



College of Social Science
MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY



OUR SCIENCE
TRANSFORMS THE HUMAN EXPERIENCE
AND INSPIRES LEADERS

SOCIAL SCIENCE:

Our science is world-changing, applicable and, above all, transformative.

The students, staff, faculty and alumni of the College of Social Science work every day to make our world a better place. From studying how sleep affects our brains to how policies affect our communities to how greenhouse gases affect our planet, social scientists seek to understand and solve the world's toughest problems.

STUDENTS HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO:

- Conduct world-class research
- Engage in service learning
- Take classes all around the globe
- Test out the job market with an internship

Our students have endless opportunities to find their passions.

With 14 degree-granting programs, the College of Social Science is MSU's largest and most dynamic college.



SOCIAL SCIENCE IN NUMBERS

The College of Social Science at Michigan State University is home to:

14



Degree Programs

5,600+

Undergraduate Students

1,300+

Graduate Students

450+

Faculty Members

100K+

Alumni

4

Research Centers & Institutes

95+

Study Abroad & Study Away Programs



SOCIAL SCIENTISTS AT A GLANCE

Here’s how our college stands out from the crowd:

2nd RANKED NATIONALLY

Our Industrial and Organizational Psychology graduate program is #2 in the nation*

3rd RANKED NATIONALLY

Our African History graduate program is ranked #3 in the nation.*

9th RANKED NATIONALLY

Our Criminal Justice online graduate program is #9 in the nation.*

1st PROGRAM IN THE NATION

We have the nation’s first Combat Veterans Certificate, an option for students pursuing a Master’s degree in Social Work.

WE GRADUATE THE MOST SPARTANS

We graduate more undergraduate students year-round than any other college at Michigan State University. (Based on 2021 academic year)

3^{out of 4} INTERNSHIP/RESEARCH

In 2021, 3 out of 4 of our students held an internship position and/or conducted scientific research during their time as an undergraduate.

95+ STUDY ABROAD/AWAY PROGRAMS

The Office for Experiential Learning in the College of Social Science offers over 95 study abroad and study away programs, giving students the opportunity to learn all over the globe.

**Program rankings source: U.S. News & World Report, 2024*



SOCIAL SCIENCE UNDERGRADUATES

MAJORS

Anthropology
Child Development: Birth to Kindergarten and Special Education
Criminal Justice
Early Care and Education
Economic Geography
Economics
Environmental Geography
Geographic Information Science
Global and International Studies in Social Science
Global History
History
Human Capital and Society
Human Development and Family Studies
Human Geography
Interdisciplinary Studies in Social Science
Interdisciplinary Studies in Social Science Education
Political Science
Political Science Prelaw
Psychology
Public Policy
Social Work
Sociology
Urban and Regional Planning
World Politics

MINORS

African Studies
Anthropology
Asian Pacific American Studies
Asian Studies
Chicano/Latino Studies
Cities: Environment, Design, and Society
Climate Science
Defense Studies and Leadership
Digital Cultural Heritage
Economics
Environment and Health
Environmental Social Science
Geographic Information Science
Geography
Global Studies in Social Science
History
Human Behavior and Social Services
International Development
Latin American and Caribbean Studies
Law, Justice and Public Policy
Leadership of Organizations
Migration Studies
Peace and Justice Studies
Race and Ethnicity in the United States
Resource Management from the Individual, Family, and Societal Perspectives
Security Management
Social Science Quantitative Data Analytics
Sociology
Youth and Society

SOCIAL SCIENCE GRADUATES

Ph.D.s

Anthropology
Chicano/Latino Studies
Criminal Justice
Economics
Environmental Science and Policy
Geography
History
Human Development and Family Studies
Human Resources and Labor Relations
Industrial Relations and Human Resources
Political Science
Psychology
Social Work
Sociology

MASTER'S

Child Development
Clinical Social Work
Criminal Justice
Cybercrime and Digital Investigation
Family and Community Services
Forensic Science
Geography
Human Development and Family Studies
Human Resources and Labor Relations
International Planning Studies
Law Enforcement Intelligence and Analysis
Organization and Community Leadership
Program Evaluation
Public Policy
Urban and Regional Planning
Youth Development

ADDITIONAL UNDERGRADUATE & GRADUATE PROGRAMS AVAILABLE

Environmental Science and Policy
Legal Education Accelerated Program
Prelaw Mentoring Program

Graduate Specializations
Graduate Certificates
Teaching Certificates



SOCIAL SCIENTISTS OUTSIDE THE CLASSROOM

Great learning happens within our college's classrooms, but we also require our students to earn credits and enrich their education with real-life experiences.

STUDY AWAY

Our dynamic study away programs place students in internships or service-learning opportunities in such locations as Chicago, Detroit, Flint, Hawaii, Las Vegas, New York City, Traverse City, and Washington, DC. Students navigate new locations and cultures while engaging in transformative learning experiences that set them up for a lifetime of success.

