

Department of Social Sciences

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Degrees Offered

Bachelor of Arts/ Bachelor of Science

- History
- Political Science
- Sociology
- Social Science Composite

Bachelor of Interdisciplinary Studies (see pages 100, 239)

- Natural Resources and Environmental Studies

Minors

- History
- Political Science
- Sociology
- Geography

Department Statement

It is the mission of the Department of Social Sciences to encourage a life-long passion for learning and a quest for knowledge by providing an environment that fosters academic excellence and unfettered inquiry. We encourage the development of ethics and values that recognize knowledge in all its diverse and creative forms. The primary goal of our department is to offer excellence in instruction while meeting the academic needs of the students. Our mission is to foster a creative learning environment and assist students through meaningful and relevant experiences to:

1. Promote respect for the diversity of all people as the core of social thought.
2. Guide students in developing analytical, communication, and information-gathering skills.
3. Encourage students to be tolerant, informed, and responsible citizens.
4. Offer opportunities for practical experience through internships, work studies, and memberships in honorary societies in history, political science, and sociology.
5. Contribute to the cultural, historical, political and social development of southern Utah and the surrounding region.

GEOGRAPHY MISSION STATEMENT

Geography is traditionally divided into three areas, and all three are offered in the SUU geography curriculum. These include physical geography, an examination of earth's physical systems; human or cultural geography, which explores spatial relationships in human activities; and technical geography, or the technologies of geographic research. This last era encompasses cartography, GIS, GPS, and related fields.

The mission of the SUU geography program is to continue and expand the above activities with the goal in mind of offering geography major in the future. Specifically the program's mission is:

1. To continue and expand the relationship with the departments of physical and social sciences to support the programs and degrees offered by the departments.
2. To discover, describe, explain, and interpret the character of the Earth as a home to humans. We focus on interrelationships within and among natural cultural subsystems and regional components. This is done by training students in concepts, skills, and real world problem solving, not by requiring rote memorization of isolated facts.
3. To contribute to the liberal education offered by the university, to provide excellence in teaching, and to offer students the best in geography education that can be obtained in any institution of higher learning. We will continue to evaluate and update courses to reflect the concepts that geography is fun, exciting, useful, relevant, rewarding, and remunerative. Quality teaching is our highest priority.
4. To offer specialized training in cartography and GIS for persons from a variety of disciplines. These include, but are not limited to, biology, geology, history, sociology, business, engineering, technology, and geography. GIS can become a powerful tool for undergraduate research projects in these and other areas.

HISTORY MISSION STATEMENT

The history program supports the general education program and is committed to preparing undergraduate students to understand their historical and cultural heritage. Further, in cooperation with the College of Education, the department prepares students for teaching careers in elementary and secondary schools, and it works to qualify majors for graduate study and advanced administrative specialization.

POLITICAL SCIENCE MISSION STATEMENT

Political science is devoted to the study of the theory and practice of government and politics. The political science program complements a student's liberal arts education with an emphasis on understanding the theoretical and practical aspects of political philosophy, public law, international relations, and American government and policy. Vocational alternatives for political science majors include teaching, public management, law, and foreign service.

SOCIAL SCIENCE COMPOSITE MISSION STATEMENT

Southern Utah University offers a composite degree in social sciences for those who are seeking licensure in secondary education and choose this option. The advantage of the composite is in securing a teaching license in several areas of the social sciences.

SOCIOLOGY MISSION STATEMENT

The sociology program prepares students for life in a diverse society by introducing them to applied and conceptual tools that aid in a more thorough understanding of social structure, social processes, group values, attitudes and beliefs. Sociology supports the general education requirements, integrates service-learning in several courses, and prepares students for graduate degree programs in addition to careers in teaching, social work, and a variety of administrative and research occupations.

