

SOCIAL AND BEHAVIORAL SCIENCE MAJOR WITH A CONCENTRATION IN POLICY, JUSTICE, AND ADMINISTRATION

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 SBS 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 Senior Seminar in Social and Behavioral Sciences) capstone (6 credits), which require a statistics prerequisite of one the following:
 - MATH 1101 Stat Concepts and Methods
 - MATH 1203 Stats Models for Soc Science

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

In consultation with the SBS 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.

Policy, Justice, and Administration Concentration (36 credits)

This concentration provides students with an organizational and community-focused social science foundation, which can be applied to public policy and administration for careers in human resources, social work, community work, and administration in politics, the justice system, and healthcare. It provides a broad social science basis for entering postgraduate programs (e.g., Master of Public Administration, Master of Public Health).

Code	Title	Hours
Foundational Courses		
Select four of the following:		12
ANTH 1202	Introduction to Cultural Anthropology	
ANTH 1210	Culture and Communication: Introduction to Linquistic Anthropology	
CRIM 2612	The Criminal Justice System in Modern America	
ECON 1402	Principles of Economics I	
	or ECON 141 Introduction to Economics	
PSYC 1101	Introduction to Psychology	
SOBS 1101	Integrated Human Science	
SOCI 1101	Introduction to Sociology	
SOWK 1111	Introduction to Social Work	
Focused Courses		
Select courses from the following: *		18
	Anthropology (p. 2)	
	Criminal Justice (p. 2)	
	Economics (p. 2)	
	Nursing (p. 2)	
	Political Science (p. 2)	
	Psychology (p. 2)	
	Social Work (p. 2)	
	Sociology (p. 2)	
Research Methods & Capstone		
SOBS 5002	Senior Seminar in Social and Behavioral Sciences	3
Select one of the following:		3
ANTH 2910	Quantitative Research Methods	
	or SOCI 291 (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	
Total Hours		36

* In consultation with their advisor and participating faculty, students choose a combination of courses across disciplines focused on knowledge areas in policy and administration totaling 18 credits from the list of course options below. Nine credits may be taken from each of the following disciplines: Anthropology, Criminal Justice, Economics, Nursing, Political Science, Psychology, Social Work, and Sociology. Students must complete a minimum of 9 credits at the 2000- 4000 level.

Anthropology

Code	Title	Hours
ANTH 2233	Understanding Human Sexuality	3
ANTH 2412	Anthropology of Religion	3
ANTH 2242	Peoples and Cultures of Southeast Asia	3
ANTH 2244	Peoples - Cultures of Eurasia	3

Sociology

Code	Title	Hours
SOCI 2314	Formal Organizations	3
SOCI 2512	Careers and Occupations	3
SOCI 2515	Majority-Minority Relations	3
SOCI 2601	Social Problems and Solutions	3
SOCI 3892	Internship	3

Social Work

Code	Title	Hours
SOWK 2201	Social Prob and Programs	3
SOWK 2311	Child Welfare Policy-Practice	3
SOWK 3301	Social Policy Analysis	3

Psychology

Code	Title	Hours
PSYC 1216	Industrial/Organizational Psychology	3
PSYC 2212	Developmental Psychology	3
PSYC 2214	Mental Health	3
PSYC 2216	Social Psychology	3

Political Science/Economics

Code	Title	Hours
POLS 1711	International Relations	3
POLS 2120	The Nonprofit Sector	3
POLS 2122	Public Administration	3
ECON 2420	Intermediate Microeconomic Analysis	3
ECON 2421	Intermediate Macroeconomic Analysis	3
ECON 3427	Economics of Health Care	3
ECON 3462	Government and Business	3

Criminal Justice

Code	Title	Hours
CRIM 2614	Police in Modern Society	3
CRIM 2616	Criminology	3
CRIM 3550	History Criminological Theory	3

Nursing

Code	Title	Hours
NUTH 1003	Sociocultural Determinants of Health and Healthcare	3
NUTH 1101	Professional Nursing Practice Foundations	3