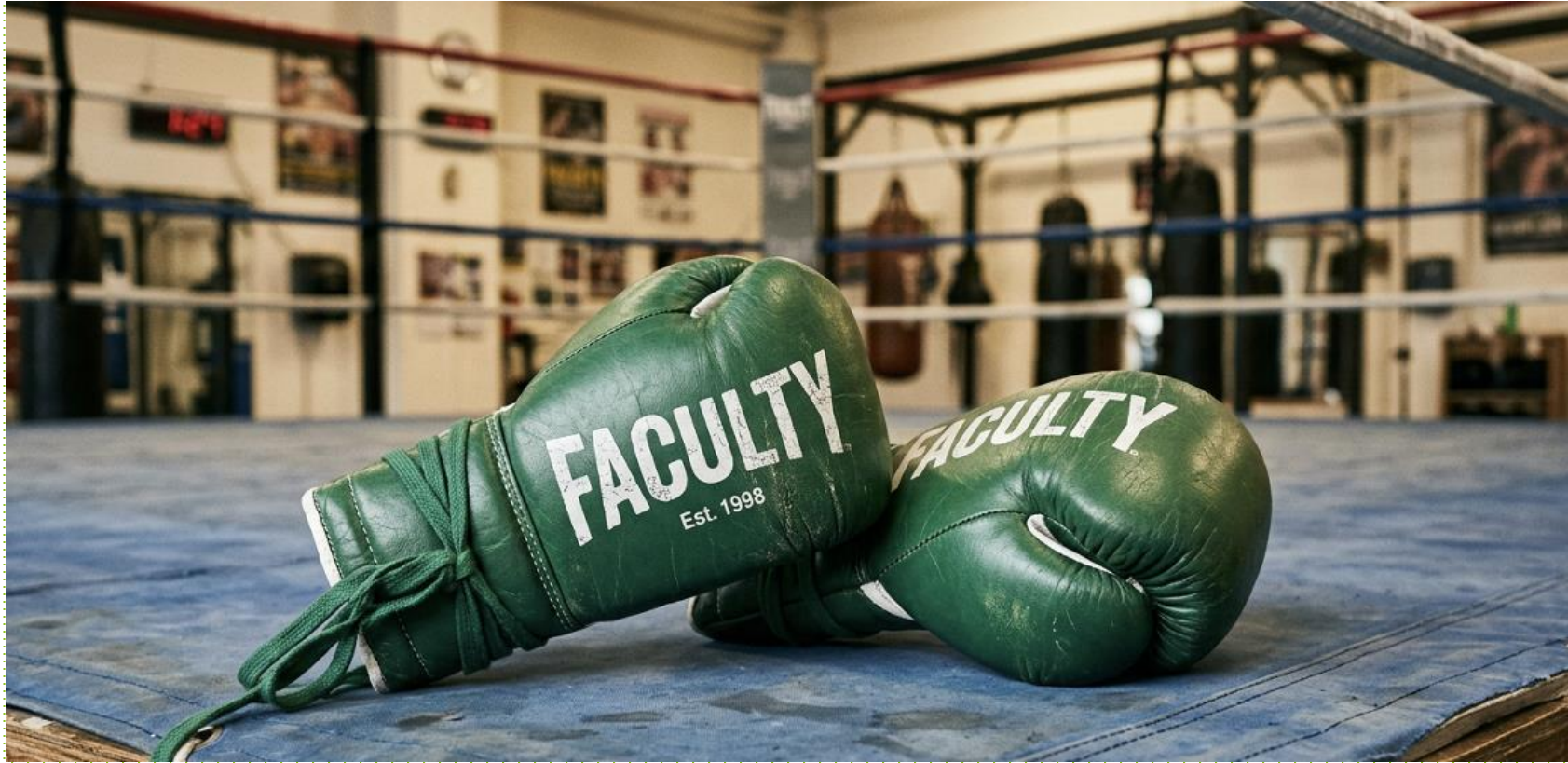


2026 SS Program Review Presentation



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“We punch way above our weight.”



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Question for Audience

How many social science departments do we currently maintain? **Can you name them all?**



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Current Disciplines

Anthropology

Communication Studies

Economics

Ethnic Studies

History

Philosophy

Political Science

Psychology

Sociology



Mission

Our mission is to educate students in the forms of human behavior, both past and present— in individual, group, national, and international contexts— and to empower students to act as democratic participants in a rapidly changing society. We aim to teach students how to acquire and evaluate knowledge and to promote critical thinking that applies to themselves and to the world.



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College Involvement

Academic Senate
Accreditation
ACCJC
Administration selection committees
AFT
Cañada College Scholarship Committee
College for Working Adults (CWA)
Community of Learning Through Sports (COLTs)
Curriculum Committee
Distance Education Advisory Committee
District Study Abroad Advisory Committee
Dreamers Task Force
EOPS Advisory Board
Equity and Antiracism Planning Council
Faculty Diversity Internship Program
Faculty Tenure-Track Evaluation Committees
Faculty Tenured Evaluation Committees
Flex Day Presenters
Full-time faculty selection committees
GE Pathways
Guided Pathways
Honors Transfer Program Advisory Committee

Honors Transfer Program Coordination
Humanities and Social Sciences Awards Committee
Instructional Assessment Coordination
Instructional Planning Counsel (IPC)
Mentor to new faculty members
ZTC Task Force
Online Instruction Coordination
Part-time Faculty Evaluation Committees
Part-time Faculty Hiring Committees
PBC College Committee Organization Taskforce
Planning and Budget Committee (PBC)
Professional Development Planning Committee
Program Review Taskforce
PTK Honors Society
Social Sciences of Cañada College Scholarship Committee
Strategic Enrollment Management Committee
Teaching, Learning, & Assessment Coach
Technology Committee
Umoja
And MORE!



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Degree Options

Anthropology, AA & AA-T

Communication Studies, AA & AA-T

Economics, AA & AA-T

Ethnic Studies AA

History, AA & AA-T

Philosophy, AA & AA-T

Political Science, AA & AA-T

Emphases include: Pre-Law and Public Administration & Service

Psychology, AA & AA-T

Sociology, AA & AA-T

Latin American and Latino Studies

Interdisciplinary Studies with an Emphasis in Social
and Behavioral Sciences



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Program Learning Outcomes	Institutional Learning Outcomes	Example Assessment Options
(P1) Analyze Social Science concepts and theories	(I1) Critical Thinking: Select, evaluate, and use information to investigate a point of view, support a conclusion, or engage in problem solving.	Multiple choice exams, including pre- and post-test survey or test (P1, P2, P3, I1, I3, & I4)
(P2) Evaluate diverse viewpoints related to the human experience	(I2) Creativity: Produce, combine, or synthesize ideas in creative ways within or across disciplines.	Oral Presentations (P1, P2, P3, I1, I2, I3, & I4)
(P3) Produce evidence-based arguments	(I3) Communication: Use language to effectively convey an idea or a set of facts, including the accurate use of source material and evidence according to institutional and discipline standards.	Reflections/Critical Self-Analysis- could include essays with reflections and/or oral presentations, videos or a portfolio (P2, P3, I1, & I2)
	(I4) Community: Understand and interpret various points of view that emerge from a diverse world of peoples and cultures.	
	(I5) Quantitative Reasoning: Represent complex data in various mathematical forms (e.g., equations, graphs, diagrams, tables, and words) and analyze these data to draw appropriate conclusions.	

