

COLLEGE OF HUMANITIES AND SOCIAL SCIENCES

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About the College

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

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

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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Highlights

- Faculty in the College of Humanities and Social Sciences (CHSS) 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 research and scholarship with national awards. Among these awards is a finalist for the 2016 Pulitzer Prize in History, a National Endowment for the Arts Fellow in Literature, and a National Endowment for the Arts Fellow in Creative Writing.
- Faculty in the College of Humanities and Social Sciences have been recognized for their teaching excellence with national and local awards. CHSS is home to five Minnie Stevens Piper Professors. Only 10 Piper Professors are identified each year across Texas.
- A national survey ranked the Psychology Program at Sam Houston State in the top ten of emerging Clinical Psychology Doctoral Programs.
- Courses in the College of Humanities and Social Sciences exceed the national norms in teacher effectiveness and course excellence.
- CHSS is home to many student organizations, both honorary and professional, to help build student resumes with active learning opportunities. Several of these clubs have been recognized regionally and nationally.
- A student in the Clinical Psychology PhD program received the David Pilon Scholarship for Training in Professional Psychology from the American Psychological Association of Graduate Students. This national award is made to one graduate student in psychology each year.
- CHSS houses two Research Centers:
 - The Center for the Study of Disasters & Emergency Management (CDEM)
 - The Center for Multi-cultural Rural Development (CMRD)

Master's Degrees

Departments	Programs
College of Humanities and Social Sciences	History and Political Studies, MA
Communication Studies	Communication Studies, MA
English	Creative Writing, Editing, and Publishing, MFA
English	English, MA
English	Technical Communication, MA
English	English, MA/Creative Writing, Editing, and Publishing, MFA (Dual Degree)
History	History, MA
Political Science	Political Science, MA
Political Science	Public Administration, MPA
Psychology and Philosophy	Psychology, MA
Psychology and Philosophy	Psychology - Clinical Psychology, MA
Psychology and Philosophy	Psychology - School Psychology, SSP
Sociology	Sociology, MA
World Languages and Cultures	Spanish, MA

Doctoral Degrees

Departments	Programs
Psychology and Philosophy	Clinical Psychology, PhD

Certificates

Departments	Programs
Communication Studies	Communication Studies
English	English
History	American History
Political Science	Political Science
Psychology and Philosophy	General Psychology
Sociology	Community Development
Sociology	Sociology

CHSS Graduate Scholarship

This enrollment-based scholarship awards \$1000 per semester for full-time students and \$500 per semester for part-time students. Application is located in Scholarships4kats.

Other

Departments within the college have numerous scholarships accessible through the Scholarships4kats application process.

Several of the department graduate programs have academic clubs that support students' integration into graduate studies and provide networking opportunities for students and faculty.

Departments often provide internship/practicum experience in the application of academic work to worlds of practice.