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In the **Arts and Technologies** cluster, students, faculty, staff, and community partners focus on the processes of effective story-telling and making things. We value communication, collaboration, creative problem-solving, and learning for the sake of learning. We study, promote, and practice the intentional use of tools and technologies to enable the creation, sharing, and reception of our work.



The **Education, Democracy, and Social Change** integrated cluster is focused on solving educational, societal, and global challenges. We believe that transformative learning and social change is best accomplished working collaboratively with students, faculty, and community partners. This is accomplished by promoting professional and personal growth, building leadership capacity, facilitating civic engagement, and committing to advocacy and social responsibility.



The **Exploration and Discovery** integrated cluster embraces scholarship, research and experiential learning in all their forms. Faculty in the sciences, the humanities, and other fields use their expertise to work independently or in collaboration with each other, students, and outside partners to promote learning, the advancement of knowledge, and service. Together, they explore natural, societal, cultural, educational, and other questions of their interest.

They also engage in academic activities that promote curiosity and inquiry-based learning, and through their scholarship contribute to the betterment of society, locally and beyond.



The mission of the **Health and Human Enrichment** cluster is to support, promote, and enhance quality of life for all through education, research, and partnerships. Integrative approaches are applied to project-based education, research, evidence-based practices, and transdisciplinary exploration advancing the art, science, and ethical awareness of human potential.



The **Innovation and Entrepreneurship** cluster exists to explore possibilities. We serve the community and the university by connecting experts from many fields of study to solve real problems and to increase knowledge and well-being.



The **Justice and Security** cluster examines the many meanings of “justice” and “security” and how these concepts can be applied and implemented in local, regional, national, and international settings. We partner with government agencies and private organizations to engage in service, internships, and collaborative research. Our partners provide students the opportunity to gain real-world experience; and we provide our partners with faculty expertise

and students who are eager to learn and make a difference.



The **Tourism, Environment, and Sustainable Development** cluster merges a diversity of expertise to better understand and positively impact contemporary social, economic and environmental challenges and opportunities in tourism and economic development, and to produce innovative plans for ensuring sustainability and resiliency through stewardship and entrepreneurship. Through applied, problem-based, and community-engaged learning opportunities, students in this cluster will become thoroughly prepared to solve 21st century challenges while

protecting the vast natural and cultural richness in the New England region and around the world.