

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
- One Year Certificate in Paralegal Studies
- Bachelor of Science (BS) degree in Criminal Justice
- Bachelor of Science (BS) degree in Legal Studies.
- Bachelor of Science (BS) degree in Government & Law
- Bachelor of Science (BS) degree in Sociology & Social Services
- Master of Public Administration (MPA) degree
- Service courses that support Interdisciplinary Studies and that may serve other programs as general electives.
- Core curriculum courses in Area E

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 & Law, BS (<https://catalog.clayton.edu/academic-catalog/arts-sciences/social-sciences/government-and-law-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 & Law, Minor (<https://catalog.clayton.edu/academic-catalog/arts-sciences/social-sciences/government-and-law-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/>)

Faculty

Rodger Bates (Emeritus)
 Matthew S. Cornick (Emeritus)
 Kevin Demmitt
 Nayab Hakim
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