

College of Liberal Arts and Sciences Video Transcript

The College of Liberal Arts and Sciences at Graceland University will prepare you to engage in a global world. Here you will learn to think critically and creatively. You will learn to collaborate and discover. You will be prepared to enter a fast-paced changing world and make a difference in it. In the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, you'll pursue an education that will reward you, now and for the rest of your life. It is a preparation unlike any other. It is "The Power of Together."

The liberal arts education is really focused on not just education, but on creating individuals who will go forth and who will strive and who will be successful. Not just in their academic area, but in their relationships with their communities, their relationships with their friends, their families, their colleagues, their professional relationships. We foster so much of that type of an environment that it allows for our students to really find success outside of their academics, to enhance what they're learning.

You have a lot more opportunities and chances to make it here, and so this main stage is amazing. Right now, where the camera is at actually, is where the orchestra pit is. That's where all the music comes from. When I did *Little Shop (of Horrors)*, we elevated the music so they were above us, playing above us. It was awesome. And then after that, we did *Into the Woods* my second year. Now, my third year was *Big Fish*, and I was in the lead for all three of those. We have state-of-the-art mics when

it comes to theatre productions here on the main stage. We have state-of-the-art sound equipment, state-of-the-art lighting, and then when we go inside the Black Box, that is an amazing part of the Shaw Center.

Course work is what you're willing to put into it. You want to put your best foot forward, the best base. Like the higher grades you can get starting out, the better it will be for you in the end. It will make it easier for yourself. Your teachers are most definitely willing to work with you. They get to know you as a person and your name, and they want to see you succeed.

We actually have our own building for art. It's also a sacred place for us as artists. We have separate rooms for the different medias that we're working in. So, this is our paint room. We have a drawing room. We have graphics, sculpture. We have a lot of cool stuff here.

The faculty are top notch in science and math. All of us are PhD prepared, and so we have many years of experience. Some of us have been in industry. Most of us have gone through the graduate program. Some of us have also done post-docs, and so we have this wealth of knowledge. And we bring that wealth of knowledge into the classroom. We also take it into the laboratories, so we want to make sure our students are as safe as possible. We try to expand their minds, and in doing that, we really do empower them with knowledge.