Program Learning Outcomes- PLO Assessment

A general analytic rubric is used to score a random sample of student writing assignments across the departments to directly measure student writing assignments as a program.

Rubric scoring. When evaluating the student writing assignments, the faculty select one of the five scoring options (0, 0.5, 1, 1.5, or 2) to indicate the students' level of competency ("incomplete" was represented by the scores 0 and 0.5, "acceptable" by 1 or 1.5, and accomplished by a 2). An average score of 1.0 ("acceptable") was desired.



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PLO Assessment 2025

131 SLOs from 40 courses in 7 disciplines were mapped to each of the three social sciences PLOs. 73% of the SLOs mapped to PLO #1, while 50% of the SLOs mapped to PLO #2, and 57% to PLO #3. Overall, we were very satisfied with the outcome. More SLOs map directly to PLO #1 (73%) and PLO #3 (57%) than PLO #2 (50%). However, that makes sense, given that “diverse viewpoints” and “social sciences concepts” apply to lots of different types of assessments and activities, whereas PLO #1 “evidence based argument” is based on a specific type of assessment / activity. Furthermore, since “evidence based arguments” often entail empirical findings that connect to research epistemologies, we would expect this PLO to lag behind the more basic conceptual frameworks that constitute each subfield. Note: The criterion for success was established as part of our group process of review and reflection. While it makes sense that fewer SLOs would map to PLO #1, we would not want that number to drop below 50%.

While this holistic approach to mapping our SLOs to our PLOs is one important measure of success and alignment, our analytic rubric provides a more direct measure of student achievement. As a result, this coming year, we will return to our analytic rubric.



Do the Social Sciences matter today?



- Anthropology
- Communication Studies
- Economics
- Ethnic Studies
- History
- Philosophy
- Political Science
- Psychology
- Sociology

Communications

Discipline Highlights: Communication Studies

- **Faculty**

 - 1 full-time

 - 4 adjuncts

- **Department Load**

 - 35 enrollment cap (898)

 - 2024-25: 511 (25 sections)

 - 2020-25: 518 (156 sections)

- **Productivity & Success**

 - Fill Rate: 2020-25: 76.9%

 - Success Rate: 2020-25: 64.5%

 - Retention Rate: 2024-25: 85.3%

- **Enrollment**

 - COMM department's enrollment increased

 - 20-21 at 844, 21-22 at 748, 22-23 at 694, 23-24 at 809

 - 24-25 at 898



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Discipline Highlights: Communication Studies

Student Focused Areas

Honors

Cañada College is maintaining and developing the Honors Transfer Program.

First COMM-C1000 all honors course offered (FA25)

Developed a partnership with McGraw Hill for an honors Intercultural Project (SU25)

Honors CoR added to Interpersonal Communications (COMM-130/C1004)(FA26)

Study Abroad

Summer 2024 - Ho Chi Minh and Bangkok (Intercultural Communications)

Developing 2027/28 - European Tour (Intercultural Communications)

Discipline Highlights: Communication Studies

ZTC

COMM-C1000, approved ZTC shell and text

COMM-180, approved ZTC shell and text

In-progress: COMM-C1000 Remix/update, COMM-130, COMM-140

Commencement Speakers

Continuous support of the college commencement speaker

CaIGETC

Cañada College is working on expanding options for A1C

Currently C1000

Developing COMM-127 and COMM-140 (appeal SP26)



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Economics

Economics

- ▶ The Discipline
- ▶ Study Abroad
- ▶ Phi Theta Kappa/Honors Transfer Program



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Economics

- ▶ The Discipline (some highlights)
 - ▶ **Modalities:** F2F and online. Day and night. Async option for a feeder high school
 - ▶ Mix of courses and number of sections, post covid: **flat**
 - ▶ **Assessment:** SLO and PLO in compliance
 - ▶ **Curriculum:** updated for content and recent common course numbering changes
 - ▶ **Course success rates:** Slightly below college averages. In line with historical averages and with sister colleges
 - ▶ **Course retention rates:** Above college averages
 - ▶ **Load:** In line with the college average (414 vs 404) and slightly above business average (397)
 - ▶ **SMCCD Economists:** meet each semester
 - ▶ **High schools:** offering 100 and 102 in high schools



Economics

▶ Some Challenges

▶ **Complementary classes:**

- ▶ Are few (e.g., F2F accounting)
- ▶ Scheduling conflicts (e.g., calculus)

▶ **AI**

- ▶ How and what do we access?

▶ **Equity Challenges**

- ▶ Women and low income students

▶ Some Opportunities

▶ **Home schooled**

- ▶ recruiting

▶ **Accounting/Econ graduates**

- ▶ High demand/high salary

▶ **Men in Econ:**

- ▶ Oversubscribed/ successful (our campus is 40% male)



Salaries and Jobs

According to the Bureau of Labor Statistics
<https://www.bls.gov/ooh/life-physical-and-social-science/economists.htm>
the median salary for economists in the United States was \$115,440



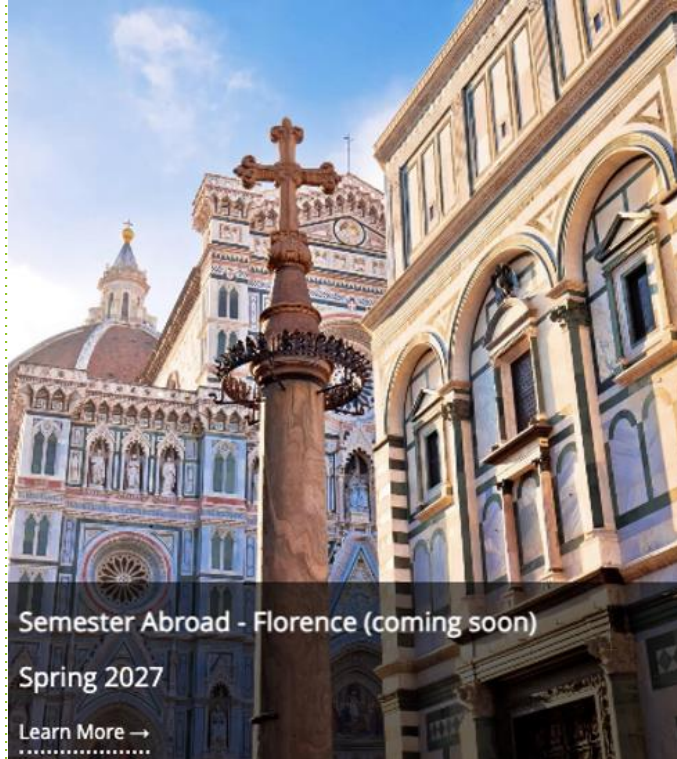
Jobs

- Traditional:
 - Banking, finance, hi tec, government
- Emerging:
 - Crypto, AI, Blockchain



