The School of Humanities and Social Sciences inspires critical thinkers, effective communicators, and cross-culturally aware leaders. The challenges of command, citizenship, and government are fundamentally human challenges. Our students explore and analyze the complexities of diverse cultures and societies in order to understand the past, lead in the present, and prepare for the future. Our staff are exceptional professionals dedicated to supporting the USNA Mission. Our faculty are outstanding teachers, recognized experts in their fields, and leaders on the Yard. Together, our research and our teaching develop future officers who can think beyond the tactical and technical and can face the challenges of the sea services’ broad responsibilities in times of peace and war. In the School of Humanities and Social Sciences, we lay the foundations for future strategic thinkers and cultivate ethical leaders who are ready to take on the evolving dynamics of the twenty-first century.
The School of Humanities & Social Sciences is made up of five Departments which teach their majors and six core courses that are the foundation of officer education in Annapolis.

The study of humanities and social sciences are essential to understanding our complex and everchanging world. Our graduates will enter this world as Naval Officers and must understand the realm and influence of politics, government, and the role of economics in national security strategy while also applying their understanding of the human experience, foreign cultures, and languages in their daily endeavors. The School of Humanities and Social Sciences (Hum/SS) has an essential role in supporting the USNA Mission to graduate leaders prepared to assume the highest responsibilities of command, citizenship, and government.

- Colonel Mike Styskal, USMC, Dean of Humanities & Social Science

School of HUM/SS Strategic Priorities

Priority 1
Cultivate critical thinkers and effective communicators prepared for the future challenges of leading people in the Navy and Marine Corps.

Priority 2
Provide opportunities for midshipmen to explore, understand, and appreciate the complexity and diversity of humans and their interactions across histories, institutions, and cultures.

Priority 3
Provide necessary resources and support for faculty to develop professionally and to sustain an innovative and interdisciplinary curriculum.

Priority 4
Emphasize and support regional, global, and multi-cultural awareness across the Humanities and Social Sciences curriculum.

Priority 5
Graduate ethical leaders equipped to understand the essential historical, economic, political, and cultural elements of global seapower.

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