academic Programs of Study**: Upon completion of *The Concordia Distinctive*, you select a program of study and concentration, working with advisors and mentors to design an Individualized Graduation Plan, with course selections geared to develop emphases and specializations rooted in your career and personal interests.

3. **Elective and Support Courses**: As you take ownership of your Individualized Graduation Plan, the opportunity to specialize and explore new interests through vast elective and support courses gives you the ability to tailor a focused, comprehensive curriculum.

4. **Experiential Learning**: The key to Concordia’s one-of-a-kind approach to teaching is the understanding that what is learned outside of the classroom is equally important to that which is learned inside the classroom. Every Concordia student engages in experiential learning as a graduation requirement. Internships, fieldwork, study abroad, independent studies, city-as-text, and service learning are all examples of learning through action. Many of these activities are conducted in the world’s greatest center for business, culture, and the arts—New York City.

5. **Capstone**: Each program of study includes a capstone experience. This experience involves research, writing, presentation, and/or performance. Your capstone provides you with the opportunity to bring together what you have learned throughout your Concordia Experience.
Biology

Areas of Study:
- Health/Environmental-Related Fields
- Research
- Pre-Professional Studies:
  - Pre-Medical
  - Pre-Veterinary
Designed for students interested in the fields of biological life and environmental science, the Biology program at Concordia College opens the path to lifelong careers for future Ecologists, Environmentalists, Pharmacologists, Public Health officials and more. Students can broaden their Biology curriculum through courses in Chemistry, Physics, and Mathematics, along with the close tutelage of our distinguished faculty. Small lecture and laboratory classes provide for personal attention and guidance through lab experiences and research problem resolution.

Concordia students have gained real-world experience in a variety of professional settings, including:

- Scarsdale Physical Therapy
- Westchester Medical Center
- Lawrence Hospital
- The Bronx Zoo
- The New York Botanical Garden
- Bronx Wildlife Conservation Society
Business

Areas of Study:
Accounting • Business Administration • International Management
For those students with the desire to succeed in a global and complex marketplace, the Business Program at Concordia College prepares you with a curriculum that includes courses in Management, Marketing, Economics, Law, Finance, Accounting, and Statistics. To effectively prepare our students for the reality and challenges of today’s workplace, our experienced faculty blends our dynamic curriculum with experience-based learning opportunities through internships and business-related clubs, activities, and projects. To best-prepare our students for the modern workplace, relevant digital business functions are included in the curriculum.

This mix of classroom and real-world learning provides our students with a unique, ingrained entrepreneurial spirit founded in creative thinking, principled business professionalism and an underlying social and ethic sense of responsibility. It is no surprise that Concordia business students move on to prestigious graduate programs at world-renowned business schools such as The London School of Economics, Columbia University, and Thunderbird School of Global Management. Our graduates start businesses, work on Wall Street, and serve as executives at some of the largest global enterprises in the world.
Areas of Study:

- Childhood Education
- Early Childhood
- Middle Childhood Generalist
- Master of Science in Childhood Special Education*
While most colleges and universities do not offer experienced-based fieldwork until much later in the curriculum, Concordia’s education students begin in their first year with a five-day pre-professional practicum, serving as teachers’ aides in the grade level of their choice. Prior to the student teaching semester, Concordia candidates are required to complete at least 100 additional hours of fieldwork, including experiences with students in high-needs urban settings, students with disabilities, and students with limited English proficiency.

It is this real-world experience, along with our outstanding faculty tutelage in a technology-based classroom, that prepares our students for a life-long career in the education and cultivation of our youth.

*If you are interested in our Master of Science Degree in Childhood Education, please request our special brochure.*
Areas of Study:

Writing • Literature

The English Program at Concordia College is designed to promote strong thinking, writing, and communication skills. Our students become good communicators and critical thinkers - able to synthesize information and make informed, ethical decisions. Consequently, our graduates demonstrate the skills and knowledge necessary for “lives of service,” and they excel in many professions:

- Campaign Manager
- Broadcast or Print Journalist
- Public Relations Director
- Corporate Communications Executive
- Teacher/Professor
- Novelist
- Copywriter
- Researcher
- Community Relations
- Advertising Copywriter
- Freelance Writer
- Screenplay Writer
- Library Director
Outside of the classroom, English program students have access to and volunteer to assist in the management of our Writing Center. The Writing Center offers peer tutors who work one-on-one with students to provide writing instruction and project-specific support for those striving to hone their writing skills. The Center also assists students in strengthening their reading and presentation skills. Whether you’re a student seeking academic support, or enjoy helping your peers, the Writing Center provides a great resource to Concordia students.

