

The College of Social Sciences

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The Mission of the College

The mission of the college is to seek and impart knowledge of human social experience in all its diversity in order to educate students and train leaders to benefit humanity.

Understanding the world and our place in it requires a well-rounded education. Accordingly, the college seeks to instill a concern for human values and civic responsibility and to provide substantial knowledge drawn from the social sciences. Such values and knowledge can help a student respond effectively to many challenges and opportunities. Indeed, applications of the social sciences are needed today more than ever throughout the world.

As students advance in their knowledge of societies and cultures, including their own, they learn communication skills and gain valuable understanding of people from different backgrounds. Global awareness, together with an appreciation of relationships between society and nature, is a fundamental aspect of learning in the social sciences. The college teaches students to think clearly, critically, and analytically; this allows students to engage in the solution of complex social problems. Our graduates know the worth of practical as well as professional skills. They realize that careers can be pursued successfully only with the benefit of humanistic values and social/cultural insights. The college also fosters respect for human diversity and a sense of responsibility for the enlightened stewardship of the ecosystems of which we are a part. Thus we endeavor to prepare students to adapt both wisely and resourcefully to the ever-changing world.

The College of Social Sciences offers an array of undergraduate and graduate programs from historical inquiry to projections for our future.

As a leader in liberal arts education, the College of Social Sciences provides excellent preparation for a wide range of careers in academia, government, business, and many other venues in the public and private sectors.



The College of Social Sciences includes the departments of Anthropology, Chicano and Latin American Studies, Criminology, Economics, Geography, History, Political Science, and Sociology. Africana and American Indian Studies, American Humanics, Asian American Studies, International Relations, Peace and Conflict Studies, Public Administration, and Women's Studies are programs of the college.