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About the Blanco Center

Core purpose: We advance evidence-based public policy to make Louisiana a better place to live and work.

The Blanco Center is an independent, interdisciplinary research center and archive, bringing together experts from different academic departments to conduct research, host colloquia, and provide training for community leaders and elected officials.

Our focus areas include

- Education
- Poverty and economic opportunity
- Criminal justice reform
- Louisiana's coast and environment
- Health and healthcare
- Governmental ethics

Blanco Center Structure

- Blanco Center Research (in-depth + policy briefs)
 - Core research staff including full time researchers as well as graduate and undergraduate students
 - Partnerships with faculty at UL Lafayette and the broader research community
- Programming (colloquia & trainings)
 - Administrative support for Center-led events/trainings
 - UL Lafayette facilities to support wide range of activities
 - Future: physical space in Dupré Library to host smaller events