In addition to the Writing Center, Concordia’s school newspaper, “The Clippings”, provides opportunities for students to write and edit articles, cover campus events, and interview distinguished alums, faculty, and community members.

English and Literature are alive and well at Concordia!

Unique Characteristics of the English Curriculum:

- **Dynamic** – Frequent discussion. Role play in the classroom tests your ideas.
- **Personal** – Know your professors. Help shape your education via Capstone projects and independent study. (Students have written fantasy novels, plays, and blogs, as well as academic investigations of particular authors or genres in one-on-one tutorials with professors.)
- **Exciting** – Real books. Real thinking. Real encounters.
- **Experiential** – Learn beyond the classroom and travel to New York City (and beyond) for theater, lectures, talks, and readings as part of regular courses.
- **Challenging** – Students test their skills in “the real world” through internships in publishing, broadcasting, marketing and administration. Graduates have interned at Comedy Central, *MTV News*, *The Journal News*, The American Red Cross, and *Soap Opera Weekly*.
- **Satisfying** – Classes allow students to explore a period or a theme across several courses in an academic year.
- **Stimulating** - Classes are taught by professors who bring passion for the subject and high expectations into the classroom.
Health Studies

The Health Care industry is the fastest growing job market of the 21st Century, providing students with wide ranging employment opportunities in that field. The demand for skilled, educated professionals in the industry has never been greater, extending far beyond those who wish to practice clinical medicine and nursing. The Health Studies program at Concordia is designed for the student who has an interest in pursuing a career in non-clinical areas of health care.
Unique to the Program:

Our experiential-based approach to learning is built upon a foundation of partnerships with local hospitals and health care practices, enabling a field-based learning experience that supports the concepts and teachings communicated in the classroom. Accentuated with study in the liberal arts and sciences, the curriculum provides graduates with a diverse and practical educational foundation. Students are provided with the tools to succeed in the fast-paced, ever changing health care field.

A high touch, personal learning experience is valued as much as high tech. Graduates of this program are encouraged to embrace lifelong learning and continue their Health Studies education long after they leave our campus.

Outcomes: Graduates of this program will be prepared to pursue careers in hospitals, health departments, health agencies, health care supply companies, health insurance companies, health research and policy organizations, and local, state, and federal health agencies. Concordia students leave the curriculum well-positioned for graduate study in business, health services research or policy, public health, and health care administration.
Liberal Studies

“It is not so very important for a person to learn facts. For that he does not really need a college. He can learn them from books. The value of an education in a liberal arts college is not learning of many facts but the training of the mind to think something that cannot be learned from textbooks.”

- Albert Einstein

Concordia’s Liberal Studies Program provides students with the flexibility to design an individual program of study that combines at least two areas of study in the liberal arts. A wide selection of complementary courses are also available to enable students to experience a balanced program of study, leading to a foundation for building a successful career combined with service to community and church.

Concordia’s Liberal Arts area of study offers a unique blend of course offerings and specializations for many occupational outcomes.

Areas of Study:
- Art
- Biblical Languages
- English
- History
- Mathematics
- Music
- New Media Communications and Digital Production
- Psychology
- Religion
- Signature
- Sociology
The program provides a diverse curriculum that inspires creativity, flexibility, and exploration leading to a truly individualized graduation plan. By capitalizing on the experiential learning elements of Concordia’s unique curriculum and the ability to tailor your academic program both inside the classroom and in the real world, you will be well prepared to enter the modern global workplace.

Liberal Studies students do great things:

- New Media students produce programming for and host the Concordia College YouTube channel while creating award-winning productions
- Concordia’s Math Team performs on the same level as renowned institutions such as Harvard, Columbia, Yale, and Duke.
- Art student work is exhibited in our state-of-the-art campus OSilas Gallery once per year.