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Economics



- ▶ Study Abroad (an opportunity)
 - ▶ 2023 Spring Florence
 - ▶ The economics of *fashion*.
 - ▶ 2027 Spring Florence
 - ▶ Origins of the *slow food* movement.
 - ▶ *Challenge: Recruiting takes time and needs spaces*
- ▶ Advantages for the Social Sciences:
 - ▶ We are, mostly one person departments
 - ▶ The experiences we can offer our students are limited.
 - ▶ However, Study Abroad can act a a counter-weight
 - ▶ *Social sciences are, at root, the study of people*

Political Science

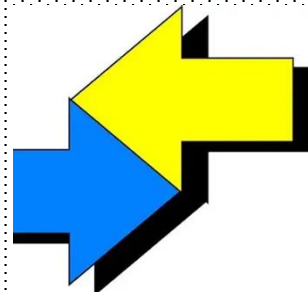
Political Science Department

Foundational Components

- 1 full-time professor
- 2 adjunct professors
- 7 classes/semester offered
- 2 courses are Umoja Program cohorted
- 2 core courses (POLS 210 & 310)
 - F2F, online and hybrid



Professor Ware and Talaya (POSC major) visiting Morgan State (October 2025)



Professor Ware and Pamela (POSC major) visiting UCLA's Political Science Department (March 2026)



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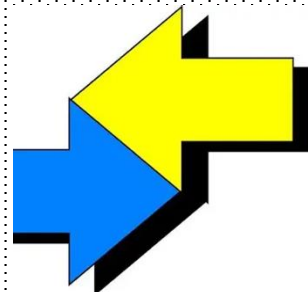
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Data Dashboard Highlights: Political Science

1. Umoja cohorted classes have significantly and consistently higher success and retention rates (90%+)
2. Courses taught by faculty trained with the Umoja Program practices have the same achievements



Departments:

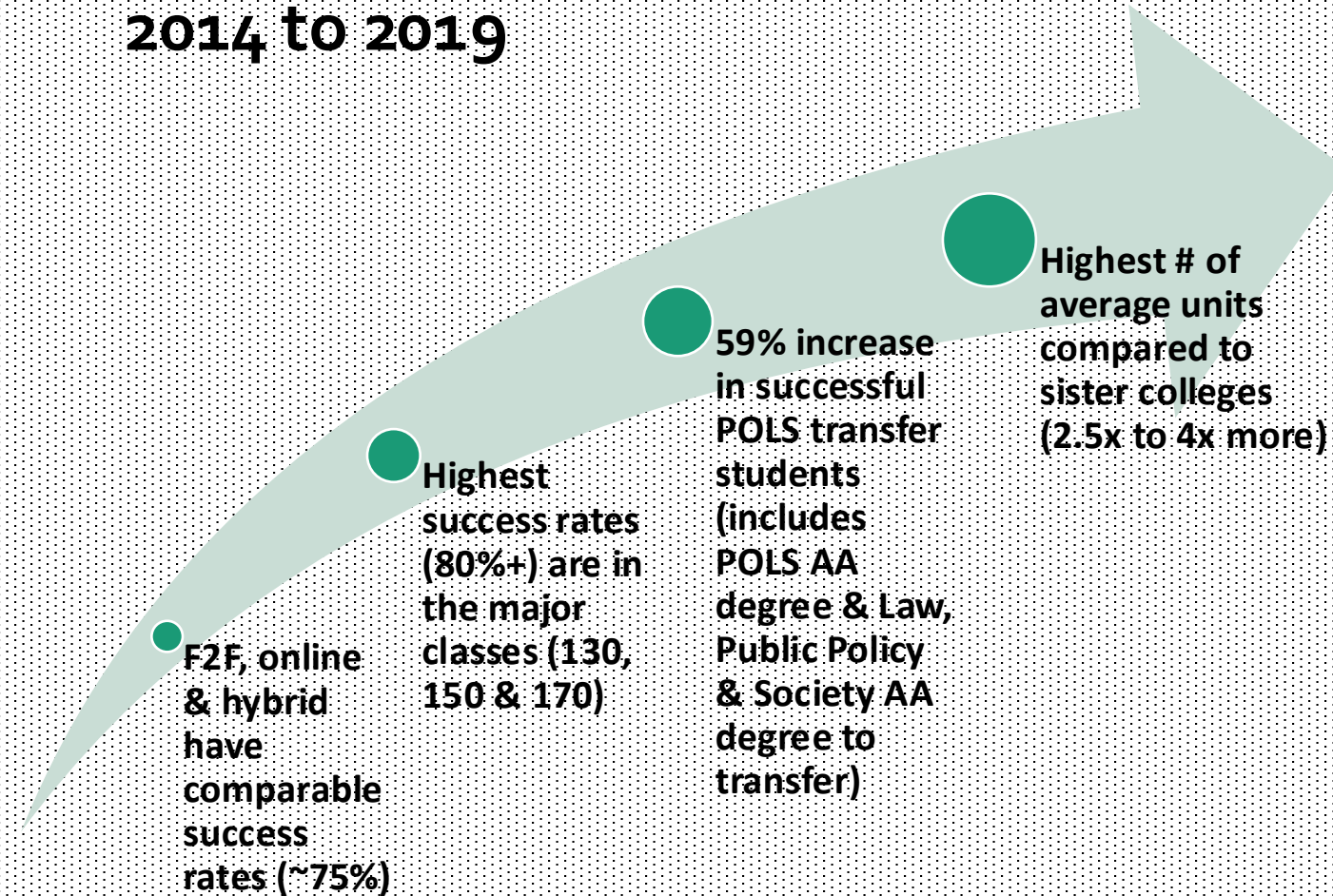
1. English
2. Math
3. Political Science
4. Academic Counseling



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Data Dashboard Highlights: Political Science

2014 to 2019



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Data in Action: Political Science

Critical Thinking and Voting

Understanding Critical Thinking in the AI Context: Critical thinking involves novel, self-directed, and effective reasoning, where individuals analyze information, evaluate evidence, and make sound judgments rather than simply repeating learned steps or relying on authority figures. In the age of AI these skills are increasingly important because AI tools generate polished, authoritative-looking content that may not always be accurate. Users must actively ***verify facts, question conclusions and compare outputs*** against other sources to maintain genuine comprehension. (Source: MIT)



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Former Political Science Student



Autumn McMahon

Cañada College PTK President (2016-17)

Presidential Leadership Award, Cañada College (2017)

Political Science, BA - UCB (2019)

CWA/NOW Retention Specialist, Cañada College (2020-)

Umoja Program Retention Support (2021 -)



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Student Feedback: Political Science

Student quote (February 2025):

. . . I was an international student from Uruguay and I was one of your students back in 2011, I played on the soccer team there and ended up transferring to a 4 year school in Arkansas. I just wanted to take a minute to thank you for the impact you had in my life, I remember your class was the one that really helped me believe in myself and taught me how to be a critical thinker. I went on to get a Master's Degree in Special Education and I have been in the field teaching for 9 years now. I have two boys . . . they are 10 and 8. I was encouraged to reach out to a former teacher/professor that had a long lasting impact in your life/career . . . and your name came to mind, so I thought about sending you this email. Hope all is well for you, and I hope you are able to continue to impact the lives of many students for many more years to come.

