

SOCIAL SCIENCES - POLITICAL SCIENCE EMPHASIS BA/BS

The Social Sciences major integrates three social science emphases (Anthropology, Political Science, and Sociology) into a comprehensive program designed to enhance students' understanding of the world through the application of social scientific scholarship to domestic, regional, and global problems as well as issues of diversity. The major provides practical insights into why and how the world in which we live operates in the way it does.

The political science emphasis focuses on political behavior and political institutions at the local, state, national, and international levels by examining governments, power, and policies. Lower-level courses introduce students to the major theoretical perspectives and fields of study in political science (comparative politics, international relations, political theory, and U.S. politics) and upper-level courses focus on topical areas within these fields such as globalization and the state, gender and politics, international political economy, and political psychology.

In addition to preparing students for graduate school in one of the specific social sciences emphases, the Social Sciences major can prepare students for careers in the non-profit sector, human services, law, politics, journalism, cultural resource management, and business. The major's multidisciplinary focus and emphasis on developing sound research and writing skills prepares students for a wide variety of positions in the public and private sectors.

General Education Requirements

Code	Title	Credits
Written Communication		
Select one of the following:		6.00
ENGL-101 & ENGL-102	WRITING AND RHETORIC I and WRITING AND RHETORIC II	
ENGL-109	COLLEGE WRITING AND RESEARCH	
Oral Communication		
Select one from the following:		3.00
COMM-101	FUNDAMENTALS OF ORAL COMMUNICATION	
COMM-203	SMALL GROUP COMMUNICATION	
COMM-204	PUBLIC SPEAKING	
Mathematical Ways of Knowing		
Select one of the following:		3.00-5.00
CS-108 or CITPT-108	INTRODUCTION TO COMPUTER SCIENCE	
MATH-123	MATH IN MODERN SOCIETY	
MATH-130	FINITE MATHEMATICS	
MATH-140	ALGEBRAIC REASONING AND PROBLEM-SOLVING	
MATH-143	PRECALCULUS I: ALGEBRA	
MATH-147	PRECALCULUS	
MATH-153	STATISTICAL REASONING	
MATH-170	CALCULUS I	
MATH-253	STATISTICAL METHODS FOR THE SCIENCES	
MATH-257	MATHEMATICS FOR ELEMENTARY TEACHERS II	
MTHPT-130	FINITE MATHEMATICS	
MTHPT-137	MATH FOR TECHNOLOGY	
MTHPT-153	STATISTICAL REASONING	
Humanistic & Artistic Ways of Knowing		
Select one course from two categories:		6.00-8.00
Literature		
ENGL-175	LITERATURE AND IDEAS	
ENGL-257	WORLD CLASSICS	
ENGL-258	INTERNATIONAL LITERATURE	
ENGL-260	NATIVE AMERICAN LITERATURE	
ENGL-261	MYTHOLOGIES	
Arts		
ART-100	INTRODUCTION TO ART	

