



Welcome to WAYNE STATE UNIVERSITY

For nearly 150 years, Wayne State University has been changing the world from the heart of Detroit. A nationally recognized institution offering more than 380 academic programs through 13 schools and colleges, Wayne State provides a student-centric education in the middle of one of the nation's most vibrant cities. Here, students learn from professors renowned for their work in and out of the classroom, and then put their education to practice in a city famous for its culture, history and diversity. And as Michigan's only public, urban research institution, Wayne State provides students numerous opportunities to put their knowledge to the test in state-of-the-art laboratories and gain work experience with the renowned hospitals, law firms and businesses located within walking distance of our Midtown campus. Here, students don't just prepare for a job; they prepare for the future.





Social Sciences

How do humans live together and function within a society? How do we arrive at the principles that govern us, resolve conflict and help us live together? The social sciences explore those questions and examine how human societies are created and thrive.

This exciting field doesn't just teach us how society functions — it provides the tools to improve our cities, repair cultural divides and make the world a better place. The social sciences shape our governments, teach us how to help those in need, and guide us as we strive to keep our cities and citizens safe.

Social science majors go on to play important roles in a variety of arenas. They're social workers who change lives and support families. They're police officers and lawyers who keep the peace and pursue justice. They're government officials whose policies shape the nation. They're the professors, activists and change-makers fighting for equality for all races, genders, creeds and lifestyles. They don't just improve our understanding of the world — they make it a better place.



Majors in the social sciences at Wayne State University

African American studies — Study the historical, cultural, intellectual and social development of people of African descent, the societies of which they are a part and their contributions to world civilization.

Anthropology — Study humankind and the development of our world's cultures, languages and societies.

Criminal justice — Learn more about our nation's complex and elaborate criminal justice system, which includes law enforcement, judicial processes and corrections.

Economics — Learn how to analyze economic phenomena, evaluate policy debates, and assess the social and political implications of economic activities throughout the world.

Gender, sexuality, and women's studies — Explore the multicultural and international contexts of the lives of women and members of the LGBTQ community and of constructions of gender and sexuality.

History — Study our past, learn about the world's defining moments and discover how they're shaping our future.

Employment and labor relations — Master the requisite analytical and practical skills for attaining leadership positions in business, labor organizations, government and nonprofit organizations.

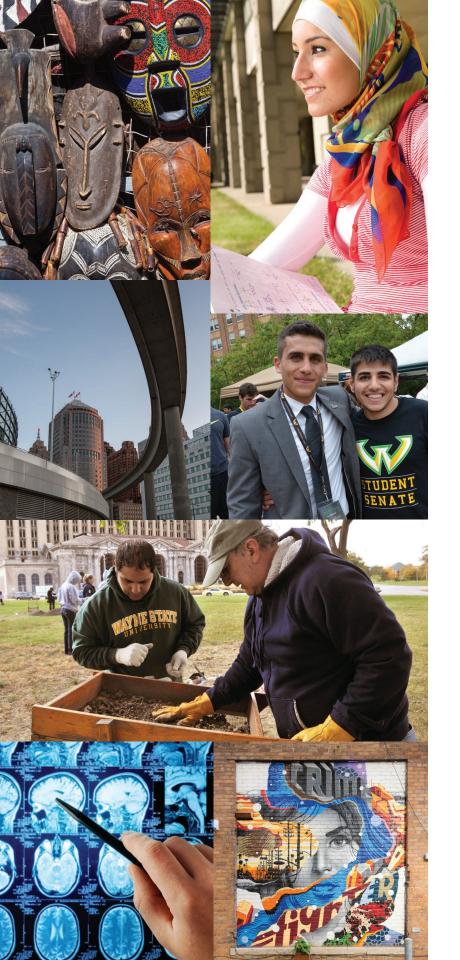
Political science — Prepare for careers in the public sector by studying how our government and its branches function.

Psychology — Explore the mind, its functions and how it affects human behavior.

Sociology — Study areas affecting society, such as urban issues, race and ethnicity, sex and gender, health and illness, families, crime and deviance, religion, the workplace, aging, poverty, and more.

Urban studies and planning — Learn how our cities function and prepare to make them better and more vibrant.





About the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences at Wayne State University:

The College of Liberal Arts and Sciences (CLAS) offers 40 degree programs through 19 departments, making it the largest and most comprehensive of Wayne State's schools and colleges. CLAS produces well-rounded students with a passion for lifelong learning and the skills to succeed at whatever they choose to do. It's where the humanities meet history, where Plato meets plate tectonics, and where our students come for the richest educational experience on campus.

CLAS students benefit from Wayne State's unique identity as a public, urban research university holding the Carnegie Foundation's highest classification for research. They have countless opportunities for hands-on learning, not just in our laboratories but throughout the community, through partnerships with local hospitals and access to Michigan's amazing natural resources. Aspiring writers, artists and actors study within walking distance of the nation's best museums, libraries and theatres, and a wide range of study abroad opportunities help them become well-rounded global citizens. Social science majors benefit from Wayne State's Midtown location, which provides them with the opportunity to work alongside local law firms, community organizations and law enforcement agencies in one of the world's most fascinating and diverse cities. Here, classroom work leads to real-world application, equipping students to go out and change the world.

Programs in the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences

African American Studies

Anthropology

Biological Sciences

Biomedical Physics

Chemistry

Classical and Modern Languages,

Literatures, and Cultures

Communication Sciences and Disorders

Creative Writing

Criminal Justice

Dietetics

Economics

Employment and Labor Relations

English

Environmental Science

Excellence and Equity in Mathematics

Film Studies

Gender, Sexuality, and Women's Studies

Geology

Global Studies

History

International Studies

Jewish Studies

Labor Studies

Latino/a and Latin American Studies

Linguistics

Language Learning

Mathematics

Mathematical Economics

Nutrition and Food Science

Philosophy

Physics

Political Science

Psychology

Public Administration

Public Affairs

Public Health

Religious Studies

Rhetoric and Composition

Social Work

Sociology

Urban Studies and Planning

CLAS FACTS





Research as an undergraduate student in more than **300 CLAS LABS**.

10,719 STUDENTS

2015 TOTAL ENROLLMENT



Study Abroad opportunities in more than **29 COUNTRIES** on **FIVE CONTINENTS**.



Dedicated undergraduate advisors for each of our 19 departments.





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