STUDY ABROAD

Studying abroad means more than taking a trip overseas - it gives students the chance to completely immerse themselves in the culture of another country while earning academic credits and participating in other experiential learning opportunities. Our experiences, which range in length, take students to places in the Americas, Asia, Europe, Africa and Australia.

INTERNSHIPS

Studies show that participation in internships makes students more competitive as they seek employment in the modern workplace. Through our College's Office for Experiential Learning and through programs in many of our Schools and Departments, we help students secure internships to develop the professional skills they need.

SERVICE LEARNING

The best way to learn is through doing. Students involved in Service Learning do just that. They complete community-building projects and activities that earn them credits as they make the world a better place.

RESEARCH

The College of Social Science is home to world-renowned faculty who conduct groundbreaking research every day - and students have many opportunities to work side-by-side with them or on independent projects and earn credit doing so.

SOCIAL SCIENTISTS SUCCEEDING

Our students are part of a community of learners. We offer free study sessions that focus on select social science courses for any student that wants extra support.

SUPPORT OPTIONS

We offer free group and individual study sessions with Peer Assisted Learners (students who have excelled at Social Science courses in the past) in a safe and comfortable environment.

CAREER DEVELOPMENT

We have a team in the college focused on helping students create a path for a successful career.

Whether working at a Fortune 500 company or at a small non-profit organization, graduates from the College of Social Science earn competitive salaries and find fulfilling, engaging work.



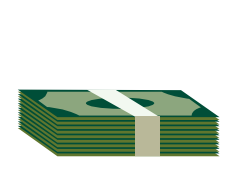
SOCIAL SCIENCE SCHOLARSHIPS & SCHOLARS

SCHOLARSHIPS


Thanks to the generosity of alumni and friends of the college, a variety of scholarships are available and earmarked to students in the College of Social Science.

Find a full list of what is available on our website.
socialscience.msu.edu/scholarships


THESE SCHOLARSHIPS HELP STUDENTS:




PAY FOR TUITION



FUND UNDERGRADUATE RESEARCH



COVER COSTS FOR STUDY AWAY AND STUDY ABROAD



EXPERIENCE OTHER VALUABLE EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES

SOCIAL SCIENCE SCHOLARS PROGRAM

The best and brightest incoming and current freshmen can apply for the prestigious Social Science Scholars Program, which provides students with the opportunity to learn in a collective, discussion-based environment. Aspects of the program include:

- SEMINARS
- RESEARCH
- MENTORING
- INTERNSHIPS
- TRAVEL



SOCIAL SCIENCE FACULTY

The College of Social Science at Michigan State University is home to over 450 ranked faculty and academic staff.

With a 13:1 student to faculty ratio, Social Science majors can learn in smaller, more personalized settings. Here, professors do more than teach. 35% of students will engage with a faculty member on a research opportunity, and even more get outside the lecture hall for hands-on learning.

Creating an open, inclusive environment is a top priority for the College of Social Science. In 2018, the Dean’s Research Associate Program was created to promote inclusivity and diversity within the college and create opportunities for qualified scholars of differing perspectives and cultural backgrounds.

STUDENT TO PROFESSOR RATIO 12:1



RESEARCH OPPORTUNITIES



35%

of students engage with a research opportunity



SOCIAL SCIENCE RESEARCH CENTERS

The College of Social Science boasts four unique research centers and institutes.

These knowledge hubs each have their own unique function and focus, but share a common passion for using our science to transform the human experience.



Anti-Counterfeiting & Product Protection Center



Center for Global Change & Earth Observations



Institute for Public Policy & Social Research



MATRIX: The Center for Humane Arts, Letters & Social Sciences Online



ONCE A SOCIAL SCIENTIST, ALWAYS A SOCIAL SCIENTIST

Our community includes a lifelong network of over 100,000 alumni who live and work all over the world. Our alumni are deeply engaged with the college, and eager to help our students succeed through their education, employment and beyond.

Our alumni make a difference in the lives of our students and faculty by:

- GIVING BACK** to support student scholarships, faculty fellowships and other fundraising efforts
- FOSTERING** a tradition of service to MSU and local communities, including mentoring current students
- CONNECTING** by coming back to campus, meeting with students and faculty or serving on advisory boards within the college

LINKING STUDENTS AND ALUMNI

Two examples of alumni engagement are the Governor Jim Blanchard Public Service Forum and the Women’s Leadership Institute.



GOVERNOR JIM BLANCHARD PUBLIC SERVICE FORUM

The goal of our forum is to provide generations of students, faculty and the MSU community with the opportunity to see, hear and learn from national and international leaders, diplomats and writers.



WOMEN’S LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE

The Women’s Leadership Institute supports and empowers women students with leadership aspirations. We ignite women leaders with the ultimate goal of advancing leadership equity for women globally. The institute provides thought leadership, a sustainable community and high quality programming for our students, faculty and MSU community.

To learn more about how to make an impact go to:
socialscience.msu.edu/alumni





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