HUM-101	THE ART AND HISTORY OF THE MOTION PICTURE	
HUM-150	INTRODUCTION TO THE ARTS	
MUS-101	SURVEY OF MUSIC	
MUS-102	MUSIC IN AMERICA	
MUS-150	WORLD MUSIC	
MUS-151	HISTORY OF MUSICAL THEATER	
THEA-101	SURVEY OF THE THEATER	
Language		
NP-101	NEZ PERCE LANGUAGE AND CULTURE	
NP-102	NEZ PERCE LANGUAGE AND HISTORY	
SPAN-101	ELEMENTARY SPANISH I	
SPAN-102	ELEMENTARY SPANISH II	
Scientific Ways of Knowing		
Select one course from two disciplines; one lab		7.00-8.00
BIOF-100	INTRODUCTION TO BIOINFORMATICS	
BIOL-100	CONCEPTS OF BIOLOGY	
BIOL-120	PLANTS AND PEOPLE	
BIOL-123	BIOLOGY IN FILM	
BIOL-175	HUMAN BIOLOGY	
BIOL-227	HUMAN ANATOMY AND PHYSIOLOGY I	
CHEM-100	CONCEPTS OF CHEMISTRY	
CHEM-105	GENERAL, ORGANIC AND BIOCHEMISTRY	
CHEM-111	PRINCIPLES OF CHEMISTRY I	
ENGR-108	SEMICONDUCTORS, SCIENCE, AND SOCIETY	
FSCI-101	INTRODUCTION TO FORENSIC SCIENCE	
GEOL-101	PHYSICAL GEOLOGY	
GEOL-120	INTRODUCTION TO EARTH SYSTEMS	
GIS-271	GEOGRAPHIC INFORMATION SYSTEMS	
ID-240	INTEGRATED SCIENCE II	
NS-140	INTEGRATED SCIENCE I	
NS-150	INTRODUCTION TO NATURAL SCIENCES ¹	
NS-174	NATURAL SCIENCE FOR ELEMENTARY EDUCATOR	
PHYS-111	GENERAL PHYSICS I	
or PHYS-112	GENERAL PHYSICS II	
PHYS-171	PHYS SCIENCES FOR ELEMENTARY EDUCATORS	
PHYS-205	DESCRIPTIVE ASTRONOMY	
PHYS-211	PHYSICS FOR SCIENTISTS AND ENGINEERS I	
Social & Behavioral Ways of Knowing		
Select one course from two disciplines:		6.00
ANTH-102	CULTURAL ANTHROPOLOGY	
ANTH-120	WORLD PREHISTORY	
ANTH-170	INTRODUCTION TO NATIVE AMERICAN STUDIES	
ECON-201	PRINCIPLES OF MACROECONOMICS	
ECON-202	PRINCIPLES OF MICROECONOMICS	
GEOG-102	INTRODUCTION TO GEOGRAPHY	
HIST-101	WORLD HISTORY I	
HIST-102	WORLD HISTORY II	
HIST-111	UNITED STATES HISTORY I	
HIST-112	UNITED STATES HISTORY II	
HRPT-184	DIVERSITY IN ORGANIZATIONS	
HRPT-185	HUMAN RELATIONS IN ORGANIZATIONS	
PSYC-101	INTRODUCTION TO GENERAL PSYCHOLOGY	

PSYC-205	LIFESPAN DEVELOPMENTAL PSYCHOLOGY
SOC-101	INTRODUCTION TO SOCIOLOGY
SOC-102	SOCIAL PROBLEMS
SS-184	DIVERSITY IN ORGANIZATIONS
SS-185	HUMAN RELATIONS IN ORGANIZATIONS

Global Perspectives

Select one of the following: 3.00-4.00

ANTH-102	CULTURAL ANTHROPOLOGY
ANTH-120	WORLD PREHISTORY
ANTH-170	INTRODUCTION TO NATIVE AMERICAN STUDIES
ANTH-360	RACE AND ETHNICITY
COMM-345	INTERCULTURAL COMMUNICATION
ENGL-258	INTERNATIONAL LITERATURE
ENGL-474	NATIVE AMERICAN WRITTEN LITERATURE
GEOG-102	INTRODUCTION TO GEOGRAPHY
HIST-101	WORLD HISTORY I
HIST-102	WORLD HISTORY II
HIST-111	UNITED STATES HISTORY I
HIST-112	UNITED STATES HISTORY II
HRPT-184	DIVERSITY IN ORGANIZATIONS
ID-300C	ETHICS AND IDENTITY
KIN-220	SOCIAL-CULTURAL ASPECTS OF SPORTS
SOC-101	INTRODUCTION TO SOCIOLOGY
SS-184	DIVERSITY IN ORGANIZATIONS

Integrative Seminar: Ethics & Values

Select one of the following: 3.00

ID 300A - 300Z (see course descriptions for options)	
ID-301A	HELLS CANYON INSTITUTE