Blessings, DS



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Psychology

Discipline Highlights: Psychology

Psychology is Back!

- A number of recent challenges
 - Full-time faculty position vacant for two years
 - Course scheduling and modality affected leading to less on campus presence
 - Recovering from changes during Covid
- Psychology is currently rebuilding
 - New full-time faculty hire (Fall 2025)
 - Meredith Lanska, PhD
 - Rebuilding on-campus engagement



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Discipline Highlights: Psychology

The Psychology Department offers a variety of courses utilizing varied modalities and times.

- Introduction to General Psychology (PSYC 1000) –F2F, Hybrid, Online
- Psychology of Prejudice and Discrimination (PSYC 106) –Hybrid, Online
- Developmental Psychology (PSYC 200) –F2F, Hybrid, Online
- Research Methods in the Social Sciences (PSYC 205) –F2F, Hybrid
- Social Psychology (PSYC 300) –Hybrid, Online
- Human Sexuality (PSYC 340) –F2F, Hybrid, Online
- Abnormal Psychology (PSYC 410) –Hybrid and Online



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Discipline Highlights: Psychology



Highlight: Research Methods
(hybrid evening class)

Students learn psychology
through hands-on research

Designing studies

Collecting and analyzing data

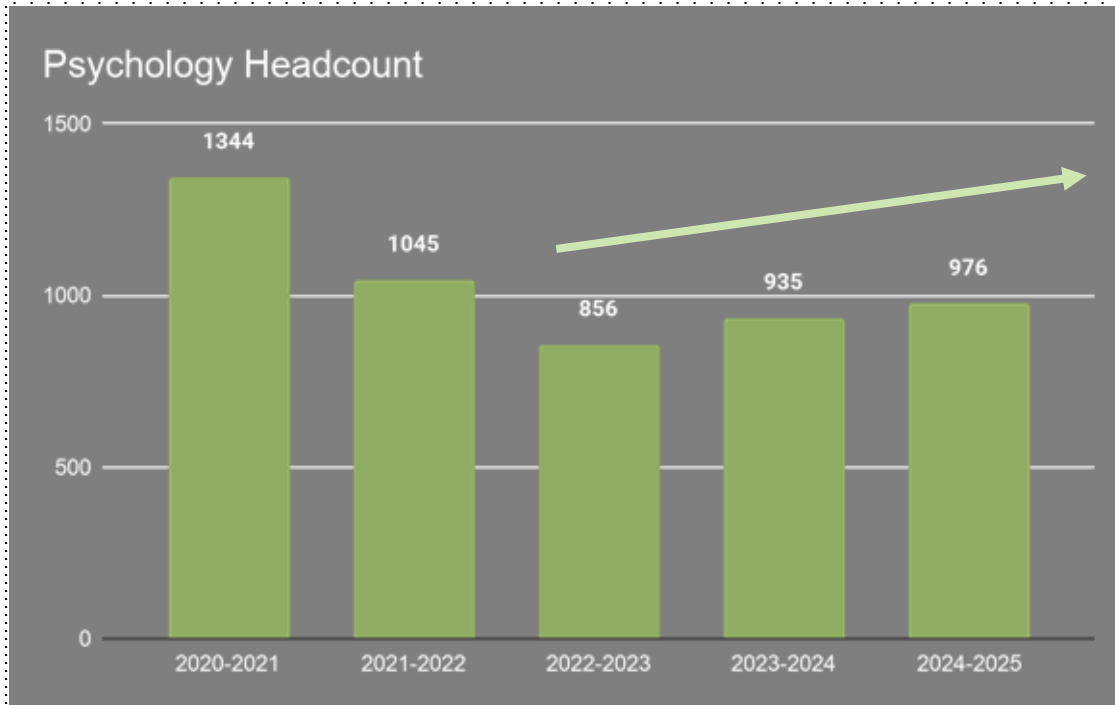
Interpreting findings



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Discipline Highlights: Psychology

Psychology enrollment and engagement are recovering as the program rebuilds.



