The College of Letters and Science

Founded in 1951, the College of Letters and Science is the largest of the schools and colleges at UC Davis, the University of California’s most comprehensive university. The college is made up of three divisions encompassing the broadest offering of disciplines at UC Davis: Humanities, Arts and Cultural Studies, Mathematical and Physical Sciences, and Social Sciences. The college’s 800+ faculty members teach the core curriculum for virtually all 28,000 undergraduate students in the university as well as mentor nearly 2,000 graduate students pursuing more than 50 fields of interest in the college.

The College of Letters and Science lives and breathes its interdisciplinary mission each day, thriving at the intersection of fundamental scholarship, exploring and connecting fields as diverse as the arts & stars, math & music, chemistry & cinema, economics & English – and providing the foundation for a truly one-of-a-kind liberal arts education.

Rankings

U.S. News & World Report Graduate Program Rankings*
Chemistry: 35 (2015)
Computer Science: 34 (2015)
Economics: 32 (2013)
English: 26 (2014)
Fine Arts: 27 (2013)
History: 27 (2014)
History: U.S. Colonial History: 9 (2014)
Physics: 29 (2015)
Political Science: 23 (2014)
Political Science: Comparative Politics: 15 (2014)
Political Science: Political Methodology: 15 (2014)
Psychology: 21 (2014)
Sociology: 31 (2014)
University Writing Program: ranked in top 11 in nation as ranked by 1,500 universities (2014)

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

National Research Council (2010)
Anthropology: 7-21 out of 82
Economics: 29-44 out of 117
Spanish: 1-6 out of 60

Other rankings available at ls.ucdavis.edu.
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**Departments**
- African American and African Studies
- American Studies
- Anthropology
- Art and Art History
- Asian American Studies
- Chemistry
- Chicana and Chicano Studies
- Cinema and Digital Media
- Communication
- Comparative Literature
- Design
- Earth and Planetary Sciences
- East Asian Languages and Cultures
- Economics
- English
- French and Italian
- German and Russian
- History
- Linguistics
- Mathematics
- Military Science
- Music
- Native American Studies
- Philosophy
- Physics
- Political Science
- Psychology
- Religious Studies
- Spanish and Portuguese
- Sociology
- Statistics
- Theatre and Dance

**Programs**
- Classics
- Cognitive Science
- Early Modern Studies
- East Asian Studies
- Gender, Sexuality and Women's Studies
- Humanities Program
- International Relations
- Jewish Studies
- Medieval and Early Modern Studies
- Middle East/South Asia Studies
- Physical Education
- Science and Technology Studies
- University Writing Program

**Institutes**
- Institute for Social Sciences
- UC Davis Humanities Institute

**Museums**
- C.N. Gorman Museum and Collection
- Design Museum and Collection

**Centers and Labs**
- Bodega Marine Laboratory
- California Lighting Technology Center
- Center for Mind and Brain
- Center for Poverty Research
- Center for Quantum Mathematics and Physics (QMAP)
- Center for Science and Innovation Studies
- Center for Transnational Health
- Complexity Science Center
- Crocker Nuclear Lab
- Davis Language Center
- Energy for the Future
- Hemispheric Institute on the Americas
- John Muir Institute of the Environment
- ModLab
- Nanomaterials in the Environment, Agriculture, and Technology (NEAT)
- Native American Language Center
- Taller Arte del Nuevo Amanecer (TANA)
- UC Center Sacramento
- Universe @ UC Davis

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