

UC SANTA CRUZ



The Social Sciences: A force for positive change



“The Division of Social Sciences is on the cutting edge of research and education on critical issues facing society. It will be a privilege to help raise the national prominence of the division’s already distinguished departments, research centers, and programs. Our potential is unlimited.”

Sheldon Kamieniecki
Dean of Social Sciences

Sheldon Kamieniecki’s academic interests focus on environmental policy, elections, voting behavior, and public opinion. Before coming to Santa Cruz in 2006, he had taught at the University of Southern California since 1981. He is the author of *Corporate America and Environmental Policy: How Often Does Business Get Its Way?* (Stanford University Press, 2006) and coeditor of *Business and Environmental Policy: Corporate Interests in the American Political System* (MIT Press, 2007).

As the Division of Social Sciences at UC Santa Cruz moves forward, it remains sharply focused on the study of human relationships and the functioning of society.

Since its inception, the division has aimed for the highest possible distinction in scholarly research, extending boundaries of knowledge in both traditional and new fields in the social sciences. Research, both disciplinary and interdisciplinary, has a major focus on the study of human relationships in society. As social, economic, political, and technological changes transform society, social scientists are tackling extremely complex issues, from racism, economic inequity, and educational reform to environmental degradation, international trade and finance, and how the human mind works.

Five major themes guide the division’s continued development: culture, learning, and knowledge; environment and sustainable development; globalization and governance; science, technology, and human development; and social justice, identity, and power.

The Division of Social Sciences is the largest academic unit on the UC Santa Cruz campus. Its eight departments offer more than 35 undergraduate and graduate degree programs, many of which are interdisciplinary. The division’s curriculum touches upon such diverse topics as culture, public health, social justice, political economy, international relations, the social impacts of technological change, the sustainability of ecological systems, and human learning and development.

The division awards 51 percent of the total number of bachelor’s degrees and 24 percent of the total number of doctoral degrees at UCSC. It also offers several graduate programs at the master’s level that emphasize professional training. A large percentage of undergraduates move on to graduate or professional schools, and many Ph.D. students have been placed at prestigious universities in the country. Finally, the division has six distinguished research centers whose interdisciplinary work offers outstanding educational opportunities for undergraduate and graduate students.

Committed to undergraduate and graduate education, methodological pluralism, innovative disciplinary and interdisciplinary research, and community engagement, the division’s diverse programs teach students to think analytically and critically about the major problems that confront society in order to understand and, when necessary, change today’s world.

Facts and Figures, 2010

Professorial faculty: 157
Undergraduate majors: 5,924 (40% of UCSC under-graduate majors)
Graduate students: 427 (30% of UCSC graduate students)

Degree Programs

Anthropology (B.A., Ph.D.)
Applied Economics and Finance (M.S.)
Business Management Economics (B.A., combined B.A./M.S.*)
Cognitive Science (B.S.)
Economics (B.A., combined B.A./M.S.*)
Education (M.A., Ph.D., Ed.D. in Collaborative Leadership)
Environmental Studies (B.A., Ph.D.)
Global Economics (B.A., combined B.A./M.S.*)
International Economics (Ph.D.)
Latin American and Latino Studies (B.A., Ph.D.)
Legal Studies (B.A.)
Politics (B.A., Ph.D.)
Psychology (B.A., Ph.D.)
Sociology (B.A., Ph.D.)

*M.S. is in Applied Economics and Finance

Major Research Centers

Center for Agroecology and Sustainable Food Systems
Center for Collaborative Research for an Equitable California
Center for Global, International and Regional Studies
Center for Integrated Water Research
Chicano/Latino Research Center
Institute for Scientist and Engineer Educators
Santa Cruz Institute for International Economics
Science and Justice Research Center

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Measures of Excellence

- ▶ The **Economics Department** ranked 9th world wide in the field of international finance among 300 research universities surveyed.
- ▶ **UCSC ranked first** in the U.S. among public universities for the quality of its research productivity in social sciences.
- ▶ The programs of the **Center for Agroecology and Sustainable Food Systems**, acknowledged as “the birthplace of organics,” increase sustainability and social justice in agriculture.
- ▶ **Faculty win the top prizes** in social sciences—e.g., the Kurt Lewin Award in psychology, the McGraw Prize in education, and the Civic Entrepreneur of the Year Award.
- ▶ The **Environmental Studies Department**, one of the first to offer a Ph.D., leads the nation in restoration, conservation, global change, agroecology research, and environmental policy analysis.
- ▶ The **Psychology Department’s** program in developmental psychology, emphasizing context and culture, is one of the country’s strongest and best known, and the social psychology program’s focus on social justice garners national attention.

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