With 50-plus majors in sciences and mathematics, humanities, and social sciences, the College of Arts and Sciences is the heart of the University’s academic experience and home to one-third of all undergraduates.

**Social Sciences**
As a major in one of the social sciences, you’ll study society groups, how they behave and influence the world, and relationships among individuals. Undergraduate social sciences courses are taught by faculty who also hold appointments in SU’s Maxwell School of Citizenship and Public Affairs, the nation’s top graduate school of public affairs (*U.S. News & World Report*).

**Majors**
- Anthropology
- Citizenship and Civic Engagement
- Economics
- Geography
- History
- International Relations
- Latino-Latin American Studies
- Middle Eastern Studies
- Policy Studies (Public Affairs)
- Political Science
- Sociology

**Related Careers**
- Diplomat
- Foreign Service officer
- Journalist
- Lawyer
- Lobbyist
- Nongovernmental organization director
- University professor
- Urban planner

**Combining Majors**
Pursue a dual major or a minor within the College of Arts and Sciences or combine your major with a major/minor from SU’s eight other undergraduate colleges. A few examples:

- **Majors:** International Relations + Broadcast and Digital Journalism  
  **Career:** International affairs correspondent
- **Majors:** Political Science + Communication and Rhetorical Studies  
  **Career:** Campaign manager
- **Major/Minor:** Citizenship and Civic Engagement + Management Studies  
  **Career:** Nonprofit organization director

*On the Cover: Abraham Lincoln statue presides over the Maxwell courtyard*

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The 2014 Model United Nations delegation represented Tunisia.
Citizenship and civic engagement students with Professor Paul Hagenloch

Student volunteers at after-school program as part of Maxwell’s ‘Cuse Spot organization
Why Choose a Major within the Social Sciences?

Gain the communication and analytical skills that employers seek
With liberal arts at the core of your personalized education, you’ll explore multiple disciplines within the College and across the University’s professional schools. You’ll also receive career counseling and direction on internships from the Maxwell Center for Career Development.

Preparation for post-baccalaureate and professional programs
With guidance from the College, you can join the more than one-third of Arts and Sciences students who complete postgraduate study in fields such as business, law, and other professional pursuits.

Jump-start your success as a leader
Add the individualized, hands-on citizenship and civic engagement major to hone your leadership skills through research projects. You’ll develop a deep understanding of social activism, public affairs, and political change.

Two degrees in four years
As a major in the social sciences, you can pursue varied interests. The structure of the programs makes it possible for you to complete a second major within four years.

Professional opportunities
Work on projects related to policy, governance, and economics at the Institute for National Security and Counterterrorism or intern at Syracuse Community Geography, an organization that maps and spatially analyzes topics of concern to the local community. These are just two of many hands-on opportunities to apply what you learn.

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Study Abroad
Broaden your perspective and enhance your resume with a study abroad experience. Consistently ranked among the top 25 international education providers in the United States, SU Abroad offers more than 100 programs in 60 countries.

Prepare for a global career by completing your first semester in Florence, Italy; Madrid, Spain; or Strasbourg, France, through the Discovery Program for select first-semester students.

Or study later in your college career at one of eight University centers, including Hong Kong, Strasbourg, or Santiago, Chile, or at one of more than 65 World Partner Programs

“After graduating from Syracuse University, I’m headed straight into law school to study criminal law. My initial plan is to work in the Bronx Courthouse serving as a defense attorney so that I can be of assistance to my community.”
— Kwame Phipps ’16, Political Science + Citizenship and Civic Engagement

“Last week, I was reaching out to national media about the first adaptive athlete to reach the South Pole and was reminded of my time at The Daily Orange when I called the secretary of education for a quote—and got it. It’s those early lessons from big goals that I remember now.”
— Chelsea Prince ’10, History and Magazine, President Chelsea Print & Publishing

“Almost all of the internship and job offers I have received so far, even those in banking or international business, were from hiring managers interested by both my economics and my religion courses.”
— Shuyuan Chen ’15, Economics and Religion, Cofounder, Intercontinental Scholars

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Quick Facts/Syracuse University

Founded in 1870

Location: Main campus is in Syracuse, NY, with U.S. centers in New York City, Los Angeles, and Washington, DC, and eight centers around the world.

Undergraduate Enrollment: 14,000+ students representing 130+ countries

Majors: 200+ majors/100+ minors within nine undergraduate schools and colleges

Student-to-Faculty Ratio: 16:1

Average Class Size: 25

Research: $67 million was awarded in 2014 for research, teaching, and other sponsored programs.

Study Abroad: Program consistently ranked among the top 25 in the U.S. Almost half of Syracuse students study abroad at least once.

Career Placement: 91 percent of 2014 seniors responding to SU’s Placement Survey are employed, interning, or attending graduate school.