Sacramento State’s College of Social Sciences & Interdisciplinary Studies (SSIS) supports the diversity and vibrancy of the Sacramento region. Located in the capital city of the fifth-largest economy in the world and with the recent opening of Sac State Downtown, our students are given a unique opportunity to work closely with policymakers and tackle challenging social problems. The dynamic curricula and activities within the College examine all aspects of human society, through the study of social justice, policy, mental and physical health, culture, and social behavior across 14 innovative programs.

Our dedicated faculty, staff, and students are committed to challenging the status quo, affecting change, and advancing public service engagement and leadership in an inclusive environment. Key to our students’ success is their awareness of culture and community, scientific thinking and analysis, anti-racist practices, and ethical decision-making. These skills and abilities are critical to the prosperity of our entire community. The College continues to influence discovery, integration, and implementation of the social sciences across the region in work such as:

- **Faculty & Student Research**—focuses on the study of bias, structural racism, oppression, and social justice by our faculty and their students. This work also engages communities through different activities, including interdisciplinary partnerships, conferences, anti-bias trainings, neighborhood youth development programs, and panels on racism.

- **Sacramento Semester**—a highly competitive program, within the Department of Political Science and open to students from across the California State University system, offers a fully immersive learning experience in legislative processes.

- **Social Bridging Project**—a partnership with the Governor’s Office, State Department of Aging, United Airlines, and our nationally ranked Department of Gerontology to connect with older adults who are isolated by the COVID-19 pandemic.

Sacramento is home to change-makers where influential leaders and innovators set policy that shapes the way the world lives. The College of Social Sciences & Interdisciplinary Studies is uniquely situated to be a driver of transformative solutions to society’s most vexing problems.

**Elevate your impact**

**Driving transformative solutions to society’s most vexing problems.**

On the Rise: The Campaign for Sacramento State is supporting the College of Social Sciences & Interdisciplinary Studies as it seeks critical funds for these important initiatives:

- Secure more scholarship funds that help students access a Sacramento State degree and achieve their dreams.
- Transform student learning spaces into living laboratories with practical problem-solving opportunities and applications.
- Create pathways to careers in public service and social justice by expanding our internship and community engagement opportunities.

Together, we will nurture tomorrow’s thinkers, policymakers, and social innovators—and keep Sacramento State On the Rise.
Scholarships and Student Success

- Increase support of vital services for students of diverse backgrounds such as the Cooper-Woodson College Enhancement Program and the SSIS Student Success Center, which are committed to ensuring that all students thrive at Sacramento State.
- Increase scholarship and endowment funds available for current and future students, making a significant and immediate impact on their lives.

Living Laboratories

- Expand and diversify experiential learning opportunities to ensure that every graduate of the College leaves prepared to enter their chosen field with applied experience.
- Create more paid internship opportunities for students allowing them to focus on the real-world experiences these opportunities provide.
- Provide students with opportunities for active engagement in work related to anti-racist issues, disparities, policy, practices, and movements within the community.

Leadership in Anti-Racism, Social Justice, Public Service, and Policy

- Create accessible and equitable pathways for civic engagement and careers in public service and social justice by expanding relationships with potential employers and stakeholders.
- Position a broad range of faculty and students as a resource for state/local government and nonprofit organizations, offering high quality and accessible research, expertise, and community service.
- Provide resources and support for faculty and students engaged in anti-racism and social justice research and community-based activities.

Campaign Priorities

How To Give

At Sacramento State, we are On the Rise and need your support to reach the next level of excellence for our students and community. Your investment will allow us to do even more for our students, our region, and the world.

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ABOUT ON THE RISE
The goal of the $225 million On the Rise campaign is to amplify Sacramento State’s impact in the region, the state, and the world by doubling our current level of private support. The campaign has three priorities: supporting students through increased financial aid and student programs; advancing knowledge through innovative learning approaches; and strengthening the larger Sacramento community through diverse, engaged and impactful teaching and research.

On the Rise campaign is committed to uplifting generations of people in an equitable and sustainable way.