Division of Social Sciences

Discoveries

Critical Perspectives

Alternative Visions
Minding the Store
Social Sciences at a Glance

- The Division in-between: bridging the humanities and sciences
- 12 departments: disciplinary and interdisciplinary
- Gender and racial/ethnic diversity: faculty 49% female, 34% minority
- 6,511 undergraduates: enrollment challenges and impacted majors
- 321 graduate students: fitting enrollment to funding levels and market
Social Sciences at a Glance

Disciplinary departments:
- Anthropology
- Communication
- Economics
- Political Science
- Sociology

Interdisciplinary departments:
- Asian American Studies
- Black Studies
- Chicana & Chicano Studies
- Feminist Studies
- Global Studies

and non-degree granting departments:
Exercise & Sports Studies  Military Science
Social Sciences at a Glance

Institutes & Centers

- Institute for Social, Behavioral, and Economic Research
  - Broom Center for Demography
  - Center for Digital Games Research
  - Center for Evolutionary Psychology
  - Center for Information Technology and Society
  - Center for Middle East Studies
  - Center for Nanotechnology in Society
  - East Asia Center
  - Mesoamerican Research Center
  - UC Center for New Racial Studies: Multi-Campus Research Program

- ORUs
  - Center for Black Studies Research
  - Chicano Studies Institute

- Non-ORUs
  - Center for Research on Women & Social Justice
  - Experimental and Behavioral Economics Lab
  - Laboratory for Aggregate Economics and Finance
  - Orfalea Center for Global and International Studies

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Vision for the Social Sciences

- Foster interdisciplinarity and connection of research with community needs and public policy

- Maintain existing strength
  - Communication, Sociology, Anthropology

- Build strength where there is potential
  - Economics, Political Science

- Build on areas of strength within and across departments and divisions
  - Experimental and behavioral economics
  - Sexuality and gender, ethnic studies, environmental studies, migration, globalization, new media

- Enhance diversity in departments lacking diversity

- Develop niche strengths within departments
NRC Rankings, 2010

*Communication not previously ranked.

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**Sex and Gender**

Ranked in 2017, part of Sociology

Common topics under the sociology of sex and gender discipline include women’s rights, sexism, reproductive rights, feminism and race issues. These are the top sociology schools for sex and gender programs.
## Current Recruitments

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STUDENT/FACULTY RATIOS (COURSE DEPARTMENT/ALLOCATED FTE)

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Transferring Knowledge & Inspiring Ideas

Key Components

Effective Learning Spaces
- High-quality & well-maintained facilities
- Productive use of technology and room configurations

Environments Conducive to Exploration
- Spaces that facilitate cutting-edge research, working collaboratively and promoting creative investigation
Bridging the humanities and sciences

Need for labs and studio space
Examples of Needed Space Types

Ethnic and Feminist Studies
- Labs, art studios & video Production

Anthropology
- Bio-Sci labs, specialized collection & storage

Communication
- Human Interaction Research Lab

Economics
- High-end computing & behavioral experimentation labs
Total L&S Space by Division

- MLPS: 51%
- SS: 16%
- HFA: 27%
- College: 6%
Social Sciences Space Profile

113,000 assignable square feet of I&R Space
Blast from the past . . .
Core Academic Space by Building Age

Over 48 years old 43%
Less than 10 years old 31%
Approximately 20 years old 26%
Challenges with Existing Space

• Significant space shortage, especially in South Hall and HSSB (hampered by failed release space plan)

• Desperate need for renewal projects in older buildings

• Even if there were capacity, current buildings are challenging and expensive to convert for specialized research, collaboration, innovative teaching and community
Campus-wide space issues

Graduate Student Office Space

Emeriti Space
Campus-wide space issues

Gender-inclusive restrooms

DSP testing
Future Space Needs

Building for Interdisciplinary Instruction and Research

- Flexible spaces for new interdisciplinary research
- Lab space for pioneering social science investigation
- Traditional studio space and space for new media projects
- Faculty-graduate student team space for special projects
- Outreach center to connect campus and community
Thank You