SCHOOL OF SOCIAL AND BEHAVIORAL SCIENCES

Departments

- Criminal Justice and Sociology
- History and Philosophy
- Political Science
- Psychology

The School of Social and Behavioral Sciences consists of leaders in graduate education at Jackson State University. Academic units comprising the School of Social and Behavioral Sciences are the Department of Criminal Justice and Sociology, the Department of History and Philosophy, the Department of Political Science, and the Department of Psychology.

In addition to the four academic units shown above, students and faculty participate in several interdisciplinary research and citizenship programs -- two centers, the Margaret Walker Alexander National Research Center for the Study of the Twentieth Century African American, spawned from the Department of History; the Alcohol and Drug Studies Center; whose genesis was the Department of Sociology; a planned program of research for the Department of Psychology, the Community Health Program (CHP) and a Clinical Psychology Services Program; and the Fannie Lou Hamer National Institute on Citizenship and Democracy, which grew out of more than a quarter of a century of activity by the faculty of the Department of Political Science. In addition, the Institute for Social Justice and Race Relations (ISJRR) provides a multifaceted multimedia platform to engage and educate the students, the academic community, and public as it relates to matters of social justice, activism, and race relations.

The aforementioned four units, their programs of teaching, research and service, attract a substantively diverse and international faculty and student body. All graduate programs in the social and behavioral sciences maintain an optimal student enrollment and provide excellent mentoring by core faculty with combined research and practitioner experiences in traditional academic specializations and public service roles. Graduate students are expected to meet with their mentors many times during the course of the academic year and are encouraged to begin research projects with their mentor the summer preceding their admission. Graduate coursework, preliminary examinations, qualifying examinations, internships, thesis and/or major papers, and dissertation preparation, are the major components of the graduate programs in the School of Social and Behavioral Sciences. The College of Liberal Arts' two doctoral programs - Clinical Psychology and Public Administration - have excellent teaching faculty with planned programs of clinical and field research. The social and behavioral sciences have engaged teaching faculty with quality research publications. The School of Social and Behavioral Sciences generates large sums of external funds to support graduate student fellowships, foster research opportunities that advance student's careers, generate new knowledge/discoveries in collaboration with graduate students.

The School of Social and Behavioral Sciences offers the Doctor of Philosophy in Clinical Psychology and Public Administration; the Master of Arts in Criminal Justice and Justice Services, History, Political Science, and Sociology.

Masters

- Criminology and Justice Services (M.A.) Non-Thesis Option (https://jsums-public.courseleaf.com/graduate/college-liberal-arts/school-social-behavioral-sciences/criminology-justice-services-ma-non-thesis-option/)
- Criminology and Justice Services (M.A.) Thesis Option (https://jsums-public.courseleaf.com/graduate/college-liberal-arts/school-social-behavioral-sciences/criminology-justice-services-thesis/)
- History (M.A.) (https://jsums-public.courseleaf.com/graduate/college-liberal-arts/school-social-behavioral-sciences/history-ma/)
- Political Science (M.A.) (https://jsums-public.courseleaf.com/graduate/college-liberal-arts/school-social-behavioral-sciences/political-science-ma/)
- Public Policy and Administration (M.P.P.A.) (https://jsums-public.courseleaf.com/graduate/college-liberal-arts/school-social-behavioral-sciences/public-policy-administration-mppa/)
- Sociology (M.A.) Concentraton in Alcohol/Drug Studies (https://jsums-public.courseleaf.com/graduate/college-liberal-arts/school-social-behavioral-sciences/sociology-ma-concentraton-alcohol-drug-studies/)
- Sociology (M.A.) Concentraton in Alcohol/Drug Studies Non-Thesis (https://jsums-public.courseleaf.com/graduate/college-liberal-arts/school-social-behavioral-sciences/sociology-ma-concentraton-alcoholdrug-studies-non-thesis/)
- Sociology (M.A.) Non-Thesis Option (https://jsums-public.courseleaf.com/graduate/college-liberal-arts/school-social-behavioral-sciences/sociology-ma-non-thesis-option/)
- Sociology (M.A.) Thesis Option (https://jsums-public.courseleaf.com/graduate/college-liberal-arts/school-social-behavioral-sciences/sociology-ma-thesis-option/)

Doctoral

- Psychology (Ph.D.) (https://jsums-public.courseleaf.com/graduate/college-liberal-arts/school-social-behavioral-sciences/psychology-phd/)
- Public Administration (Ph.D.) (https://jsums-public.courseleaf.com/graduate/college-liberal-arts/school-social-behavioral-sciences/public-administration-phd/)