Student outcomes

Retention: 87–90%
Success: ~77%

slightly above
college averages

Enrollment trends

Enrollment increased 935 → 979
Fill rates also increased



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Sociology

Discipline Highlights: Sociology

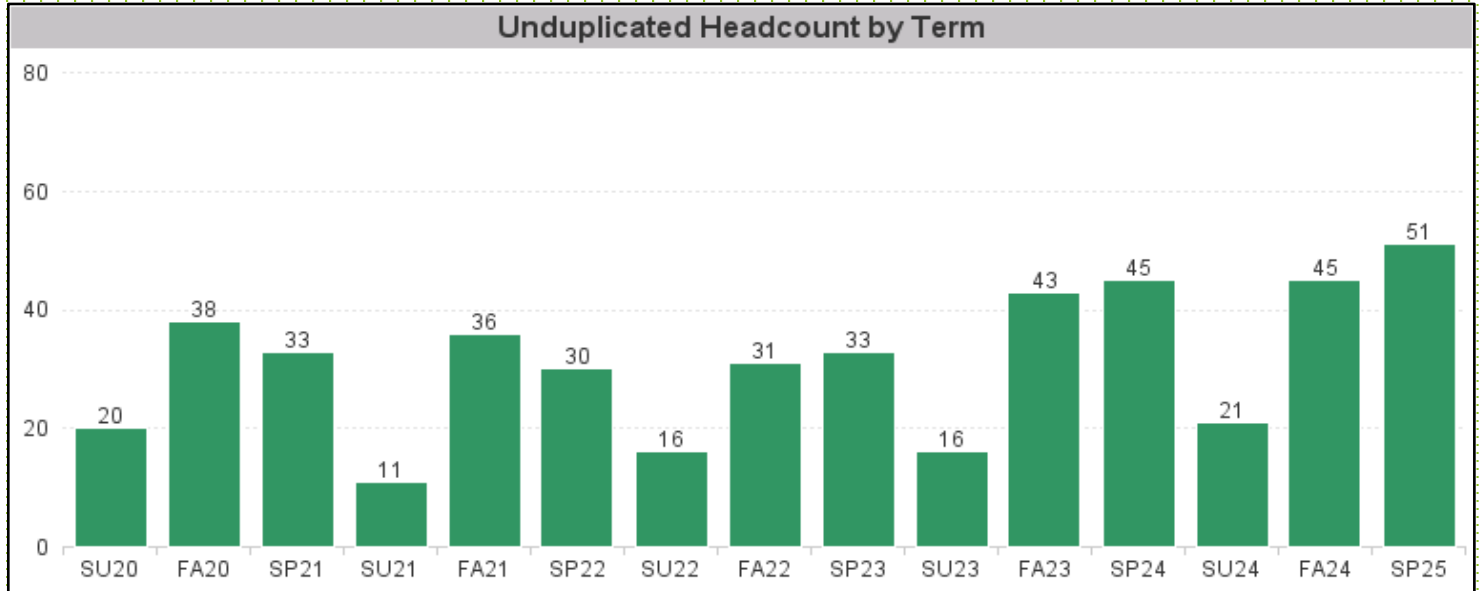
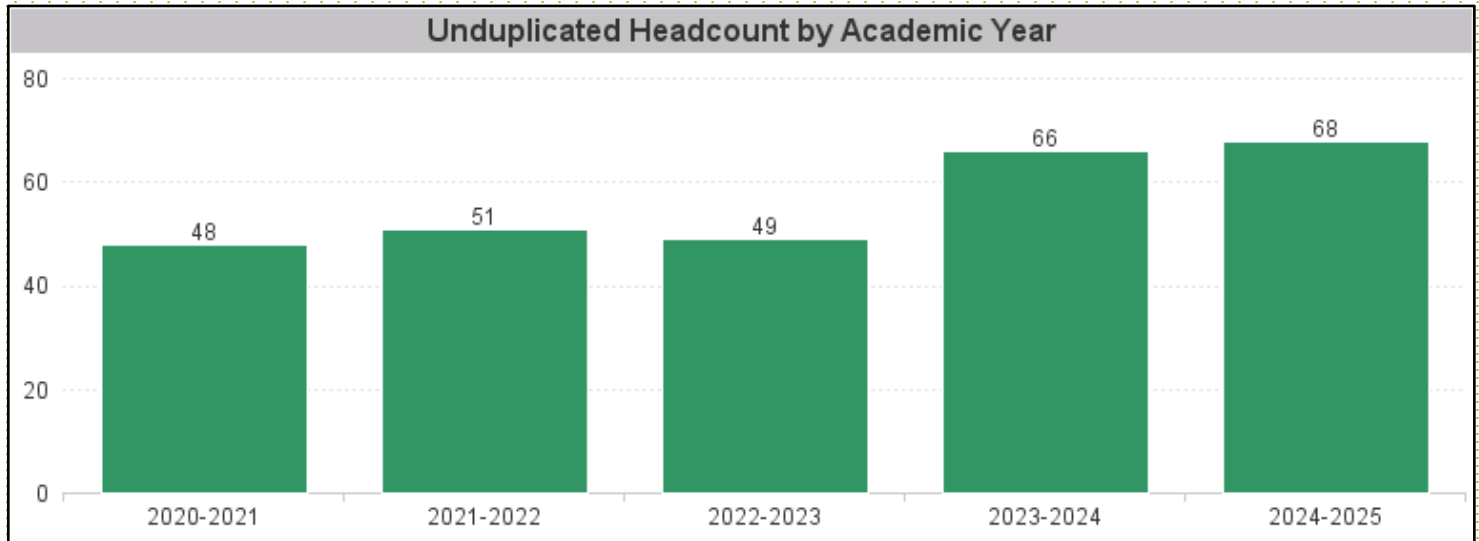
Why Sociology Matters to our College?

- Sociology aligns with the college mission of “promoting social justice and racial equity.”
- Sociology aligns with the campus desire for “interrogating structures of domination” and for promoting the “liberation and empowerment” of our students.
- Sociology promotes the development of empathy which includes the “acknowledgement of power imbalances” and supports community members achieving their educational goals.



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Sociology (2020-2025)



Good news:
Sociology is
recovering
from the
Covid era.

Sociology Success Stories



Nigel Hawkins

- Hometown: East Palo Alto
- 1st generation college student
- Took all four F2F sociology classes
- Awarded Outstanding Student in Sociology
- Elected school President
- Transferred to UC Berkeley in sociology
- Currently in graduate school at SJSU



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Sociology Success Stories

Oton De Souza



- Hometown: Redwood City
- 1st generation college student
- Life changed by Sociology 141 course
- Transferred to UC Berkeley in sociology
- Currently enrolled in Berkeley Law School
 - Interning as public defender in SF
 - Represent persons who cannot afford to hire private legal counsel



