

# SOCIAL AND BEHAVIORAL SCIENCE MAJOR WITH A CONCENTRATION IN CULTURE AND SOCIETY

This interdisciplinary major provides the basis for a broad education in social science, leading to the degree of Bachelor of Arts (B.A.) in Social and Behavioral Sciences (referred to as "SOBS"). Unlike traditional majors, SOBS offers students a unique learning experience based on their own interests across multiple academic fields. Students choose a combination of courses in one of three career-focused tracks (Allied Health; Policy, Justice and Administration; and Culture and Society) from among several social science disciplines, including:

- Anthropology
- Criminal justice
- Economics
- Political science
- Psychology
- Social work
- Sociology

The program is an excellent springboard for graduate studies as well as work in:

- Public, nonprofit and private sector administration
- Research
- Teaching
- Public health
- Social services
- Social justice

The SOBS major is an ideal foundation for essential professional skills such as creative thinking and synthesis of ideas across multiple fields. Students can complete their core requirements and the SOBS major within six semesters. This provides students the flexibility to potentially explore additional academic interests, dovetail minors or certificate programs, study abroad, or take prerequisite courses for graduate and professional school programs.

## Major in Social and Behavioral Sciences Program

### Program Requirements

In addition to meeting the standards and requirements of the College of Arts and Sciences, degree candidates must complete program requirements for a total of 36 credits.

All SOBS students will complete:

1. Foundational courses (12 credits), which include a combination of introductory courses across the social sciences and the option of one integrated human science course with a career planning component;
2. Focused courses (18 credits) which entail integration of courses across the social sciences aimed at a specific professional knowledge area;

3. Research methods and Senior Seminar (SOBS 5002 (<https://shu-consultation.dev8.leefrog.com/search/?P=SOBS%205002>) Sem-Social and Beh Science) capstone (6 credits), which require a statistics prerequisite of one the following:

- MATH 1101 (<https://shu-consultation.dev8.leefrog.com/search/?P=MATH%201101>) Stat Concepts and Methods
- MATH 1203 (<https://shu-consultation.dev8.leefrog.com/search/?P=MATH%201203>) Stats Models for Soc Science

Students are encouraged to complete a minor and/or certificate depending on his/her specialized interests and career path. Three (3) credits from the SOBS major requirement are permitted to fulfill a minor or certificate requirement.

In consultation with the SOBS advisor and participating faculty, students will craft a personalized curriculum from several disciplines aligned with one the three offered tracks for a total of 36 credits. Many of the courses fulfill categories in the College of Arts and Sciences Core Curriculum. A minimum GPA of 2.0 is required.

### Culture and Society Track (36 credits)

This flexible path allows students to tailor their education to their goals. This track is recommended for Education majors aiming for Social Studies certification.

Code	Title	Hours
<b>Foundational Courses</b>		
Select four of the following:		12
ANTH 1202	Introduction to Cultural Anthropology	
ANTH 1210	Culture and Communication: Introduction to Linguistic Anthropology	
PHIL 1105	Ethics	
PSYC 1101	Introduction to Psychology	
SOBS 1101	Integrated Human Science	
SOCI 1101	Introduction to Sociology	
SOWK 1111	Introduction to Social Work	
<b>Focused Courses</b>		
Select courses from the following disciplines: *		18
Anthropology		
Criminal Justice		
Political Science		
Psychology		
Social Work		
Sociology		
<b>Research Methods &amp; Capstone</b>		
SOBS 5002	Senior Seminar in Social and Behavioral Sciences	3
Select one of the following:		3
ANTH 2910	Quantitative Research Methods	
or SOCI 2910 Research Methods		
ANTH 2912	Qualitative Research Methods	
or SOCI 2912 Qualitative Research Methods		
CRIM 2910	Research Methods	
POLS 2910	Research Methods	
PSYC 3311	Research Methods	
SOWK 3910	Research Methods Social Work	
<b>Total Hours</b>		<b>36</b>

- \* Choose a combination of courses in consultation with advisor. Students may take up to nine (9) credits from any of the following disciplines: Anthropology, Criminal Justice, Political Science, Psychology, Social Work, and Sociology. Students must complete a minimum of 9 credits at the 2000-4000 level.