Dietrich College of Humanities and Social Sciences is a diverse community of students, faculty and staff all united by a common goal: addressing society’s most complex problems. Our students learn through experience and work across traditional boundaries, collaborating across disciplines to pursue the thrill of discovery. Dietrich College embraces listeners, thinkers and doers of all kinds to better understand humanity, from the minds that make us individuals to the nations that make us a civilization.

The Intersection of Technology and Humanity

During your time at Dietrich College, you’ll be encouraged to explore and think critically. You’ll have the opportunity to create your own path to self-discovery, academic success and community engagement. Here, you may choose from 60 majors and minors. And you’ll gain real-world experience in how to make a positive impact in a changing world.

Within our college — and with the support of our renowned professors — you’ll innovate and push limits. Along the way, you’ll have access to inspiring experiential learning opportunities that broaden your knowledge and world view — from programs abroad to the Carnegie Mellon University Washington, D.C. semester program. You’ll enrich your education through research training courses, the Pittsburgh Summer Internship Program, participating in our research centers and through senior honor and scholars programs.

When it's time to graduate, you'll have the skills needed to continually learn and grow — and to apply that knowledge in your career, citizenship and life.

In Coming Class

389*

*Includes Information Systems students

Programs

Economics
Economics (BA or BS)
Economics and Mathematical Sciences (BS; joint with Mellon College of Science)

English
Creative Writing (BA)
Film and Visual Media (BA)
Literature and Culture (BA)
Professional Writing (BA)
Technical Writing (BS)

History
Ethics, History, and Public Policy (BA or BS)
Global Studies (BA)
Social and Political History (BA or BS)

Institute for Politics and Strategy (IPS)
Economics and Politics (BS; joint with Economics)
International Relations and Politics (BS)

Information Systems (BS; joint with Heinz College)

Modern Languages
Applied Multilingual Studies (BA)
Chinese Studies (BA)
French and Francophone Studies (BA)
German Studies (BA)
Hispanic Studies (BA)
Japanese Studies (BA)
Russian Studies (BA)

Philosophy
Linguistics (BA)
Logic and Computation (BS)
Philosophy (BA)

Psychology
Cognitive Science (BS)
Neuroscience (BS; joint with Mellon College of Science)
Psychology (BA or BS)
Psychology and Biological Sciences (BS; joint with Mellon College of Science)
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Programs continued

Social and Decision Sciences
Behavioral Economics, Policy and Organizations (BA)
Decision Science (BS)
Policy and Management (BS)

Statistics and Data Science
Economics and Statistics (BS)
Statistics (BS)
Statistics and Machine Learning (BS; joint with School of Computer Science)

College Scholars Programs
Humanities Scholars Program (HSP)
Quantitative Social Science Scholars Program (QSSS)

Additional Majors
Environmental and Sustainability Studies (joint with Mellon College of Science)
Health Humanities (joint with Mellon College of Science)

Intercollege Programs
Bachelor of Humanities and Arts (BHA; joint with College of Fine Arts)

Pre-professional Programs
Health Professions Program
Pre-Law program

Curriculum Overview

Your first year is an introduction to our interdisciplinary approach to learning and problem solving. During this time, you'll take foundational courses in data analysis and communication and choose one humanities and one social sciences course to experience the breadth of scholarly inquiry within the college.

You'll also participate in a Grand Challenge Seminar, focused on societal issues like data and democracy, racism and health disparities. You'll take part in research and begin to formulate your educational purpose — choosing your major by the end of year two.

You'll balance your major coursework with elective classes from across the university. The goal is to explore a variety of academics that feed and challenge your varied interests. This combination of classes is unique to you, and it's what makes an education at Dietrich College both academically and personally fulfilling.

AVG STARTING SALARY

$85,544

GRADUATE SUCCESS

95%

Employed or in grad school within six months of graduation

DATA AS OF JANUARY 2022
91% OF GRADUATES RESPONDING

RECENT EMPLOYERS

Apple
Baltimore Orioles
Children’s Law Center
Google
National Institutes of Health (NIH)
NASA Jet Propulsion Laboratory
Palau Ministry of Education
Teach for America
Verve Talent and Literary Agency

"I think Dietrich not only prepares you academically, but it also prepares you socially; to be able to engage in fruitful conversations with people from all walks of life.”

— Arianna, Class of 2023+

We Develop the Skills Employers Seek

Dietrich College’s humanities and social science degrees provide graduates with a diversity of skills — from analytical to communications — that allow them to rise as leaders in the workplace. Our graduates are prepared for lifelong learning and long-term career growth.

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