

SOCIAL SCIENCE MAJOR

An Interdisciplinary Program

Note: Courses designated by an underscore are offered on the Imperial Valley Campus. All courses are available at the San Diego campus.

The Major

Social science is a multidisciplinary program, encompassing the faculties and courses of 12 departments—Africana Studies, American Indian Studies, Anthropology, Chicana and Chicano Studies, Economics, Geography, History, Political Science, Psychology, Religious Studies, Sociology, and Women’s Studies. The major aims are to promote an appreciation for the interrelatedness of these disciplines by exposing students to their varied methodologies. This program, therefore, is especially appropriate for students who wish to be liberally educated in a broad spectrum of understandings, insights, and appreciations.

Social Science Major

With the B.A. Degree in Liberal Arts and Sciences (Major Code: 22011)

All candidates for a degree in liberal arts and sciences must complete the graduation requirements listed in the section of this bulletin on “Graduation Requirements.”

A minor is not required with this major.

Preparation for the Major. Three units of statistics selected from Economics 201, Political Science 201, Psychology 270, Sociology 201, or Statistics 250. A six-unit sequence in each of three of the following departments selected from: (1) Anthropology 101, 102; (2) Chicana and Chicano Studies 120A-120B; (3) Economics 100, 101, 102; (4) Geography 101, 102; (5) History 105, 106, 109, 110, 115, 116; (6) Political Science 101, 102, 103; (7) Sociology 101, 150. Statistics courses taken in a social science department may not be used in fulfillment of that department’s six-unit sequence. (21 units)

Language Requirement. Competency (successfully completing the third college semester or fifth college quarter) is required in one foreign language to fulfill the graduation requirement. Refer to section of bulletin on “Graduation Requirements.” Spanish is recommended for those planning to work in this part of the United States.

Graduation Writing Assessment Requirement. Completing one of the approved upper division writing courses (W) with a grade of C (2.0) or better or passing the Writing Proficiency Assessment with a score of 10 or above.

Major. A minimum of 33 upper division units to include a 15-unit specialization in one department and the remaining 18 units from among three additional departments. Students may specialize in anthropology, economics, geography, history, political science, sociology, or, under certain conditions listed below, Chicana and Chicano studies. The remaining 18 units must be taken from three separate departments other than the department of specialization. Students who specialize in anthropology, economics, geography, history, political science or sociology may take a maximum of six units in Africana studies or American Indian studies or Chicana and Chicano studies or psychology or religious studies or women’s studies from courses listed below.

Students specializing in Chicana and Chicano studies must select courses from Chicana and Chicano Studies 301, 303, 320, 350A-350B, 480, and take the remaining 18 upper division units in anthropology, economics, geography, history, political science, or sociology.

Only students with a specialization in anthropology, economics, geography, history, political science or sociology may take a maximum of six units in the major from Africana studies or American Indian studies or Chicana and Chicano studies or psychology or religious studies or women’s studies. These six units can only be selected from the following courses:

Africana Studies 331, 445, 470, 471A, 471B.

American Indian Studies 303, 400, 440.

Chicana and Chicano Studies 301, 303, 320, 350A-350B, 480.

Psychology 320, 321, 340, 350, 351, 355, 452.

Religious Studies 301, 305, 328, 329, 345, 353, 363.

Women’s Studies 310, 320, 325, 340, 341A-341B, 360, 370, 375, 530, 580.

Social Science Major

In preparation for the Single Subject Teaching Credential With the B.A. Degree in Liberal Arts and Sciences (Major Code: 22011)

All candidates for a teaching credential must complete all requirements as outlined in this section of the bulletin under Teacher Education.

This major may be used by students in teacher education as an undergraduate major for the B.A. degree in liberal arts and sciences.

Preparation for the Major. Economics 101, 102; Geography 101, 102; History 100, 101; Political Science 101, 102; Religious Studies 101. (27 units)

Language Requirement. Competency (successfully completing the third college semester or fifth college quarter) is required in one foreign language to fulfill the graduation requirement. Refer to section of bulletin on "Graduation Requirements." Spanish is recommended for those planning to work in this part of the United States.

Graduation Writing Assessment Requirement. Completing one of the approved upper division writing courses (W) with a grade of C (2.0) or better or passing the Writing Proficiency Assessment with a score of 10 or above.

Major. A minimum of 42 upper division units to include:

United States and California History: History 409, 410, 445, and three units selected from History 533B, 535, 536, 539, 540, 543, 544B, 545.

American Government and Politics: Three units selected from Political Science 305, 321, 334, 335, 347A, 348, 406, 436, 531.

United States Geography: Geography 321.

Ethnic and Women's Studies: Six units from two departments selected from Africana Studies 322, 470, 471A-471B, American Indian Studies 400, 420, 440, Chicana and Chicano Studies 301, 350B, 375, History 422, Women's Studies 341A-341B, 370, 375.

World History: Nine units distributed as follows:

History 412 and six additional units selected from two of the following areas:

Africa and the Middle East: History 474, 475, 476, 574.

Asia: History 420, 421, 567, 570.

Latin America: Chicana and Chicano Studies 350A; History 415, 416, 550, 551.

Europe: History 407, 408, 440, 502, 503, 504, 505, 506, 507, 512A, 512B; Women's Studies 340.

International Politics: Three units selected from International Security and Conflict Resolution 300; Political Science 356, 359, 361, 363, 364, 375, 478, 479, 481, 566, 568; Women's Studies 580.

Economics: Three units selected from Economics 330, 336, 338, 490.

Additional Social Science Courses: Three units selected from Africana Studies 331, 420, 445, 452, 453; American Indian Studies 320, Anthropology 350, 410, 432, 529; Chicana and Chicano Studies 303, 320, 480; Psychology 340, 350, 351, 355; Sociology 350, 355, 421, 433, 444, 450, 457, 522, 537; Women's Studies 310, 320, 385, 515, 521, 522, 536.