

College of Humanities and Social Sciences

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The College of Humanities and Social Sciences at Southern Utah University is composed of six academic departments

- Department of Communication
- Department of English
- Department of Foreign Languages and Humanities
- Department of History and Sociology
- Department of Political Science and Criminal Justice
- Department of Psychology

MISSION

The College of Humanities and Social Sciences seeks to create **everyday leaders**. The College supports excellence in education through a diverse, dynamic, and personalized academic environment that emphasizes engaged learning. We educate students to embody holistic knowledge, inspire critical thinking, possess dynamic oral and written communication skills, and become global citizens. Together, this education and training will equip students to make positive changes in their communities.

VISION

The College of Humanities and Social Sciences will become the premier liberal arts college in the intermountain West, providing the core intellectual and engaged learning experiences that prepare students for their role as active citizens and **everyday leaders**.

GOALS

Academic Excellence:

With superior teaching as its centerpiece, academic excellence is the hallmark of the College of Humanities and Social Sciences. Highly qualified faculty members promote and encourage critical and creative thinking, participative educational experiences, applied research, and a supportive learning community. HSS is committed to an academic environment that encourages students to develop as scholars and

citizens. Assessment of quality and continual improvement are hallmarks of the education experience with HSS.

Community and Social Responsibility:

Essential to the educational process is a sense of “community,” wherein collaboration, diversity, respect for all people, civility and shared governance are cultivated. The college encourages the discussion and exploration of differing views while recognizing the cherished individual freedom to reach one’s own conclusions. Developing—students into productive, responsible citizens and future **everyday leaders** involves training and instilling ethics and values and the responsibilities one has toward others.

Involvement and Personal Growth:

The College of Humanities and Social Sciences encourages student growth and development by providing opportunities to broaden service, social, and cultural perspectives through campus and community involvement in Internships, Study Abroad, Service Learning, UGRASP, and Honors programs. HSS affirms that active participation in extra-curricular activities provides a holistic educational experience and helps prepare students to become responsible, caring members of society.

DEGREES

Graduate Degrees

Master of Arts in Professional Communication

Master of Public Administration

Undergraduate Degrees and Majors

Bachelor of Arts

English
English Education
French
French Education
German
German Education
Spanish
Spanish Education

Bachelor of Arts or Bachelor of Science

Communication
Communication Composite
Communication Composite Education
Communication Studies and Journalism
Criminal Justice
Criminal Justice w/ Forensic Emphasis
History
History Education
Political Science
Psychology
Social Science Composite Education
Sociology

Bachelor of Interdisciplinary Studies (see pages 101, 250)

Individualized Academic Program

Examples of additional customized combinations of coursework may be generated in various programs. Contact Dean for appropriate information.

Associate of Applied Science

Criminal Justice
Paralegal Studies

STUDENT ADVISING

Students are assisted in selecting appropriate general education courses and major and minor courses through the joint efforts of College academic advisors and faculty.

- Students interested in Psychology should contact Jennifer Hedrick, GC 306D, (435) 865-8248, Hedrick@suu.edu.
- Students interested in English, Foreign Languages, Humanities, Philosophy, Political Science or Criminal Justice should contact Kelly Lid Stephens, ST 177, (435) 586-5419, lid@suu.edu.
- Students interested in Communication, History, Sociology, or Anthropology should contact Carly Wilson, ST 177H, (435) 865-8427, wilsonC@suu.edu

STUDENT SCHOLARSHIPS

Academic scholarships are available for students with outstanding academic credentials. College and department scholarships are available for students who demonstrate strong academic and leadership potential in the humanities and social sciences. Students must submit applications by February 1. Interested students should contact the Financial Aid Office, Sharwan Smith Center, Room 167, (435) 586-7535.

STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS

The way to get the best experience is to participate in one of the excellent college student organizations. Among the many student organizations, the following are of particular interest to majors in the humanities and social sciences:

- Alpha Chi
- Alpha Kappa Delta (sociology)
- Alpha Phi Sigma (criminal justice)
- Lambda Pi Eta (communication)
- Pi Sigma Alpha (political science)
- Psi Chi (psychology)
- Phi Alpha Theta (history)
- Sigma Delta Pi (Spanish)
- Sigma Tau Delta (English)
- Public Relations Student Society of America (Communication)
- Michael O. Leavitt Center for Politics and Public Service
- Society of Professional Journalists/Sigma Delta Chi

THE MICHAEL O. LEAVITT CENTER FOR POLITICS & PUBLIC SERVICE

Director: Doug Larson
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Southern Utah University's Michael O. Leavitt Center for Politics and Public Service is a non-partisan, interdisciplinary organization dedicated to preparing students to serve as responsible and educated leaders in a democratic society.

While politics exist without democracy, we cannot have democracy without politics and political leadership. Political leaders are the artists-in-government who define issues, develop solutions, build agreements and respond to citizen concerns. Leaders are the catalysts of self-government. Without a pool of well-trained potential leaders, a democratic society will not succeed. Preparing young men and women for careers in politics and public service is therefore, as right as democracy itself.

The Leavitt Center seeks to prepare students in three distinct ways. First, through providing internship and leadership experience, the Leavitt Center broadens student career and professional opportunities. Second, through promoting citizenship awareness, the Center enhances political participation both within and beyond the university. And finally, through providing opportunities and recognition for humanitarian service, the Leavitt Center fosters the spirit of service and volunteerism for the benefit of the nation and the world.

INTERNSHIPS

Excellent internship opportunities are available for students in most disciplines of the college. Interns are able to gain valuable practical educational experience, academic credit, and often financial compensation. Internships significantly enhance career opportunities for students. Students interested in internships should contact the appropriate academic department or The Michael O. Leavitt Center for Politics and Public Service at (435) 586-7868.

ARCHEOLOGY REPOSITORY

Curator: Barbara Frank
Electronic Learning Center ~ (435) 586-7870

The repository serves as the only official depository in Southern Utah permitted to archive cultural artifacts removed from public and private lands. Located on the first level of the Electronic Learning Center, the repository contains artifacts culturally affiliated with the Puebloan groups, specifically the virgin Anasazi, the Fremont, and the Neo-Archaic Southern Paiutes. The artifacts have been deposited from field work done by the SUU Archeology field School, the U.S. Forest Service and the Bureau of Land Management. This repository was selected as the site for all the artifacts found in the recent work on the Escalante-Grand Staircase Monument. The repository is open by appointment.

