SSIS Retention Statement

The College of Social Sciences and Interdisciplinary Studies is committed to student retention and the reduction of barriers to student persistence and success. Specifically,

We work to ensure that our students’ progress from admission through graduation is efficient and successful.

We seek to foster close connections between our students and their peers, their major departments, the College and individual faculty members.

We seek to develop in our students a sense of identity as social science students who embody the SSIS mission to think critically, act ethically and promote social justice.

We seek to cultivate an intellectual environment that is rewarding, meaningful and life-enhancing.

In service to these goals, we support the following activities and entities at program, department, college and university levels:

- Outreach and orientation;
- Freshmen seminars;
- Individual and group advising, especially during the freshman and sophomore years;
- Mentoring, socializing and networking;
- Student associations and honor societies;
- Remediation resources and early warning systems;
- Equity programs, Learning Communities and other campus-wide retention programs; and
- Identifying predictors of retention for use in crafting retention strategies.