Foreign/Heritage Language

Select 8 credits of language 8.00

Total Credits 45.00-51.00

Program Requirements

Code	Title	Credits
Major Courses		
Social Sciences Research Skills Component:		
POLS-200	SOCIAL AND POLITICAL PHILOSOPHY	3.00
SS-385	RESEARCH METHODS	3.00
SS-499	SEMINAR IN SOCIAL SCIENCE AND HISTORY	3.00
Select one of the following:		3.00
ANTH-386	ETHNOGRAPHY	
HIST-200	KEYS TO HISTORICAL RESEARCH	
SS-300	STATISTICAL METHODS	
Political Science Emphasis:		
POLS-101	AMERICAN NATIONAL GOVERNMENT	3.00
POLS-237	INTERNATIONAL POLITICS	3.00
POLS-285	COMPARATIVE GOVERNMENT	3.00
Complete 15 credits of POLS courses, 300/400 level		15.00
Complete 12 credits ANTH, HIST, JS, PSYC, SOC, SS 200 level or above; 9 must be 300 level or above		12.00
Select 3 credits each from ANTH, HIST, and SOC		
Electives		

Select 27 elective credits	27.00
Total Credits	75.00

Sequential Plan of Study

Course	Title	Credits
First Year		
Fall		
CORE	Mathematical Ways of Knowing	3.00
CORE	Oral Communication	3.00
CORE	Social & Behavioral Ways of Knowing	3.00
ENGL-101	WRITING AND RHETORIC I	3.00
POLS-101	AMERICAN NATIONAL GOVERNMENT	3.00
Elective	Elective Credits	1.00
Credits		16.00
Spring		
CORE	Global Perspectives	3.00
CORE	Humanistic & Artistic Ways of Knowing	3.00
CORE	Social & Behavioral Ways of Knowing	3.00
ENGL-102	WRITING AND RHETORIC II	3.00
POLS-237	INTERNATIONAL POLITICS	3.00
Elective	Elective Credits	1.00
Credits		16.00
Second Year		
Fall		
CORE	Scientific Ways of Knowing	3.00
CORE	Humanistic & Artistic Ways of Knowing	3.00
POLS-200	SOCIAL AND POLITICAL PHILOSOPHY	3.00
POLS-285	COMPARATIVE GOVERNMENT	3.00
SPAN-101 or NP-101	ELEMENTARY SPANISH I or NEZ PERCE LANGUAGE AND CULTURE	4.00
Credits		16.00
Spring		
CORE	Scientific Ways of Knowing	4.00
Program Requirement	Select POLS 300/400 Level	3.00
Program Requirement	Social Science Course 200/300/400 Level ¹	3.00
SPAN-102 or NP-102	ELEMENTARY SPANISH II or NEZ PERCE LANGUAGE AND HISTORY	4.00
Elective	Elective Credits	2.00
Credits		16.00
Third Year		
Fall		
CORE	Integrative Seminar: Ethics & Values	3.00
Program Requirement	Select POLS 300/400 Level	3.00
Program Requirement	ANTH-386, HIST-200 or SS-300	3.00
Program Requirement	Social Science Course 300/400 Level ²	3.00
Elective	Elective Credits	4.00
Credits		16.00
Spring		
Program Requirement	Select POLS 300/400 Level	3.00
Program Requirement	Social Science Course 300/400 Level ²	3.00
Elective	Elective Credits	3.00
Elective	Elective Credits	3.00

Elective	Elective Credits	4.00
Credits		16.00
Fourth Year		
Fall		
SS-385	RESEARCH METHODS	3.00
Program Requirement	Select POLS 300/400 Level	3.00
Program Requirement	Social Science Course 300/400 Level ²	3.00
Elective	Elective Credits	3.00
Credits		12.00
Spring		
Program Requirement	Select POLS 300/400 Level	3.00
SS-499	SEMINAR IN SOCIAL SCIENCE AND HISTORY	3.00
Elective	Elective Credits	3.00
Elective	Elective Credits	3.00
Credits		12.00
Total Credits		120.00

¹ Social Science course may come from the following disciplines: ANTH, HIST, JS, PSYC, SOC or SS.

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Graduates with a BA/BS Social Sciences with Political Science Emphasis go on to obtain careers in a variety of fields:

- Campaign Officials
- Education
- International Affairs
- Lobbyists
- Law Enforcement
- Municipal Positions
- Research Assistants