

DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SCIENCES

General Information

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Mission and Goals

The Department of Social Sciences at Clayton State University is concerned with applying social scientific theory, methodology, and research to studying Criminal Justice, Legal Studies, Government, Sociology, and Social Services. The mission of the Department is to educate future professionals so that they can apply their social scientific knowledge and critical thinking skills to solve problems in their respective careers and future educational pursuits. The Department obliges to teach students the fundamentals of research in the Department's constituent disciplines and the importance of service to the community. The Department also seeks to encourage and support the individual scholarship of its faculty members, and the incorporation of this knowledge into Department curricula. Through fulfilling these responsibilities, the Department of Social Sciences at Clayton State University endeavors to prepare students for professional lives in academia, government, the non-profit community, and the private sector, as well as for intellectually enriched and socially fruitful lives.

The department is responsible for the following programs:

- Associate of Science (AS) degree in Paralegal Studies - **ABA Approved**
- One Year Certificate in Paralegal Studies - **ABA Approved**
- Bachelor of Science (BS) degree in Criminal Justice
- Bachelor of Science (BS) degree in Legal Studies. - **ABA Approved**
- Bachelor of Science (BS) degree in Government & Public Service
- Bachelor of Science (BS) degree in Sociology & Social Services
- Master of Public Administration (MPA) degree
- Public Policy Graduate Certificate
- Nonprofit Management Certificate
- Service courses that support Interdisciplinary Studies and that may serve other programs as general electives.
- Core IMPACTS courses in Citizenship, Social Sciences, and Field of Study Pre-requisites.

Programs

Associate Program

- Paralegal Studies, AS (<https://catalog.clayton.edu/academic-catalog/arts-sciences/social-sciences/paralegal-studies-as/>)

Baccalaureate Programs

- Criminal Justice, BS (<https://catalog.clayton.edu/academic-catalog/arts-sciences/social-sciences/criminal-justice-bs/>)
- Government & Public Service, BS (<https://catalog.clayton.edu/academic-catalog/arts-sciences/social-sciences/government-and-public-service-bs/>)
- Legal Studies, BS (<https://catalog.clayton.edu/academic-catalog/arts-sciences/social-sciences/legal-studies-bs/>)

- Sociology & Social Services, BS (<https://catalog.clayton.edu/academic-catalog/arts-sciences/social-sciences/sociology-and-social-services-bs/>)

Certificate Programs

- Paralegal Studies, Certificate (<https://catalog.clayton.edu/academic-catalog/arts-sciences/social-sciences/paralegal-studies-certificate/>)

Minor Programs

- Criminal Justice, Minor (<https://catalog.clayton.edu/academic-catalog/arts-sciences/social-sciences/criminal-justice-minor/>)
- Government & Public Service, Minor (<https://catalog.clayton.edu/academic-catalog/arts-sciences/social-sciences/government-and-public-service-minor/>)
- Pre-Law, Minor (<https://catalog.clayton.edu/academic-catalog/arts-sciences/social-sciences/pre-law-minor/>)
- Social Work, Minor (<https://catalog.clayton.edu/academic-catalog/arts-sciences/social-sciences/social-work-minor/>)
- Sociology, Minor (<https://catalog.clayton.edu/academic-catalog/arts-sciences/social-sciences/sociology-minor/>)

Shared Programs

- Forensics, Minor (<https://catalog.clayton.edu/academic-catalog/arts-sciences/biology/forensics-minor/>)

Faculty

Andrea Allen Rodger Bates (Emeritus) Matthew S. Cornick (Emeritus) Kevin Demmitt Nayab Hakim Antoinette France-Harris Lisa D. Holland-Davis Taralyn Keese Joshua R. Meddaugh Nasser Momayezi (Retired) Mara A. Mooney David Peña Leah Pieper Karen Beasley Young