School of Humanities and Social Sciences

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The School of Humanities and Social Sciences consists of eleven departments and fifteen undergraduate degree programs and offers an array of minor programs and the largest share of the College’s Liberal Learning program. Our school is a culturally and intellectually diverse and welcoming community of faculty, staff, students and alumni who value knowledge and the free and responsible exchange of ideas. Through the exercise of analytical rigor in the humanities and social sciences, our community: fosters disciplinary and interdisciplinary work to address significant social issues; develops knowledge and engages in creative activities; seeks to understand local, national, global, cultural, political, and historical perspectives; critically interprets language and symbols; thoroughly examines cultural artifacts and discourses; and promotes ethical reasoning and compassion. Working with our faculty, our students learn how to read and think analytically, solve problems creatively, work with diverse partners, communicate effectively in speech and writing, use technology wisely, and participate fully in civic life. The mission of the School of Humanities and Social Sciences is to prepare students for lifelong learning and responsible democratic citizenship. Upon completion of any of our majors, our graduating students are prepared to sustain and advance their communities and the world.

The following departments offer majors and well as minors.

African American Studies
Criminology
English (Includes a Dual Major in Secondary Education)
History (Includes a Dual Major in Secondary Education)
International Studies
Philosophy, Religion and Classical Studies
Political Science
Psychology
Sociology (Includes Anthropology and Sociology)
Women’s, Gender and Sexuality Studies
World Languages and Cultures (Includes Spanish, and World Languages and Linguistics)
Additional minors offered through Humanities and Social Sciences Departments:

African Studies Minor
Anthropology Minor
Central Eurasian Studies Minor
Chinese Minor
Classical Studies Minor
Comparative Literature Minor
Creative Writing Minor
Environmental Studies Minor
European Studies Minor
French Minor
German Studies Minor
Holocaust and Genocide Studies Minor
Italian Studies Minor
Japanese Minor
Latin American and Caribbean Studies Minor
Law, Politics and Philosophy Minor
Linguistics Minor
Middle Eastern Studies Minor
Public Policy and Management Minor
Quantitative Criminology Minor
Religion Minor
Sexuality and Queer Studies Minor
United States Studies Minor
Other programs:

Undeclared in Humanities and Social Sciences

Description of the program: The Undeclared Program in the School of Humanities and Social Sciences is designed for those students who are not ready to declare a major but are interested in one or more programs within HSS, and considering the minor in Social Justice.

Students in the Undeclared Program choose courses that fulfill requirements in the Liberal Learning Curriculum as well as courses in areas they are interested in exploring as possible majors. Students must leave the Undeclared Program and declare a major to graduate.

Program Entrance, Retention, and Exit Standards

Every major program at the College has set standards for allowing students to remain in that program, to transfer within the College from one program to another, and to graduate from a program. The following are the standards for the Undeclared in Humanities and Social Sciences Program:

- Students cannot transfer within the College into the Undeclared program
- Students may remain in the Humanities and Social Sciences Undeclared program no longer than the second semester of their sophomore year.
- Undeclared students who are unable to make significant progress toward a major by the end of their sophomore year will become UNDESIGNATED TRANSITIONAL” students.
- In rare cases students may remain in the Undeclared program beyond the second semester of their sophomore year if they have shown significant progress toward a major or self-designed major.