Social Sciences at Northwestern

The social sciences relate to the study of human behavior in terms of interpersonal, institutional, and societal relationships. Social scientists explore theories, methods, and research findings related to human behavior and interaction; their work connects human behavior to the larger social, cultural, economic, and political framework of the world in which we live. Study of the social sciences provides students with a wider comprehension of the nature and operation of such structures, including the dynamics of social change.

Humanities at Northwestern

Human culture has created art, language, and literature, constructed and studied philosophical systems, and in these works debated how people function as individuals and within society. The humanities are the branches of knowledge that are concerned with these products of the human intellect. Study of the humanities directly addresses human endeavors, imparting a sense of what it means to be fully human. Students of the humanities develop a deeper self-understanding both as individuals and as citizens in a complex modern world with a rich cultural history.

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