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Ethnic Studies

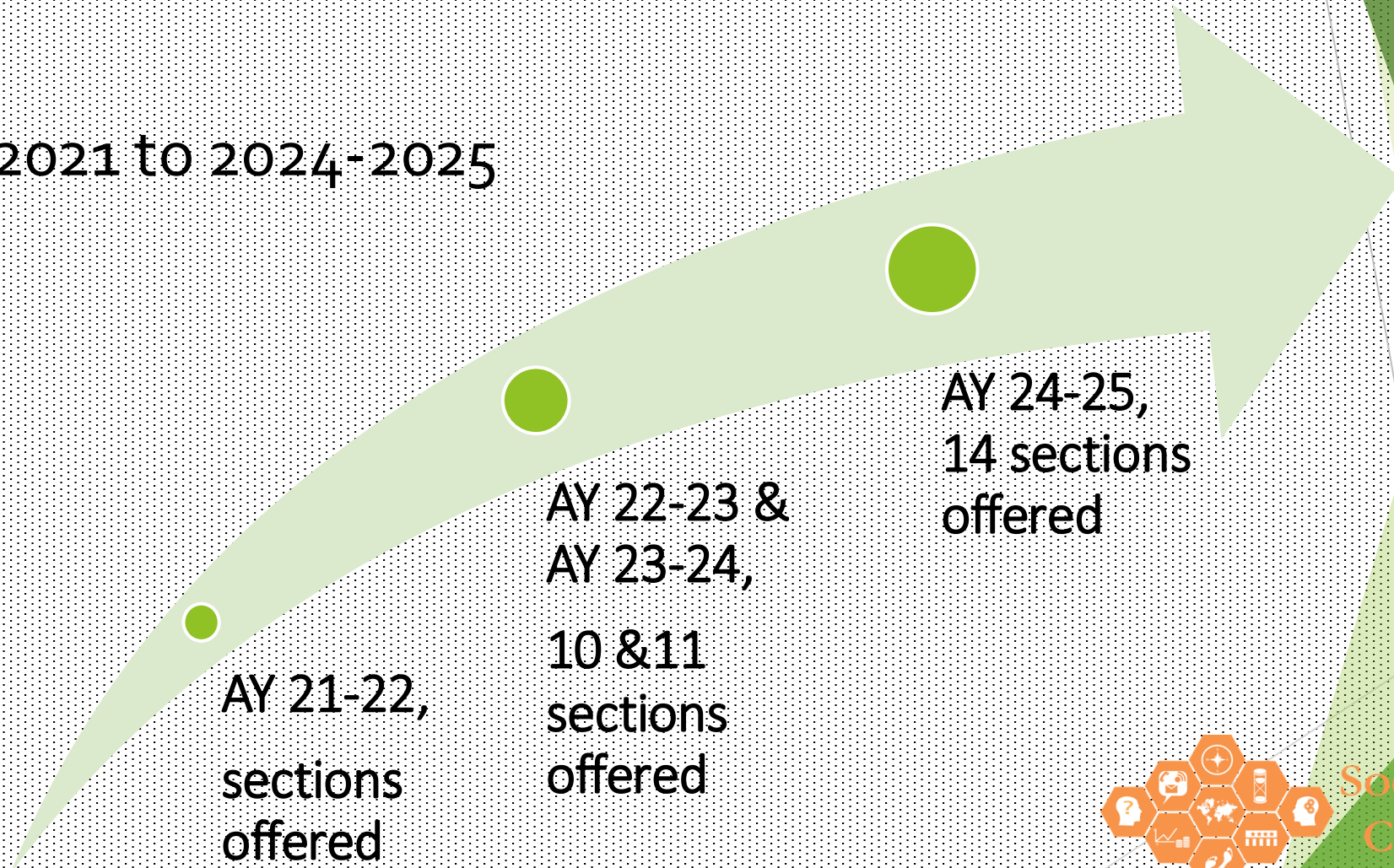
Discipline Highlights: Ethnic Studies

- 2025-2026 course offerings for ETHN majors and GE
 - Six sections offered, three ETHN 108, three ETHN 109
 - Face-to-face, and Online
 - Dual Enrollment
 - Critical thinking, culturally sustaining pedagogies
- Faculty Expertise
 - One full-time & two part-time
 - Comparative Studies in Race and Ethnicity, Chicanx/Latinx
- Collaboration & Involvement with SS & campus initiatives.
 - Dual Enrollment at Pescadero High School every fall for the past three years



Discipline Highlights: Ethnic Studies

2020-2021 to 2024-2025



AY 21-22,
sections
offered

AY 22-23 &
AY 23-24,
10 & 11
sections
offered

AY 24-25,
14 sections
offered



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Ethnic Studies New Faculty Jaime Barajas

- BA, California State University, Chico
– Multicultural and Gender Studies
- MA, San Jose State University
– Chicana and Chicano Studies
- Collaborated with Gonzalo Arrizon, and the COLTS-U Transfer Center on a 'Why Ethnic Studies/Latinx Studies event?' Fall 2024
- Collaborated with AANHPI STAR and Social Science to welcome Dr. Anthony Ocampo, Sociology & Ethnic Studies, Cal Poly Pomona



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History



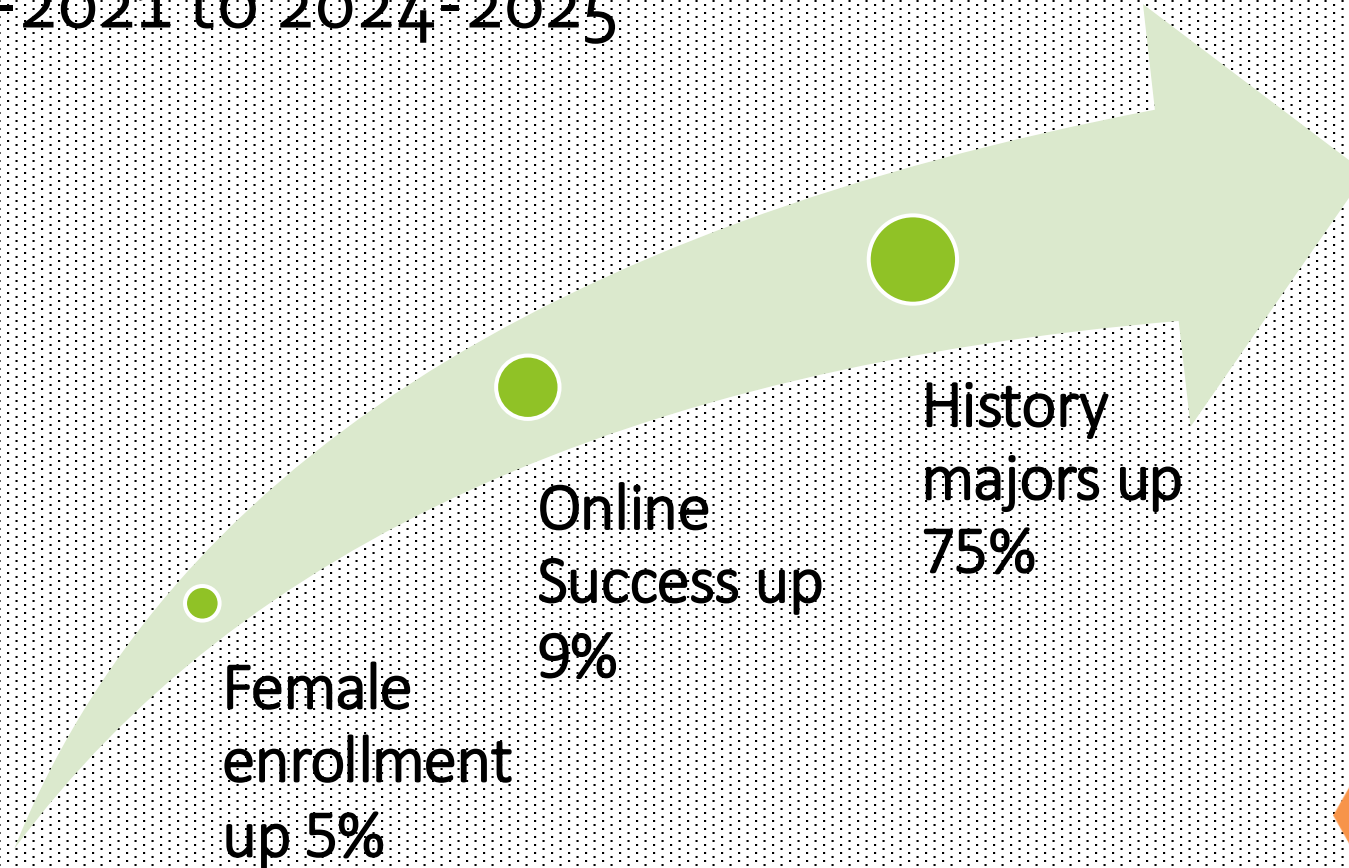
Discipline Highlights: History

- **Robust course offerings for HIST majors and GE**
 - Six core; three selective courses
 - Face-to-face, Hybrid, and Online.
 - Independent Study, Honors, AANHPI S.T.A.R.
 - Critical thinking, hands-on learning
- **Faculty Expertise**
 - Two full-time & two part-time
 - U.S., Europe, and Latin America
- **Collaboration & Involvement with SS & campus initiatives**
 - Honors, Dual Enrollment, Social Sciences TOIs, Teas



Discipline Highlights: History

2020-2021 to 2024-2025



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Discipline Highlights: History

- Field Trips
- Guest Speakers
- Events



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Discipline Highlights: History



Anthropology

What do the following people have in common?

