

# DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SCIENCES

## Mission

Our mission is to provide cutting edge academic programs that enable students to be successful in a rapidly changing and diverse society. We are focused on preparing students to become leaders in their field and in their communities through academics, internships and research opportunities that enhance their understanding of the social world.

## Chair's Welcome

Welcome to the Department of Social Sciences! Housed in the College of Arts and Sciences, our department is home to a diverse group of faculty, students, programs, and initiatives. We are led by 24 full-time faculty who excel in research and teaching across a broad range of topics: gender and sexuality, terrorism, political theory, biosocial criminology, offender decision-making, legal studies, Latinx studies Sociology, and much more.

We offer five undergraduate degrees across three disciplines: criminology and criminal justice, political science, and sociology. We also offer courses in support of a degree in Military Science, as well as academic minors focusing in Mexican American, Latinx, Borderland Studies and Legal Studies. Our faculty are committed to providing cutting-edge programs and high-quality learning experiences to over 750 undergraduate majors. This fall, we launched our new fully online Master of Criminology and Criminal Justice degree, with electives focusing on violence and victimization, cybercrime and immigration law.

Faculty are nationally recognized for their research and are engaged with a number of grant-funded projects this year. Dr. Delgado along with colleagues in the College of Education recently received an NSF award to study the social impact of a smart mobility network to improve transit service in San Antonio. With funding from the Meadows Foundation, Drs. Shen, Elias, and Lee are studying the impact of Covid-19 on food insecurity and the mental health of students. We are excited to announce the arrival of 3 outstanding new full-time faculty this fall. Dr. Caitlin Ducate joins us from Indiana University and Dr. Sung Lee comes to us from the University of Southern Indiana – both as assistant professors in our Criminology and Criminal Justice Program. Additionally, Dr. Michelle Ramirez has joined us a lecturer in our Political Science program.

Obtaining a degree from any of our programs will provide you with the intellectual and practical skills to be successful in a rapidly changing workforce, and many of our students pursue graduate or law school following graduation. We look forward to the opportunity to help you reach your professional goals and invite you to peruse our webpages to learn more about our programs. If you have any questions, please feel free to email or contact me by phone, or you may drop by my office in the Central Academic Building, room 348-A.

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## Programs

- Army Reserve Officer Training Corps (ROTC) (<https://catalog.tamusa.edu/undergraduate/arts-sciences/social-science/rotc/>)
- Criminology and Criminal Justice Concentration, Bachelor of Applied Arts and Sciences (<https://catalog.tamusa.edu/undergraduate/arts-sciences/social-science/criminology-criminal-justice-concentration-baas/>)
- Criminology and Criminal Justice, Bachelor of Science (<https://catalog.tamusa.edu/undergraduate/arts-sciences/social-science/criminology-criminal-justice-bs/>)
- Criminology and Criminal Justice, Minor (<https://catalog.tamusa.edu/undergraduate/arts-sciences/social-science/criminology-criminal-justice-minor/>)
- Legal Studies, Minor (<https://catalog.tamusa.edu/undergraduate/arts-sciences/social-science/legal-studies-minor/>)
- Mexican American, Latinx, and Borderlands Studies, Minor (<https://catalog.tamusa.edu/undergraduate/arts-sciences/social-science/mexican-american-latinx-borderlands-studies-minor/>)
- Political Science, Bachelor of Arts (<https://catalog.tamusa.edu/undergraduate/arts-sciences/social-science/political-science-ba/>)
- Political Science, Minor (<https://catalog.tamusa.edu/undergraduate/arts-sciences/social-science/political-science-minor/>)
- Sociology, Bachelor of Arts (<https://catalog.tamusa.edu/undergraduate/arts-sciences/social-science/sociology-ba/>)
- Sociology, Bachelor of Science (<https://catalog.tamusa.edu/undergraduate/arts-sciences/social-science/sociology-bs/>)
- Sociology, Minor (<https://catalog.tamusa.edu/undergraduate/arts-sciences/social-science/sociology-minor/>)

## Courses

### Criminology and Criminal Justice

Code	Title	Credits
CRIM 1301	Intro to Criminal Justice	3
CRIM 2330	Theories of Crime Causation	3
CRIM 3302	Social Deviance	3
CRIM 3315	Drugs and Crime	3
CRIM 3322	Juvenile Delinquency	3
CRIM 3330	Comm Perspective in Crime	3
CRIM 3341	Comparative Sys of Justice	3
CRIM 3345	Police in Society	3
CRIM 3350	Crime & Justice Policy	3
CRIM 3355	Criminal Justice Organizations	3
CRIM 3357	Border Security Issues	3
CRIM 3358	Intro to Intelligence Analysis	3
CRIM 3380	Statistics for Criminology	3
CRIM 3385	Criminal Law	3
CRIM 3388	Courts & Criminal Procedure	3
CRIM 4184	Directed Research in Crim	1
CRIM 4284	Directed Research in Crim	2
CRIM 4320	Law and Society	3
CRIM 4326	Commun Resources in Correction	3
CRIM 4335	Corrections	3
CRIM 4340	Topics in Criminology	3

CRIM 4341	Org and White Collar Crime	3
CRIM 4342	White Collar Crime	3
CRIM 4343	Organized Crime	3
CRIM 4345	Victimology	3
CRIM 4346	Gangs and Gang Behavior	3
CRIM 4348	Violence	3
CRIM 4349	Mental Illness and Violence	3
CRIM 4350	Seminar in Criminology	3
CRIM 4360	Criminology Internship	3
CRIM 4370	Research Methods in Crim	3
CRIM 4384	Directed Research in Crim	3

