In social science the fundamentals of social analysis are studied both as theory and in their application to the history of civilization. The more recent past is examined with emphasis on both America and international relations. Students and teachers reflect different currents of political thought, and while a scholarly approach is insisted upon, controversy is encouraged. For the social scientist today is not merely an inquirer, he has to take a stand against fascism in the war and beyond.

Graduation is based upon achievement rather than on credit hours or length of residence. Rigorous comprehensive examinations are personally given by an authority from outside the College when a student is fully prepared. The examiners are from the country's leading universities.