Clemson University’s College of Behavioral, Social and Health Sciences is focused on becoming a national and international leader in solving the problems faced by individuals, families, communities and societies.

The college has been strategically aligned to bring together relevant departments and schools at Clemson that equip students and engage research and outreach that addresses health and wellness challenges, tackles human impacts on the environment, and builds stronger communities by better understanding human, political and social behavior and the impact of an ever-connected world. Our work is vital to Clemson’s land-grant mission, strategic vision, and global impact - and it makes a real and tangible difference in the lives of people every day.

Our students are a diverse group of individuals with a desire to improve the quality of life for others. They come from across the state, the nation and the world. With great students and the exemplary faculty and staff who guide them, our programs have amassed many honors and allow students to engage in a variety of unique programs.

Dr. Wright earned his bachelor’s and master’s degrees from Morehead State University and his doctorate from Texas A&M University. He came to Clemson in 2002 from George Mason University, where he chaired the Department of Health, Fitness and Recreation Resources and served as an affiliate faculty member of the Department of Biology’s Environmental Science and Public Policy Program. Prior to his appointment as dean of the College of Behavioral, Social and Health Sciences, Dr. Wright served as interim dean of the University’s College of Health, Education and Human Development and chair of the Department of Parks, Recreation and Tourism Management. He is past president of the National Society of Park Resources and is a fellow and board member of the American Academy of Park and Recreation Administration.

The National League for Nursing named the School of Nursing a Center of Excellence in Nursing Education, one of the highest honors in the nursing education field.

The American Association of Colleges and Universities named the Department of Public Health Sciences as one of 15 exemplary undergraduate programs in public health.

The Department of Parks, Recreation and Tourism Management has been accredited through the National Recreation and Park Association for more than 35 years and is recognized as one of the nation’s top programs.

The journal Communication Education listed communication studies faculty member Joe Mazer in the top 1 percent of published scholars in the communication discipline.

Psychology professors Tom Britt and Marissa Shuffler are making recommendations to NASA on the health and performance of astronauts in preparation for the first-ever manned mission to Mars in 2030.

Political science students participating in Model United Nations conferences have brought home awards every year since 1989.

Sociology/anthropology faculty member Catherine Mobley is part of a team of top U.S. academic researchers participating in a National Science Foundation project examining educational experiences of military veterans seeking college degrees in engineering.

The Department of Youth, Family and Community Studies’ Ph.D. program in international family and community studies is the first fully accredited Ph.D. program established by a U.S. university in the Balkans.
DEPARTMENTS AND SCHOOLS
The College of Behavioral, Social and Health Sciences offers degrees through the following departments and schools:

- Department of Communication
- Department of Parks, Recreation and Tourism Management
- Department of Political Science
- Department of Psychology
- Department of Public Health Sciences
- Department of Sociology, Anthropology and Criminal Justice
- Department of Youth, Family and Community Studies
- School of Nursing

The College is also home to Clemson’s Master of Public Administration program and Ph.D. in policy studies program.

CENTERS AND INSTITUTES
- Center for Research and Collaborative Activities
- Center for Research on Health Disparities
- Clemson Outdoor Lab
- Clemson University Institute for Parks
- Clinical Learning and Research Center
- Institute for Engaged Aging
- Institute for the Advancement of Health Care*
- Institute for Research in Human Factors and Ergonomics
- Institute on Family and Neighborhood Life
- Joseph F. Sullivan Center
- Osher Lifelong Learning Institute
- Social Media Listening Center
- Strom Thurmond Institute

*A collaborative institute among Greenville Health System, Clemson University and the University of South Carolina

SPECIAL PROGRAMS
- PRTM EDGE is an immersive experience for sophomores that takes a collaborative approach to the core parks, recreation and tourism management content utilizing innovative teaching methods, creative inquiry research, real-world experience and experiential learning.
- The Department of Public Health Sciences offers several unique programs, including a Cardiovascular Imaging Leadership concentration, a program blending public health, leadership training and clinical training to prepare students for cardiovascular sonography careers; a M.S./Ph.D. in applied health research and evaluation, an interdisciplinary program that attracts applicants across the globe and prepares students for careers in a variety of research settings; and a graduate certificate in clinical and translational research, a partnership with Greenville Health System that prepares clinicians and research associates to conduct research advancing science and improving clinical care.
- The School of Nursing is home to the first interdisciplinary Ph.D. in health care genetics in the U.S. The curriculum offers the opportunity for students to be mentored by faculty across the University and learn the vital elements of their discipline that can impact the evolving knowledge of genetics.
- The Social Media Listening Center provides the platform to capture and analyze more than 150 million sources of social media conversations to discover online sentiment and trend information.
- Political science professors help direct the Clemson University Palmetto Poll, a University-based, statewide public opinion survey about the attitudes, behaviors and characteristics of South Carolinians.
- The Department of Sociology, Anthropology and Criminal Justice’s three undergraduate degree programs prepare students to be leaders in their communities, and the M.S. in applied sociology program has been recognized for its excellence in providing in-depth methodological training to its students.
- The Department of Psychology offers Ph.D. programs in industrial-organizational psychology and human factors psychology, as well as a M.S. degree in applied psychology.
- The Department of Youth, Family and Community Studies offers a unique interdisciplinary curriculum drawing from the humanities, social sciences, health sciences, community development, and policy studies.

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