Degree Requirements

History Bachelor of Art/Bachelor of Science	
History majors may specialize in either European or United States history but need to complete at least three courses of work in an area of history other than that of their specialty.	
Course Number and Title	Credits
General Education Core (see page 105)	
Core Course Requirements	17-18
Knowledge Areas Requirements	19
University Requirements	
BA Degree – Foreign Language/ASL Requirement (16 hours or proficiency test)	
BS Degree – Math or Science minimum requirement (12 hours)	
History Major (36 credits)	
History Core Requirements	
One course from the following pairs (9 hours):	
HIST 1010 or HIST 1020 Introduction to Western Civilization I or II	3
HIST 2700 or HIST 2710 United States: 1607-1877 or 1877-Present	3
HIST 4740 or HIST 4750 United States: 1898-1945 or Since 1945	3
Both of the following (6 hours):	
HIST 3090 History Seminar	3
HIST 4990 Seminar in Historical Research	3
Any one of the following (3 hours):	
HIST 4410 Ancient Greece	3
HIST 4420 Ancient Rome	
HIST 4430 The Middle Ages 300-1300 A.D.	
HIST 4440 The Renaissance and Reformation Eras	
HIST 4460 Nineteenth Century Europe	
HIST 4480 Europe in 20th Century	
History Elective Credits (18 hours)	
<i>A history major must also pass HIST 4990 with a "B-" or better grade. No grade below a "C-" is acceptable in the major.</i>	
History majors may be recommended for a state of Utah teaching licensure in the secondary schools by earning a bachelor's degree and completing a Teaching minor. Students interested in teaching are required to take SOSC 4900 and complete the sequence of professional education courses offered through the College of Education. A history major seeking a secondary teaching licensure must complete one of the following options instead of completing the History Electives requirement shown above:	
Option 1 (18 hours)	
HIST 2700,* 2710,* 3810, 3870, and SOSC 4900 <i>Plus 9 history elective credits</i>	18
Option 2 (18 hours)	
HIST 3870, and SOSC 4900 <i>plus 6 history elective credits</i>	9
Plus a minimum of three courses selected from the following (9 hours):	
HIST 4710 United States 1607-1789	9
HIST 4720 United States 1784-1845	
HIST 4730 United States 1845-1898	
HIST 4740 United States 1898-1945	
HIST 470 United States 1945-Present	

*A history major must pass HIST 4990 with a "B-" or better grade.	
*Electives: sufficient courses from the departments' offerings to meet the minimum requirements. No more than 12 hours of lower division history classes may be counted toward the credit requirement of the major.	
Free Electives (includes completing minor, & B.A./B.S. requirement)	48
Total Credits, B.A. or B.S. degree	120

* Student will complete HIST 2700 or 2710 to satisfy history core requirements. Both are required for teacher licensure Option #1

History Minor	
Course Number and Title	Credits
Required Courses	
HIST 3870	3
One of the following	
HIST 1010 or HIST 1020 Introduction to Western Civilization I or II	3
One of the following	
HIST 2700 or HIST 2710 United States: 1607-1877 or 1877-Present	3
A student seeking teacher licensure with a history minor must complete HIST 2700, 2710, and 3870.	
Electives	
Sufficient courses from the department's offerings to meet the minimum requirement.	
Comments: No more than 9 credits of lower division history classes may be counted toward the credit requirement of the minor. A history minor may emphasize either European or United States history, but must complete at least one upper division course in an area of history other than that of specialization.	
Total History Credits Required (minimum)	21

Political Science Bachelor of Art/Bachelor of Science	
Course Number and Title	Credits
General Education Core (see page 105)	
Core Course Requirements	17-18
Knowledge Areas Requirements	19
University Requirements	
BA Degree – Foreign Language/ASL Requirement (16 hours or proficiency test)	
BS Degree – Math or Science minimum requirement (12 hours)	
Core Requirements (36 hours)	
Political Science is a designated major. No grade below a "C-" will be accepted for credit toward the major. No more than 12 credits of lower division political science courses may be counted toward the credits requirement for the major.	
POSC 1100 American National Government	3
and	
POSC 4490 Research Seminar In Political Science	3
Choose one of the Following (3 hours):	
POSC 1020 Intro/Political Thought	3
POSC 4410 Islamic Thought	
POSC 4210 History of Political Thought I	
POSC 4220 History of Political Thought II	
Other POSC Electives	27

Free Electives (includes completing minor, & B.A./B.S. requirement)	48
Total Credits, B.A. or B.S. degree	120

Political Science Minor	
Course Number and Title	Credits
Required Courses	
POSC 1100	3
No more than 9 credits of lower division political science courses may be counted toward the credit requirement for the minor.	
Total Credits	21