Alicia Aguirre, Professor of ESL (and several terms as Mayor and Vice Mayor of Redwood City, the first Latina mayor)

Melissa Moreno, Chancellor

Joshua Forman-Ortiz, Student Life and Leadership Assistant

Hyla Lacefield, Professor of Digital Art and Animation



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Discipline Highlights: Anthropology



The average salary for an Anthropologist is \$79,402 in 2026

Base Salary
\$62k - \$114k
Total Pay
\$46k - \$199k

Source: Payscale.com

Anthropologists in the San Francisco Bay Area work across a diverse range of fields with high concentrations in technology (UX research) and cultural resource management (CRM).



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Discipline Highlights: Anthropology

There are NO equity gaps in retention and success rates in Anthropology.

The department has one of the highest retention (91%) and success rates (82%) in the college.

Both online and face to face sections maintain high success rates.

Curriculum is brought to life through field trips, activities, and study abroad opportunities



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Student Quote: Anthropology

“I’ll never see the world the same way again.”



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Philosophy

Discipline Highlights: **Why Philosophy?**

Philosophy thrives in times in social and political upheaval

ICE is detaining indiscriminately. And releasing almost no one.

Heidi Altman

Oct 21, 2025 · Immigrants in detention face desperation and sheer exhaustion. Through a series of legal, policy and bureaucratic machinations, the Trump administration is ensuring there is almost no way out of immigration detention other

What canceled climate data would have shown: The costliest 6 months of weather disasters on record

The 'forever layoffs' era hits a recession trigger as corporates sack 1.1 million workers through

By Nick Lichtenberg and Eva Roytburg

December

Algorithmic Political Bias in Artificial Intelligence Systems

[Uwe Peters](#) ^{1,2,3,88}

Abstract

Some artificial intelligence (AI) systems can display algorithmic bias, i.e. they may produce outputs that unfairly discriminate against people based on their social identity. Much

[MoneyWatch](#)

Wealth inequality in America just hit its widest gap in more than 3 decades

By [Mary Cunningham](#)

Updated on: January 21, 2026 / 5:11 PM EST / CBS News

Discipline Highlights: Philosophy

Course Offering Highlights Since 2020

Offered **two long dormant selective courses**

PHIL 160: Ancient and Medieval Philosophy (Spring 2026)

PHIL 175: Modern Philosophy (Spring 2024)

Scheduling efforts

Offered a **multi-modal course** in Spring 2024 (PHIL 175)

Offer F2F, Hybrid, and Online sections every Fall/Spring

Now offer an **Honors section** every Fall/Spring semester

Added an honors addendum to PHIL 240 in Fall 2023

Implemented an **OER/ZTC Textbook** for Logic in Fall 2025

Caveat: this is an ongoing project



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Discipline Highlights: Philosophy

Curriculum Changes Since 2020

Cal-GETC GE reform = unique impact on Philosophy

Cal-GETC legislation eliminated Intro to Logic from any GE area

PHIL 200 Intro to Logic a core required course for Philosophy

Response to Cal-GETC

Offer PHIL 200 Intro to Logic so long as enrollments hold

Phil 200 best preparation for majors and law school (LSATs)

Pivot to PHIL 210 Symbolic Logic and Argumentative Writing if enrollments in PHIL 200 decline significantly (Cal-GETC 1B)

Redesigned AA degree with SB 893 returning adult students in mind



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Student Engagement & Mentoring: Philosophy

Faculty advisor for Socratic Discussion Club for two years

41 student recommendation letters since 2020

Continued optional web conference review sessions in asynchronous courses



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Links for video recordings of each Live Session:

- [Live Session 1 Video - Exercise 1 Review](#)
- [Live Session 2 Video - Exercise 2 Review](#)
- [Live Session 3 Video - Exercise 3 Review](#)
- [Live Session 4 Video - Exercise 4 Review](#)
- [Live Session 5 Video - Exercise 5 Review](#)
- [Live Session 6 Video - Mid-Term Exam Review](#)
- [Live Session 7 Video - Exercise 6 Review](#)
- [Live Session 8 Video - Exercise 7 Review](#)
- [Live Session 9 Video - Exercise 8 Review](#)
- [Live Session 10 Video - Exercise 9 Review](#)
- [Live Session 11 Video - Exercise 10 Review](#)
- [Live Session 12 - Final Exam Review](#)

Key topics covered in meeting

1. The assignment deadlines for the rest of the course
2. Natural Deduction Proofs (Ch. 7) - first hour of the meeting
3. Predicate Logic Translations (Ch. 8.1) - next 30 minutes of the meeting
4. Predicate Logic Truth Trees - final 30 minutes of the meeting

Live Session Recording



[Link to the cloud recording on Zoom's platform](#). Unlike the embedded video above, Zoom's recording shows the chat dialogue alongside the video recording.

Chat Dialogue for the meeting

- You can use the time stamps in the dialogue history to match up the chat to the video recording.
- [Live Session 12 Chat History.txt](#)

“I have taken PHIL 200 online from Professor Eck (a great professor that is very patient and want you to succeed).”

Social Science Events



Social Sciences Discipline Day

We ❤️ Social Sciences

Topics of Interest (TOIs)

Tea with Social Scientists

SS Showcase Event



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Social Sciences
present



Social Sciences:
The "other"
sciences

Join the Social Sciences throughout the month of
October in celebration of
Social Sciences Discipline Days

*Bldg. 9-307; Space is limited



Tea with a Social Scientist: Tea and snacks provided

Tea with Dr. Juana Maria Rodriguez
Thursday October 4th 2:15-3:00pm
Location: Social Sciences Hub Bldg 9-307*

Speaker Events (hosted by the Equity Lecture Series):

Thursday, October 4th 1-2pm Bldg. 2-10 & 6-7pm Bldg. 3-142

Featuring: Dr. Juana Maria Rodriguez
Topic: Activating Life, re-Imagining Identity: Queer Latinx Activism in 1990s
San Francisco



Wednesday October 17th 9:45-11:00 & 11:10a-12:25p

Featuring: Ron Goode
Topic: Cultural fire and Meadow Restoration
Location: The Grove

Discipline Days: Free Lunch and dessert

Join us in the Social Sciences HUB (Bldg. 9-307) to learn more about Social Sciences majors,
transfer and career opportunities in the "other" sciences!