And that just touches upon the many on and off-campus experiences made available to each Liberal Studies student, provided with the personal guidance that one finds at Concordia—a small college doing very big things.
For those with a calling for a career in clinical Nursing, Concordia’s accredited Bachelor of Science in Nursing program is an outstanding choice. Experience health care at the cutting edge as you learn nursing skills in our laboratories and develop hands-on practice in hospitals, nursing homes, mental health, and visiting nurse facilities in the Westchester County and New York metropolitan areas. Graduates are prepared to make a difference in the lives of others in a rewarding career for life.
Concordia nursing students have the unique opportunity to complete their program of study in three and half years, giving graduates a head start in the job market and for graduate studies. Classes are small, the facilities and labs are new and cutting-edge, the faculty is nationally known, and the curriculum is delivered with all of the personal touches for which Concordia College—New York is known.

The Nursing profession offers rare flexibility and a multitude of vocational paths. Nurses take care of patients, teach in colleges and universities, and run health care facilities. At Concordia, nursing students get to experience it all—from community hospitals like Lawrence Hospital Center in Bronxville to care facilities like Westchester Medical Center; Visiting Nurse Services of Westchester to mental health services at St. Vincent’s Hospital. Make the choice that makes a difference – choose Nursing at Concordia.

If you are interested in our Post-Baccalaureate Nursing Program, please request our special brochure.
Social Sciences

Areas of Emphasis:
History • International Studies
Psychology • Sociology

History: An integral part of the classic liberal arts tradition, History centers around the study of past human experiences. This emphasis offers a mix of American, European, and World History and can be integrated with other areas of emphasis for a tailor-made curriculum.

International Studies: The study of various international/global dynamics, this emphasis is organized within two avenues: Global issues (terrorism, environmental issues, etc.) and/or region-specific studies (Europe, Asia, Africa, etc.).

Psychology: A popular emphasis at Concordia, this program aims to confer appreciation of the many influences on the individual. Factoring the time period, societal influences, geography, and environment, Concordia students study and understand the context within which an individual is living.

Sociology: This emphasis involves the scientific study of society, offering students the ability to analyze the structures, patterns, and interactions in which we are all immersed. A research-based discipline, Sociology requires students to apply sociological theory to understand the world around them.
For the student with a thirst to explore, explain, and interpret both past and present human experience, the Social Sciences program at Concordia College delivers. Concordia’s interdisciplinary approach to Social Sciences creates a framework for understanding the world today through the prism of insights and knowledge. Each area of the Social Sciences lends itself to molding exceptional critical thinkers.

**Unique Features:**

All students in Social Sciences complete a **Capstone Course**, conducting a major piece of independent research to showcase acquired knowledge and research skills. This experience yields work to highlight in employment and/or graduate school applications and exceptional works have been published by our graduates.

The Career Development Center is continuously working to provide consistent and competitive **Internship** offerings. We encourage all students to complete at least three credits of Experiential Learning in the form of an internship.

Concordia offers a very successful record of graduate school completion at institutions such as Yale, Columbia, NYU, and Fordham. The Faculty continues to hear positive feedback on the **preparedness** for advanced study following the Concordia curriculum and training.
Social Work
CSWE Accredited

“It is one of the most beautiful compensations of this life that you cannot sincerely try to help another without helping yourself.”
Ralph Waldo Emerson
Social Work at Concordia—Changing the world one person at a time
For those seeking a rewarding career that directly influences the lives of others, the Social Work program at Concordia College is right for you. Supported with a liberal arts curriculum covering psychology, sociology, human behavior, and social sciences, the coursework in the Social Work program is challenging, rewarding, and life-changing. After experiencing social work practice first hand through required field placements, our graduates find career opportunities in schools, hospitals, community centers, churches, residential programs, and many others.

Unique Characteristics:
Each Concordia Social Work student devotes a minimum of 500 hours in supervised social work settings, providing extensive exposure and real world practice in the field.
Graduates of the Social Work program are granted Advanced Standing for over 200 institutions nationwide (16 in New York state), allowing for the completion of a Master of Social Work (M.S.W.) in just one year.
The New York State Social Work Education Association has recognized the caliber of our students, bestowing Student of the Year honors to Concordia students in three of the past six years.