

Department of Social Studies

About the Department

The Department of Social Studies is one of the leading academic departments in the College of Arts, bringing together three integrated specialized programs: History; Sociology and Social Work; and Tourism and Hospitality. This combination gives the department a broad scholarly and applied scope that unites the study of humanity and society across time with an understanding of contemporary social structures and dynamics, while harnessing civilizational and cultural heritage for contemporary development pathways. The department seeks to prepare nationally qualified graduates equipped scientifically, professionally, and digitally, who possess the tools of research and critical analysis, contribute to the preservation of national identity and civilizational memory, and respond to the evolving demands of the labor market in the fields of education, research, heritage, tourism, and social work.

The department adopts an integrated academic approach that balances theoretical grounding with practical application and field training, in keeping with global transformations in the humanities and social sciences, rapid technological developments, and the requirements of Saudi Vision 2030 in its cultural, social, touristic, and economic dimensions. It is also committed to developing students' critical thinking, scientific research, communication, teamwork, and entrepreneurship skills, and to employing modern technologies and artificial intelligence in historical and social analysis, professional practice, and tourism.

Vision

Leadership and excellence in education and scientific research in the fields of social, historical, and tourism studies, and the preparation of competitive graduates who contribute to preserving national identity, strengthening social cohesion, and supporting sustainable development in the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia.

Mission

To provide distinguished university education and scientific research in the fields of History, Sociology and Social Work, and Tourism and Hospitality, through modern academic programs that prepare graduates equipped with scientific, professional, and digital knowledge and skills, as well as ethical values, and who are capable of keeping pace with scientific and technological developments, meeting labor market needs, and actively contributing to the achievement of Saudi Vision 2030 objectives.

Objectives

1. Preparing qualified graduates to work in various educational, research, heritage, social, and tourism sectors.
2. Developing scientific, research, professional, and digital knowledge and skills in line with the latest global practices in the department's specializations.
3. Strengthening students' critical thinking and scientific analysis skills in the study of historical, social, and touristic phenomena.
4. Supporting scientific research and knowledge production in the fields of History, Social Studies, and Tourism and Hospitality.
5. Formalizing partnerships with government, private-sector, and non-profit entities to develop field training and employment opportunities.
6. Developing leadership, communication, teamwork, and entrepreneurship skills among the department's students across their various specializations.
7. Employing modern technologies, artificial intelligence, and digital transformation in education, research, and professional practice.
8. Strengthening national identity and historical and social awareness, and preserving cultural heritage while highlighting the Kingdom's civilizational and touristic assets.
9. Contributing to community service and supporting sustainable cultural, social, and tourism development in alignment with Saudi Vision 2030.