School of Humanities and Sciences

The largest of Stanford’s seven schools, the School of Humanities and Sciences is the center of the University’s liberal arts education. Through exposure to the humanities and arts, undergraduate and graduate students consider the ethical, aesthetic, and intellectual dimensions of the human experience, past and present, and are thereby prepared to make thoughtful and imaginative contributions to the culture of the future. Through the study of social, political, and economic events, they acquire theories and techniques for the analysis of specific societal issues, as well as general cross-cultural perspectives on the human condition. And through exposure to the methods and discoveries of mathematics and the sciences, they become well-informed participants and leaders in today’s increasingly technologically societies.

The School of Humanities and Sciences is comprised of 23 academic departments, which are organized into three clusters, each with its own distinct character.

- Humanities and Arts
  - Art and Art History
  - Classics
  - Division of Literatures, Cultures, and Languages
  - East Asian Languages and Cultures
  - English
  - History
  - Linguistics;
  - Music
  - Philosophy
  - Religious Studies
  - Theater and Performance Studies.
- Social Sciences
  - Anthropology
  - Communication
  - Economics
  - Political Science
  - Psychology
  - Sociology.
- Natural Sciences
  - Applied Physics
  - Biology (including Hopkins Marine Station)
  - Chemistry
  - Mathematics
  - Physics
  - Statistics

The school also includes 21 interdisciplinary degree programs that bridge traditionally disparate fields in the humanities and sciences: African and African American Studies; African Studies; American Studies; Archaeology; Biophysics; Comparative Studies in Race and Ethnicity; East Asian Studies; Feminist, Gender, and Sexuality Studies; Financial Mathematics; Human Biology; International Policy Studies; International Relations; Latin American Studies; Mathematical and Computational Science; Modern Thought and Literature; Public Policy; Russian, East European and Eurasian Studies; Science, Technology, and Society; Symbolic Systems; and Urban Studies.

In addition, the school has diverse programs and research centers that do not currently grant degrees such as the Bill Lane Center for the American West; the Center for Computer Research in Music and Acoustics; the Center for Molecular Analysis; the Confucius Institute; the Center for Medieval and Early Modern Studies; International, Comparative and Area Studies; the Michelle R. Clayman Center for Gender Research; the Jasper Ridge Biological Preserve; and the Institute for Research in the Social Sciences. For more information about the School of Humanities and Sciences and a complete listing of research centers and programs, see the School’s web site (http://exploredegrees.stanford.edu/schoolofhumanitiesandsciences/http://humsci.stanford.edu/about).

Prospective applicants and candidates for the degree of Bachelor of Arts, Bachelor of Science, Bachelor of Arts and Sciences, Master of Arts, Master of Fine Arts, Master of Public Policy, Master of Science, Doctor of Musical Arts, or Doctor of Philosophy should consult the relevant department or program for detailed information about application procedures and degree requirements.

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