COLLEGE OF HUMANITIES AND SOCIAL SCIENCES

About
The College of Humanities and Social Sciences consists of seven academic units, the Departments of:

- Communication Studies
- English
- Foreign Languages
- History
- Political Science
- Psychology and Philosophy
- Sociology

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Mission
The College of Humanities and Social Sciences provides an essential component to a liberal arts education: understanding human beings in their diversity as expressed in their literatures, histories, ideas, values, oral and written expressions, and behavior. By promoting analytic, interpretive, interpersonal, research and communication skills, the College of Humanities and Social Sciences facilitates personal growth, competent professionals, and responsible citizens.

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Academic Programs

Master’s Degrees

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Creative Writing, Editing, and Publishing, MFA  English
English, MA  English
History, MA  History
Political Science, MA  Political Science
Psychology, MA  Psychology and Philosophy
Psychology - Clinical Psychology, MA  Psychology and Philosophy
Psychology - School Psychology, SSP  Psychology and Philosophy
Public Administration, MPA  Political Science
Sociology, MA  Sociology
Spanish, MA  Foreign Languages

**Doctoral Degrees**

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**Highlights**

- Faculty in the College of Humanities and Social Sciences are committed to teaching excellence, curriculum innovation, research/scholarship, and community and university service.
- Faculty in the College of Humanities and Social Sciences have been recognized for their teaching excellence with national and local awards.
- Courses in the College of Humanities and Social Sciences are rated well above the national norms in teacher effectiveness and course excellence.
- Faculty in the College of Humanities and Social Sciences have been recognized for their research and scholarship with national awards.
- Annual Teaching Conference — Each year the College of Humanities and Social Sciences hosts a teaching conference sponsored by the PACE Center and the University, focusing on the many aspects of teaching, exploring new approaches to improve teaching.
- Academic Success Center — The Academic Success Center helps students, staff, and faculty become better writers through individual and group instruction.
- Ronald E. McNair Post-baccalaureate Achievement Program — This program is designed to provide talented first-generation, low income or ethnic minority undergraduate students with effective preparation for doctoral study. The program encourages students to engage in research with a faculty mentor and to acquire the skills necessary to succeed in doctoral studies.
- Some of the master’s programs in the college are being offered online in order to provide greater flexibility in degree completion.

**Scholarships**

**CHSS Graduate Scholarship**

This scholarship is a one-year award of $1000 divided between Fall and Spring semesters and is disbursed on the basis of financial need and academic performance. An application is available on the CHSS website (http://www.shsu.edu/academics/humanities-and-social-sciences).

**Other**

The departments within the college have numerous scholarships which can be accessed through the Scholarships4kats application process.