

Social Science

Social Science Major

A special interdisciplinary Social Science major is available. It includes courses from disciplines such as history, economics, political science, geography, psychology, sociology, or anthropology. Students can obtain the appropriate curriculum guides from the School of Education (<https://www.ndsu.edu/education>), Office of Registration and Records (<https://www.ndsu.edu/registrar>), or the Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences Dean's Office (https://www.ndsu.edu/ahss/contact_us).

Before taking advanced course work required for the Social Science major, the student should complete at least one year in each of the required disciplines. In addition, students should complete course work in economics and world history.

Students who wish to prepare for high school teaching should make this intention known to the School of Education before entering their junior year to ensure that state teacher certification requirements are met.

Major Requirements

Major: Social Science

Degree Type: B.A. or B.S.

Required Degree Credits to Graduate: 122

Arts, Humanities, and Social Sciences

Degree Requirements

Bachelor of Science (B.S.) Degree – The completion of a minor program of study, a second major, or a second degree is required.

Bachelor of Arts (B.A.) Degree – Second year language proficiency at college level required.

General Education Requirements

First Year Experience (F):

UNIV 189	Skills For Academic Success (Students transferring in 24 or more credits do not need to take UNIV 189.)	1
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Communication (C):

ENGL 110	College Composition I	3
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ENGL 120	College Composition II	3
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ENGL	One course in Upper Level Writing: Select from current general education list	3
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COMM 110	Fundamentals of Public Speaking	3
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Quantitative Reasoning (R): Select from current general education list		3
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Science & Technology (S):		10
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A one-credit lab must be taken as a co-requisite with a general education science/technology course unless the course includes an embedded lab experience equivalent to a one-credit course. Select from current general education list.

Humanities & Fine Arts (A): Select from current general education list		6
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Social & Behavioral Sciences (B):		
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ECON 201	Principles of Microeconomics	3
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or ECON 202	Principles of Macroeconomics	
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Select from current general education list		3
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Wellness (W): Select from current general education list		2
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Cultural Diversity (D): Select from current general education list		
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Global Perspectives (G): Select from current general education list		
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Total Credits		40
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Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences College Requirements

An additional 9 credits are required by the College of Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences for all Bachelor of Science and Bachelor of Arts degree programs of study, except the Bachelor of Fine Arts degree, the Bachelor of Music degree, Bachelor of Landscape Architecture degree, and the Bachelor of Science in Architecture degree:

Code	Title	Credits
AH&SS College Requirements		

Courses used to satisfy any general education requirement cannot be used to also count toward the AH&SS College Requirements. A minimum of three credits is required in each of the 3 following areas for a total of 9 credits. Choose only those courses with the prefixes listed for each area. A course with the WGS prefix can only be used in one area.

Area One: Humanities	3
ARB, ENGL, FREN, GERM, HIST, HUM, PHIL, RELS, SPAN, or WGS	
Area Two: Social Sciences	3
ANTH, CJ, COMM, EMGT, POLS, SOC, or WGS	
Area Three: Fine Arts	3
ARCH, ART, ENVD, LA, MUSC, or THEA	
Total Credits	9

Major Requirements

General Education Requirements	40
AH&SS College Requirement	9
Social Science Major Requirements	
History	6
US HIST at 400 level	
Psychology	6
PSYC at 300-400 Level	
Sociology	6
SOC at 300-400 Level	
Political Science: Select 2 from the following:	6
POLS 420	3
Political Behavior-Executive-Legislative Process	
POLS 421	3
Political Behavior-Political Parties	
POLS 422	3
State and Local Politics	
Economics:	
ECON 201	3
Principles of Microeconomics	
or ECON 202	3
Principles of Macroeconomics	
Geography:	6
Social Science	0-2
Elective	
Senior Capstone Experience	1-3
The Senior Capstone experience must be completed in one of the following departments: HISTORY, ECONOMICS, POLITICAL SCIENCE, PSYCHOLOGY OR SOCIOLOGY / ANTHROPOLOGY. A capstone course completed for a second major in History, Political Science, Psychology or Sociology / Anthropology can be used to satisfy the Social Science major capstone requirement.	
Degree Requirements: Potential of 39 credit to reach 122	39
Total Credits	122-126