

Social Sciences Division

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The Social Sciences Division is the largest within the university, with 20 percent of the faculty and more than 25 percent of student enrollments. It is also the most diverse, which encourages the offering of a wide range of theoretical approaches and empirical methodologies. These allow for a much better understanding of the ways in which human beings, past and present, have organized their lives. This diversity offers both scholars and students an unparalleled opportunity to range far and wide in their search for solutions to individual, social, and global problems.