Wednesday October 17th

9:30-12:30pm with Professor Jessica
Marshall, Anthropology (in the Grove –
snacks provided)

12:30pm-2:00pm with Professors David Eck,
Philosophy & Ami Smith, Psychology (lunch
provided)

2:00pm -3:00pm with Professor Alison Field,
History (lunch provided)



Thursday October 18th - Lunch provided!

10:45a-12:00p with Professor Jessica Kaven,
Communication Studies

11:30a-1:00p with Professors Natalie Alizaga &
Ami Smith, Psychology

12:00p- 1:30p with Professor Lezlee Ware,
Political Science

2:30-3:15pm with Professor Bob Lee, Sociology



The Social Sciences, in collaboration with the Equity Lecture Series, welcome you!

For more information contact:
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Discipline Days



Social Sciences (The "Other" Sciences) Present:

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Social Sciences Discipline Days | in Bldg. 9-307

*space is limited

Discipline Days: Join us in the Social Sciences HUB (Bldg. 9-307) to learn more about Social
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Wednesday Oct. 16

12:00-1:00 p.m. with
Professors David Eck,
Philosophy and
Jessica Kaven,
Communication Studies



Wednesday Oct. 16

12:30-1:30 p.m. with
Professor Jessica
Marshall, Anthropology



Wednesday Oct. 16

2:00-3:00 p.m. with
Professors Alison Field
and Michael Stanford,
History



Thursday Oct. 17

10:00-11:00 a.m. with
Professors Ami Smith
and Natalie Alizaga,
Psychology



Thursday Oct. 17

1:00-2:00 p.m. with
Professors Bob Lee,
Sociology and Paul
Roscelli, Economics



Speaker Event:

Thursday October 17th, 12:15p.m. - 2:15p.m. | Location: Bldg. 2 room 10

Featuring: Carmen Torres, Immigration Institute of the Bay Area | Topic: Know Your Rights: Immigration in the Trump Era

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Join us in the Social Sciences HUB* throughout the month of April in celebration of We ❤️ Social Sciences

*Bldg. 9-307; Space is limited

Tea with a Social Scientist: Tea and snacks provided

Monday April 15th 12:00-1:30pm
With Professor David Eck, Philosophy & Professor Lezlee Ware, Political Science
Discussion topic: Social Justice
Location: Building 9 room 307 (Social Sciences HUB)



Tuesday April 16th 12:00-1:00pm
With Professor Jessica Kaven, Communication Studies
Discussion topic: Interpersonal Communication
Location: Building 9 room 307 (Social Sciences HUB)



Thursday April 25th 11:00am-12:15pm
With Professor Natalie Alizaga, Psychology
Discussion topic: Self-Care for College Students
Location: Building 9 room 307 (Social Sciences HUB)



Tuesday April 30th 9:50am-11:00am
With Professor Ami Smith, Psychology
Discussion topic: Eating Disorders
Location: Building 9 room 307 (Social Sciences HUB)



Topics of Interest:

Monday April 15th 9:45am-11:00am with Professor Bob Lee
Sociology, Professor at Cañada College
Topic: Racial Oppression in America: A Bourdieuan Analysis
Location: Building 6 room 101/102



Event: FREE Lunch and dessert!

Wednesday April 24th 12:30-3:00p. -We ❤️ Social Sciences event –Learn more about Social Sciences majors, careers and classes, transfer requirements and planning, Honors, College for Working Adults and more!
Location: Building 9 room 307 (Social Sciences HUB)

The Social Sciences, in collaboration with ASCC Vending Commission, welcome you!



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Join us!

Social Sciences Showcase Event

Wednesday, October 29th at 2pm

Come to learn about: Anthropology, Communications, Economics, Ethnic Studies, History, Philosophy, Political Science, Psychology, and Sociology!



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Topics of Interest
(TOIs)

Quantum Society: Reflections on Social Ontology, Reflexivity, and Practice

Speaker: Robert Lee



Thursday, Dec.
4th, 2024



2pm-
3pm



Bldg. 3,
Room 142

Description of Talk:

What is society? What is a social structure? What difference does it make if we think quantum mechanically? This talk explores the emerging field of quantum social science and argues society and its social structures are actually living systems or superorganisms. While the organism idea was routinely used by early sociologists, the notion was discarded due to its lack of plausibility. I argue the emerging field of quantum social science makes the superorganism model of society viable.



About the Speaker:

Robert Lee teaches sociology at Canada College. His interests include social theory, theories of ethnicity, and the sociology of religion. His recent work has been published in the *Journal for the Theory of Social Behaviour and Theology and Science*.



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Women's History Month

Social Sciences TOI - Topic of Interest

Ghosts of the American West: Gender, Myth, and the Life of Sarah Winchester

with Guest Speaker, Gracie Dorrance

Tuesday, March 24, 2026, 9:45 AM - 11:00 AM
Building 13, Room #336

The story of the American West is often told as a tale of rugged individualism, masculine heroism, and inevitable progress. But what happens when we center a woman in that story?

This talk explores the life of Sarah Winchester, wealthy heiress and builder of the Winchester Mystery House. Long remembered as an eccentric widow haunted by ghosts, this presentation challenges us to look beyond ghost stories and ask deeper questions about gender, historical memory, and the unfinished legacy of "the West".



Ms. Dorrance (Gracie) began her college journey at Cañada College as a young single mother determined to build a better future for her daughter. While here, she discovered her passion for Political Science and History and graduated from Cañada Cum Laude in 2016. She then went on to earn a B.A. in Political Science, and an MA in History. Her interests include gender and the American West, with a focus on recovering voices often left out of traditional narratives.

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Social Sciences of Cañada College Scholarship: \$500-\$1000

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Profiles of Scholarship Recipients



Alexey Isayev

Major: Slavic Studies
Transferred to: UC - Berkeley

Social Science Topic of Interest: While at Cañada, Alexey presented "United States -- Russian Relations: A Historical Perspective," providing background on current geo-political events.



Autumn McMahon Rose

Major: Political Science
Transferred to: UC - Berkeley

Honors Project: As a Cañada PTK member, Autumn completed a project on cybersecurity, with a focus on new applications of blockchain technology.



Pedro Henrique Borges

Major: Sociology
Transferred to: UC - Los Angeles

Research and Interests: Pedro has worked on a number of social justice issues, including present-day inequalities in American society and the political implications of new media platforms.



Chelsea Brown

Major: Psychology
Honors Project: As a Cañada PTK member, Chelsea completed a project exploring ways blockchain technology could secure migrant identity for safe border-crossing and help international students bypass remittance fees.

Sample of
Scholarship
Recipients



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Faculty Awards/ Commendations

Paul Roscelli— recipient of Most Distinguished PTK Advisor Award (2026)

Bob Lee— published in *Journal for the Theory of Social Behaviour* (2025)

David Eck - District Academic Senate President and Middle College Favorite Professor Award (3 years in a row!)

Jessica Marshall - traveling to Cambridge University to present her work on VR (virtual reality)

And more!



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