

1-1 The Purpose of the Faculty of Letters and Education

The purpose of the Faculty of Letters and Education is to develop human resources who have a solid foundation for academic research and internationally viable problem identification skills, as well as the ability to process information, solve problems, and communicate. The Faculty accomplishes this by providing lectures, exercises, experiments, practical training, and a variety of other course work that is focused on learning in the humanities and the social sciences.

The purposes of each division are as follows.

(a) Division of Liberal Arts and Humanities

The purpose of the Division of Liberal Arts and Humanities is to develop human resources who have the comprehensive ability to build their own logical arguments, based on adherence to a broad definition of culture as the phenomena that occur in the diverse daily life of humankind, the acquisition of knowledge that is both broad and deep, and the discovery of one's own original questions from those perspectives, then diligently gathering and organizing the required materials and data.

(b) Division of Languages and Culture

The purpose of the Division of Languages and Culture is to develop human resources who have a deep knowledge of the essence of human linguistic activities and various linguistic expressions, human resources who have a high level of proficiency in the individual languages, and human resources who have broad knowledge regarding the cultures inherent to each linguistic area and the mutual interaction between those cultures.

(c) Division of Human and Social Sciences

The Division of Human and Social Sciences develops human resources who are capable of taking a global perspective while playing leading roles in schools and many other social fields based on a deep understanding of humanity after acquiring wide-ranging basic knowledge, and in-depth specialized and applied knowledge in the fields of educational science, sociology, and child studies, with the aim of developing the kindergarten, elementary school, junior and senior high school teachers of the future.

(d) Division of Performing Arts

The purpose of the Division of Performing Arts is to develop human resources who are able to study music, dance, and other forms of artistic and expressive activity from both a theoretical and a practical perspective, and apply their findings to the response to contemporary problems.