The Division of Social Sciences

The Division of Social Sciences (DSS) encourages students to inquire, engage and discover the answers to the most intriguing questions about ourselves and our world. DSS brings together leading scientists, scholars and teachers to inspire students to explore a wide range of subjects and disciplines, all of which are fundamental to understanding the past, present and future of the world in which we live.

World-renowned faculty lead today’s students along distinctive pathways of study—from examining the history of humankind through anthropologists’ research across the seven continents, to studying human interaction and communication, the variables of economics, society, culture and politics, and ultimately to solving the intricate mysteries of the mind in psychology and neuroscience.

With its stellar reputation for engaging faculty, outstanding students, state-of-the-art facilities and a breadth of academic programs, DSS educates the next generation in seeking to understand all aspects of humans and human behavior and in developing solutions for the world’s problems, both today and in the future.

**US News and World Report Rankings***

- **Economics:** 32 (2013)
- **History:** 27 (2013)
- **Political Science:** 23 (2013)
  - Comparative Politics: 15 (2013)
  - Political Methodology: 15 (2013)
- **Psychology:** 21 (2013)
- **Sociology:** 31 (2013)
  - Sex and Gender: 10 (2013)

Additional rankings, such as National Research Council rankings, available at www.ls.ucdavis.edu.

*Years indicate the last time US News and World Report ranked this discipline.

**FACTS**

- **266** faculty members
- **7,420** undergraduate student majors
- **509** graduate students
- **$18M** research awards (2012–13)
- **$3.86M** philanthropic dollars contributed (2012–13)
DSS Departments, Programs and Centers

Departments
- Anthropology
- Communication
- Economics
- History
- Linguistics
- Military Science
- Philosophy
- Political Science
- Psychology
- Sociology

Programs:
- Cognitive Science
- East Asian Studies International Relations
- Jewish Studies Program Middle East/South Asia Studies Physical Education
- Science and Technology Studies
- Social Science Data Service

Institutes/Centers:
- Institute for Social Sciences
- Center for Mind and Brain
- Center for Poverty Research
- Center for Science and Innovation Studies
- Hemispheric Institute on the Americas

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