

**SOCIAL SCIENCES**

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**Programs Offered:**

- Bachelor of Arts in Social Sciences
- Minor in Social Sciences

The Social Sciences Major is a multidisciplinary program which aims to provide students with a broad understanding and appreciation of the social sciences. By following a major in which a number of social sciences disciplines are studied, students will appreciate the varied approaches and methodologies of these fields, as well as the interrelatedness of the social sciences disciplines.

In the major, the student chooses a primary field and two secondary fields. The primary field is chosen from six disciplines: communication, economics, history, political science, psychology, and sociology. Secondary fields are chosen from these six disciplines and other fields in the social sciences.

Students interested in the Social Science Major are encouraged to discuss their education and career objectives with an appropriate Disciplinary Coordinator.

**Career Opportunities**

The Social Sciences Major is appropriate for students with career interests in human services and social work, education, counseling, business, and government.

**Student Learning Outcomes**

The Social Science major is a multidisciplinary program which aims to provide students with a broad understanding and appreciation of the social sciences.

Students who graduate with a Bachelor of Arts in Social Sciences will be able to demonstrate:

1. Advanced knowledge of the conceptual framework, substantive topics, and either methods or theories of one Social Science discipline;
2. Knowledge of the basic conceptual framework and of the breadth of substantive topics of a second Social Science discipline;
3. Knowledge of the basic conceptual framework and of the breadth of substantive topics of a third Social Science discipline, or knowledge of the contribution of multiple Social Science disciplines to a specified topical area of study (e.g., racism);
4. The ability to identify the interrelatedness of multiple social science disciplines and to determine when the approach of one social science discipline is preferable to that of another;
5. An appreciation of the value of multidisciplinary explorations and an ability to analyze problems integrating multiple social scientific perspectives; and
6. An understanding of the ways in which society and culture are affected by two or more of the following: gender, ethnicity, class, regional identities, and global identities.

**Special Conditions for the Bachelor of Arts and Minor in Social Sciences**

All courses counted toward the major and the minor, including Preparation for the Major courses, must be completed with a grade of C (2.0) or better.

**BACHELOR OF ARTS IN SOCIAL SCIENCES**

	<b>Units</b>
General Education*	51
Preparation for the Major	3
Primary Field Requirements*	21
Secondary Field Requirements*	24
<i>Students must take a sufficient number of elective units to bring the total number of units to a minimum of</i>	<i>120</i>

**Requirements for the Major**

The Social Sciences Major requires a minimum of forty-eight (48) units specified as follows:

Twenty-one (21) units in one primary field	21
Twelve (12) units in each of two secondary fields (different from the primary field)	24
Three (3) units of elementary statistics	3
<i>Total Units</i>	<i>48</i>

Currently, there are six options for primary fields: communication, economics, history, political science, psychology, or sociology. There are seven options for secondary fields: communication, economics, history, political science, psychology, sociology, and individualized secondary field.

Specific course descriptions can be found within the course section of this catalog.

*\*Several lower-division courses in the different primary and secondary fields also fulfill General Education requirements.*

**Preparation for the Major**

Introductory Statistics (3 units)

Choose from:

PSYC 220 (must be taken if primary field is psychology)

or

SOC 201

(Other introductory statistics courses may be accepted upon approval of the Disciplinary Coordinator of the student's primary field.)

**Primary Field Requirements**

Students must complete all the requirements for ONE Primary Field.

**Communication**

A primary field in Communication shall be distributed as follows:

Lower-division (3 units)

COMM 100	<b>Units</b> 3
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Upper-division (18 units)

Two of the following courses: 6

COMM 300	COMM 330
COMM 360	

Twelve (12) units of upper-division  
Communication electives 12

*Total Units* 21

**Economics**

A primary field in Economics shall be distributed as follows:

Lower-division (6 units)

ECON 201	<b>Units</b> 3
ECON 202*	3

Upper-division (15 units)

One of the following courses: 3

ECON 301	ECON 331
ECON 302	ECON 431
ECON 303	ECON 441

Twelve (12) units of upper-division  
Economics electives 12

*Total Units* 21

**History**

A primary field in History shall be distributed as follows and must include work in two world areas, and must include three (3) units of study in history of women, gender, or U.S. ethnic (minority) studies.

Lower-division (6 units)

A sequential two-semester survey course in history	<b>Units</b> 6
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Upper-division (15 units)

HIST 301	3
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Twelve (12) units of upper-division  
History electives including one 400-level course 12

*Total Units* 21

**Political Science**

A primary field in Political Science shall be distributed as follows:

Lower-division (3 units)

PSCI 100* or equivalent	3
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Upper-division (18 units)

Six (6) units chosen from: 6

PSCI 331	PSCI 370
PSCI 350	

Twelve (12) units of upper-division  
Political Science courses 12

*Total Units* 21