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.
We graduate more Spartans year-round than any other college at Michigan State University. (Based on 2018 academic year)

In 2018, 91% of our undergraduates either found a full-time job or started graduate school within six months of graduating.

In 2018, 92% of our students held an internship and/or research position during their time as an undergraduate.

The Office of 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.

SOCIAL SCIENTISTS
AT A GLANCE
Here’s how our college stands out from the crowd:

1st RANKED NATIONALLY
Our African History graduate program is tied for the ranking of #1 in the nation.*

1st RANKED NATIONALLY
Our Industrial and Organizational Psychology is also #1 in the nation,* and has held the top spot for over 20 years.

1st RANKED NATIONALLY
We have the nation’s first Combat Veterans Certificate, an option for students pursuing a Master’s degree in Social Work.

5th RANKED NATIONALLY
Our Criminal Justice online graduate program is #5 in the nation.*

1st GRADUATING AT MSU
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91% PLACEMENT RATE
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92% INTERNSHIP/RESEARCH
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95+ STUDY ABROAD/AWAY PROGRAMS
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*Program rankings source: U.S. News & World Report, 2021
SOCIAL SCIENCE
UNDERGRADUATES

MAJORS
- Anthropology
- Child Development
- Criminal Justice
- Early Care and Education
- Economics
- Economic Geography
- Environmental Geography
- Geographic Information Science
- Global and International Studies in Social Science
- Global History
- History
- History Education
- Human Capital and Society
- Human Development and Family Studies
- Human Geography
- Interdisciplinary Studies in Social Science
- Political Science
- 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
- Defense Studies and Leadership
- Economics
- Environment and Health
- 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
- Peace and Justice Studies
- Race and Ethnicity in the United States
- Security Management
- Social Science Quantitative Data Analytics
- Sociology
- The City: Environment, Design, and Society
- Youth and Society

MASTER’S
- Anthropology
- Child Development
- Criminal Justice
- Economics
- Forensic Science
- Geography
- History
- Human Development and Family Studies
- Human Resources and Labor Relations
- International Planning Studies
- Law Enforcement Intelligence and Analysis
- Political Science
- Professional Applications in Anthropology
- Program Evaluation
- Psychology
- Public Policy
- Social Work
- Sociology
- Urban and Regional Planning

Ph.D.s
- Anthropology
- Chicano/Latino Studies
- Criminal Justice
- Economics
- Geography
- History
- Human Development and Family Studies
- Human Resources and Labor Relations
- Political Science
- Psychology
- Social Work
- Sociology
- Urban and Regional Planning

ADDITIONAL PROGRAMS AVAILABLE
- Environmental Science and Policy
- Legal Education Accelerated Program
- Prewar Mentoring Program
- Graduate Specializations
- Graduate Certificates
- Teaching Certificates

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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 exciting internships in cities such as Detroit, Flint, Honolulu, San Francisco, New Orleans and Washington, D.C. Students navigate a new place while completing a competitive internship that will set them up for success when they arrive home - and after.

INTERNSHIPS
For students to be competitive in the modern workplace, it is recommended that they complete at least two internships as an undergraduate. We make internships accessible to students by helping them find, apply to and secure the best internships to develop their professional skills.

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. Programs range from a month to a semester to an entire academic year and go to the Americas, Asia, Europe, Africa and Australia.

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.

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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**
- **Mentoring**
- **Research**
- **Internships**
- **Travel**
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- **Research**
- **Internships**
- **Travel**

 благодаря драгоценности альмни и друзей колледжа, существует множество стипендий, доступных для студентов в Колледже социальных наук. Эти стипендии помогают студентам:

- **Оплата вузовских тюшонок**
- **Финансирование подграудиативных исследований**
- **Покрытие расходов на студенческую поездку**
- **Опыт других ценных образовательных возможностей**

Find a full list of what is available on our website.
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SOCIAL SCIENCE FACULTY

The College of Social Science at Michigan State University is home to over 450 of the world’s best researchers and instructors.

With a 14:1 student to faculty ratio, Social Science majors can learn in smaller, more personalized settings. Here, professors do more than teach. 45% of students will engage with a faculty 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.

SOCIAL SCIENCE RESEARCH CENTERS

The College of Social Science boasts five 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
- Institute of Public Utilities
- 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