The College of Arts and Sciences (CAS) is the intellectual hub of the University of Oregon, providing academic programs that support the mission of the entire institution and shape its identity as a comprehensive research university, housing 45 departments and programs across the social sciences, natural sciences, and humanities. Research and instruction in CAS seek to understand:

* The dynamics of the physical and biological worlds and natural phenomena
* The interrelated systems (scientific, social, philosophical and natural) that impact natural resources, environmental change, and human response to these changes
* The physical and psychological health of individuals and groups
* The social and economic systems that promote (or diminish) human well-being
* The dynamics of internationalization, particularly from the vantage point of the Pacific Northwest and its relation to global cultures, economies, and politics
* The indispensable role that the study of history, languages, philosophy, and literary, cultural, and religious expression play in illuminating the entirety of the human experience.

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