

## The Mission of the School

The School of Social Sciences is committed to the view that a well-rounded education is a necessary preparation for effective participation in today's complex society. The school offers a variety of degree, credential, and certificate programs at both the undergraduate and graduate levels. The curriculum is planned to guarantee breadth of academic experience, including participation in international programs.

The school participates in many interdisciplinary programs both in and beyond the social sciences.

As students acquire a greater body of knowledge, they also attain a sense of perspective, more effective communication skills, a heightened respect for quality and excellence, more appreciation of creativity, and a greater understanding in dealing with people from different backgrounds. The social sciences help students reach out beyond their professional careers.

The school is sensitive to the view that studies in the liberal arts provide the best preparation for careers of leadership in the public and private sectors. The school stresses the broad character of its curriculum, assuring today's graduate a place in a society where the

narrow specialist is often soon obsolete, but where the adaptable generalist is highly welcome.

The school is thus committed to providing its majors with a concern for human values and with the ability to think clearly, critically, and analytically. Our graduates understand the value of practical and professional skills, and realize that no career can be successfully pursued without the benefit of humanistic values and insights. In consequence, the school provides a broad curriculum designed to combine thorough preparation with creative adaptability to the opportunities and challenges in an ever-changing world.



## The School of Social Sciences

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The School of Social Sciences includes the departments of Anthropology, Chicano and Latin American Studies, Criminology, Economics, Geography, History, Political Science, and Sociology. Ethnic Studies and Women's Studies are integral programs of the school.