

## **Vision**

*The College of Social Sciences supports students and faculty to be change leaders through critical inquiry, interdisciplinary collaboration, and community engagement to build a prosperous, just and sustainable future.*

## **Mission**

*CoSS creates inclusive learning environments that emphasize academic excellence, innovative research, and theory-informed practice. Students critically engage with complex social problems, generate dynamic solutions, and develop leadership skills to transform our communities and future world. CoSS faculty and students conduct cutting edge research that advances understanding of the social, cultural, economic, psychological, and environmental dimensions of human behavior. Through our teaching, research, and collaboration, we advance solutions to society's challenges in San José, Silicon Valley, the Bay Area, and the world.*

## **Priorities**

*The College of Social Sciences is:*

- *Visible: We dedicate attention and resources to critical social problems and their solutions*
- *Interdisciplinary: We collaborate across diverse disciplines, discourses and contexts of learning in the social sciences*
- *Engaged: We partner with community, government, and private sector to realize the impact of our work*

## **Programs**

African American Studies  
Anthropology  
Asian American Studies  
Behavioral Sciences  
Chicana and Chicano Studies  
Communication Studies  
Economics  
Environmental Studies  
Forensic Science  
Geography & GIS

Global Studies  
History  
Justice Studies  
Native American & Indigenous Studies  
Political Science  
Psychology  
Public Administration  
Sociology  
Urban Planning  
Women, Gender, Sexuality Studies

## **Institutes & Centers**

Burdick Military History Project  
Communication Center  
Environmental Resource Center (ERC)  
Ethnic Studies Collaborative  
Human Rights Institute  
Institute for Metropolitan Studies (IMS)

Institute for Public Affairs and Civic Engagement  
Project Rebound  
Record Clearance Project  
Sourisseau Academy for State and Local History  
Spatial Analytics and Visualization (SAVI)