The Division of Social Sciences
From research with individuals, groups and societies to exploration and studies in politics and economics, the dynamic work in the Division of Social Sciences looks to ask questions, solve problems and raise up the next generation of global citizens and scholars.

The historical, cultural and biological perspectives of society, along with their philosophical underpinnings, are explored by top-ranked departments and programs — with instruction and research led by a distinguished faculty interested in engagement, exchange of ideas and moving the globe forward collaboratively.

Together, faculty and students are advancing knowledge across a wide array of academic disciplines — 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 mysteries of the mind in psychology and neuroscience.

U.S. News & World Report’s Rankings (2014)*
Economics: 32
History: 27
  U.S. Colonial History: 9
Political Science: 23
  Comparative Politics: 15
  Political Methodology: 15
Psychology: 21
Sociology: 31
  Sex and Gender: 10
*Most recent rankings

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Anthropology: 7-21 out of 82
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Economics: 29-44 out of 117
History: 40-68 out of 137
Neuroscience: 25-69 out of 94
Philosophy: 53-76 out of 90
Political Science: 7-26 out of 105
Psychology: 21-57 out of 236
Sociology: 48-77 out of 118

2015 Academic Ranking of World Universities by China’s Shanghai Jiao Tong University
Economics/business: Top 100

FACTS
266 faculty members
7,420 undergraduate student majors
509 graduate students
$13.9M research awards (2015–16)
$5.9M philanthropic dollars contributed (2015–16)
Notable Faculty
American Academy of Arts and Sciences members: Robert Huckfeldt, Susan Mann
National Academy of Science member: Sarah Blaffer Hrdy
Guggenheim Fellows: David Biale, Diana Davis, Marisol de la Cadena, Petr Janata, Charan Ranganath, Louis Warren, Michael Wedin, Aram Yengoyan, Li Zhang
UC Davis Prize for Undergraduate Teaching and Scholarly Achievement: David Biale, Frances Dolan, Suad Joseph, Peter Lindert, Henry McHenry, Alan Taylor, Clarence Walker
American Association for the Advancement of Science fellows: John Capitanio, Neal Kroll, Steven Luck, George R. Mangun, Henry McHenry, Dean Simonton, David Glenn Smith
William T. Grant Foundation Scholar: Jacob Hibel
California Academy of Sciences fellow: Lynne Isbell
Pulitzer Prize for History: Alan Taylor (twice)

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Jewish Studies
Middle East/South Asia Studies
Physical Education
Science and Technology Studies

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Center for Poverty Research
Center for Science and Innovation Studies
Hemispheric Institute on the Americas
Institute for Social Sciences