

College of Social Sciences

In the College of Social Sciences at California State University, Fresno, the world is our classroom. Our degree programs are designed to develop essential skills necessary to adapt to a constantly changing world and to provide the leadership necessary to meet those challenges.

The college provides its graduates a hands-on, practical experience rooted in civic responsibility and a concern for human values. Graduates are strong communicators and analytical thinkers with global awareness and appreciation for knowledge of societies and cultures, including their own. They are prepared to lead.



High Impact, Community Connections

- Humanics
- Service Learning
- COSS Emerging Scholars
- Study Abroad
- Mock Trial, Model UN, Moot Court
- Los Danzantes
- Internships and Community Fieldwork Experiences

Scholarships Available

\$377,000+ in scholarships available for COSS students annually



Student Body Highlights

- 3200+ majors
- 72% First Generation
- 70% Pell Eligible
- 85% from the Central Valley

Recent Faculty-Student Research Collaborations

- Archival Analysis of Antisemitism
- Climate Change Leadership
- Democracy in Africa
- Forensic Anthropology and Identifying Skeletal Remains
- Guaranteed Basic Income Evaluation
- Housing Barriers among Transgender Youth
- Identity, Moral, and Family Development
- Immigrant Integration in the U.S.
- Legal Decision-making
- Urban Planning and the Environment

Recent Study Abroad Locations

Belgium
Finland
Ireland
Nepal
Netherlands
Scotland
South Korea



Bachelor's Degrees

- Africana Studies, BA
- Anthropology, BA
- Asian American and Asian Studies, BA
- Chicano Studies, BA
- Child and Family Science, BS
- City and Regional Planning, BS
- Criminology, BS (with options in Corrections, Law Enforcement, Victimology)
- Forensic Behavioral Sciences, BS
- Geography, BA
- History, BA
- Latin American Studies, BA
- Political Science, BA
- Sociology, BA
- Women's, Gender and Sexuality Studies, BA

Master's Degrees

- Criminology, MS
- History, MA
- Public Administration, MPA



ENHANCE CAREER READINESS

Minors

- Africana Studies
- American Indian Studies
- Anthropology
- Asian American Studies
- Chicano/Latino Studies
- Child and Family Science
- City and Regional Planning
- Criminology
- Forensic Behavioral Sciences
- Geography
- History
- Jewish Studies
- Latina American Studies
- LGBTQ2+ Studies
- Philanthropic and Community-Based Leadership
- Political Science
- Public Administration
- Sociology
- Southeast Asian Studies
- Women's, Gender, and Sexuality Studies

Certificates

- Administration and Leadership for Community Benefit Organizations
- Advanced Study of History
- Applied Sociological Research
- Broadcast Meteorology
- Chicana/o/x and Latina/o/x Studies in Secondary Schooling
- Environmental Planning
- Geographic Information Systems
- Legal Studies
- Racial Understanding
- Southeast Asian Studies
- Victim Services