## Government

Code	Title	Credits
GOVT 2305	Federal Government	3
GOVT 2306	Texas Government	3

## Military Science

Code	Title	Credits
MSCI 1001	Intro Army/Crit Think Lab I	0
MSCI 1002	Adptv Ldrshp/Prof Cmpt Lab II	0
MSCI 1301	Intro Army & Critical Thinking	3
MSCI 1302	Adptv Ldrshp & Prof Cmptnc	3
MSCI 2001	Leadership/Decision Making Lab	0
MSCI 2002	Army Doctrine & Team Dev Lab	0
MSCI 2301	Leadership & Decision Making	3
MSCI 2302	Army Doctrine & Team Developmnt	3
MSCI 3001	Train Mgmt & Warfight Func Lab	0
MSCI 3002	Appl Ldrshp Small Unit Ops Lab	0
MSCI 3301	Train Mgmt & Warfight Funct	3
MSCI 3302	Appl Leadershp Small Unit Ops	3
MSCI 3330	American Military History	3
MSCI 4001	The Army Officer Lab	0
MSCI 4002	Company Grade Leadership Lab	0
MSCI 4003	Practical Leadership Lab	0
MSCI 4301	The Army Officer	3
MSCI 4302	Company Grade Leadership	3
MSCI 4303	Practical Leadership	3

## Political Science

Code	Title	Credits
POLS 3302	Research and Analy in Pol Sci	3
POLS 3310	American Political Institution	3
POLS 3311	Congress	3
POLS 3312	The Executive	3
POLS 3313	The Judiciary	3
POLS 3315	Water Laws, Rules and Policy	3
POLS 3321	Pol Theory Ancient & Medieval	3
POLS 3322	Polit Theory Early Mdrn &Mdrn	3
POLS 3323	Conflict and Genocide	3
POLS 3324	Politics of the European Union	3
POLS 3341	International Relations	3

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POLS 3351	Comparative Politics	3
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POLS 4302	Adv Res Mtds: Rgrssn & Analys	3
POLS 4311	Voting Behavr and Pub Opinion	3
POLS 4312	Interst Group and Pol Parties	3
POLS 4314	State and Local Govt and Admin	3
POLS 4315	Urban Politics	3
POLS 4316	American Political Behavior	3
POLS 4317	Nuclr Profl/ US Non Profl Pol	3
POLS 4320	Terrorism & Political Violence	3
POLS 4325	Technology & Politics	3
POLS 4331	Constitutional Law	3
POLS 4332	Constitutional Law II	3
POLS 4333	American Judicial Process	3
POLS 4342	International Organization	3
POLS 4343	International Law	3
POLS 4354	Govt & Politics of Latin Ameri	3
POLS 4355	Govt and Politics of Mexico	3
POLS 4361	Public Administration	3
POLS 4363	Policy and Policy Making in US	3
POLS 4364	Women and Politics	3
POLS 4366	Mass Media & Politics	3
POLS 4370	Spec Studies in Polit Sci	3
POLS 4371	Political Science Internship	3

## Sociology

Code	Title	Credits
SOCI 1301	Principles of Sociology	3
SOCI 1306	Social Problems	3
SOCI 2330	The Craft of Sociology	3
SOCI 2356	Gender and Society	3
SOCI 2361	Introduction to Mexican American, Latinx, and Borderlands Studies	3
SOCI 2386	Intro to Borderlands Studies	3
SOCI 3302	Social Deviance	3
SOCI 3310	Sociological Theory	3
SOCI 3311	Social Psychology	3
SOCI 3312	Health and Society	3
SOCI 3313	LGBTQ+	3
SOCI 3320	Research Methods in Sociology	3
SOCI 3322	Juvenile Delinquency	3
SOCI 3330	Statistics for Sociology	3
SOCI 3340	Environmental Sociology	3
SOCI 3350	Myths & Reality-Marrige/Family	3
SOCI 3360	Inequality/Social Stratificatn	3
SOCI 3361	Mexican Americans: Identity, Movements, and Social Justice	3
SOCI 3362	Immigration, Racial Politics, and Nation	3
SOCI 3364	Sociology of Religion	3
SOCI 3365	Social Movements	3
SOCI 3370	Introduction to Human Services	3

SOCI 4320	Law and Society	3
SOCI 4331	Demography & Populatn Problems	3
SOCI 4340	Topics: Environmental Sociology	3
SOCI 4341	Water and Society	3
SOCI 4342	Technology and Society	3
SOCI 4343	Soci & Natural Sys US-Mex Brdr	3
SOCI 4344	Urban Sociology	3
SOCI 4350	Selected Topics in Family	3
SOCI 4351	Families and Inequality	3
SOCI 4352	Deconstructing Disney: Race, Gender, and Age	3
SOCI 4353	Mexican American Families	3
SOCI 4354	Sex, Sexuality, and Society	3
SOCI 4362	Race and Ethnicity	3
SOCI 4363	Afrx-Latinxs: Race, Culture, and Transnationalism	3
SOCI 4364	Women of Color	3
SOCI 4366	Regression & Data Analysis Soc	3
SOCI 4371	Aging in America	3
SOCI 4372	Death and Dying	3
SOCI 4380	Selected Topics in Sociology	3
SOCI 4391	Sociology Internship	3
SOCI 4392	Sociology Capstone	3
SOCI 4393	Directed Research in Sociology	3