Social Science Composite Bachelor of Art/Bachelor of Science	
Course Number and Title	Credits
General Education Core (see page 105)	
Core Course Requirements	17-18
Knowledge Areas Requirements	19
University Requirements	
BA Degree – Foreign Language/ASL Requirement (16 hours or proficiency test) BS Degree – Math or Science minimum requirement (12 hours)	
The social science composite is a degree program. Students desiring a social science composite may be recommended for a state of Utah teaching license by earning a bachelor's degree and completing the professional education courses offered through the teacher education department in the college of education.	
Required Courses (50 hours minimum in social sciences):	
Complete 18-hour minimum requirement in history	18
A minimum of 8 semester hours is required in geography.	8
A minimum of 24 hours is required from economics, political science, psychology and sociology with at least 6 hours in each of the above subject matter areas. It is suggested that economic classes include courses that teach principles of economics and macro and micro economics. American government, law, and state and local government are suggested areas, which the political science courses should cover. Introduction to psychology is required and Sociology 1010 and 3010 are strongly recommended. Additional hours to reach the minimum of 50 will be from electives in the social sciences subjects. At least 25 hours must be upper division credit. Additionally, Social Studies 4900 is required, which is not part of the minimum 50 semester hours for this major.	24
Free Electives (includes completing minor, & B.A./B.S. requirement)	34
Total Credits, B.A. or B.S. degree	120

Professional Education Requirements for Secondary Licensure	
Course Title	Credits
Required Credits: 30-31 minimum in Education	
EDUC 2000 Exploring Education in Society*	3
EDUC 3170 Instructional Technology for Educators	3
SCED 3200 Secondary Educational Psychology	3
SPED 3030 Foundations of Special Education	2
4900 (methods of teaching course in the area(s) seeking licensure)	2-3
Secondary Block as noted below	
SCED 3570 Motivation and the Management of Diverse Instructional Environments for Secondary Teachers	3
SCED 3590 Instructional Planning, Delivery, and Assessment for Secondary Teachers	3
SCED 3720 Content Literacy	2
SCED 4520 Secondary Practicum/Seminar Clinical Practice (student teaching) is taken the semester prior to secondary block as noted below	3
SCED 4980 Clinical Practice	7
4980 Clinical Practice (student teaching in the content area(s) of licensure is taken the semester following the secondary block	2
Total Credits	33-34
*Meets general education requirements in the interdisciplinary knowledge area	

Sociology Bachelor of Art/Bachelor of Science	
Course Number and Title	Credits
General Education Core (see page 105)	
Core Course Requirements	17-18
Knowledge Areas Requirements	19
University Requirements	
BA Degree – Foreign Language/ASL Requirement (16 hours or proficiency test) BS Degree – Math or Science minimum requirement (12 hours)	
Core Requirements	
Sociology is a major that emphasizes the scientific study of social systems and their components. In addition, sociological research methods, including statistical analysis, are essential aspects of each substantive area in sociology. No grade below a C- will be accepted toward credit. Recommended for students interested in sociology graduate studies, careers in corrections, law enforcement, social science research, pre-law, high school sociology, public relations, counseling, drug and alcohol education, mental health, race relations, public health, and urban studies and planning.	
Required Courses (12 hours)	
SOC 1010 or 1020 is prerequisite for entering <u>any</u> sociology upper- division course.	
SOC 1010 Introduction to Sociology	3
SOC 4780 Sociology Theory	3
SOC 4810 Social Statistics	3
SOC 4990 Applied Research Methods	3
Track Requirements (6 hours)	
All majors must select one of the following tracks (At least 2 courses in a track must be completed)	

Track one: Social Inequality: Race, Class & Gender	
SOC 3000 Social Stratification	3
SOC 3400 Race and Ethnic Relations	3
SOC 3710 Gender Studies	3
SOC 3550 Sociology of Human Sexuality	3
Track two: Global Issues & Social Change	
SOC 3800 Urban Sociology	3
SOC 3900 Social Change	3
SOC 4000 Political Sociology	3
SOC 4500 Global Issues	3
SOC 4620 Environmental Sociology	3
Track three: Crime & Deviance	
SOC 3500 Social Deviance	3
SOC 3610 Juvenile Delinquency	3
SOC 3700 Crime and Society	3
Track four: Social Psychology	
SOC 2600 Marriage and the	3
SOC 3350 Social Psychology	3
SOC 3300 Family Sociology of Education	3
SOC 3550 Sociology of Human Sexuality	3
Sociology Electives (18 hours)	
Sufficient courses from the department's offerings to meet the minimum requirements. *18 required sociology credit hours *Plus an additional 18 upper division elective sociology credit hours. *(no more than nine lower division credit hours.)	18
Free Electives (includes completing minor, & B.A./B.S. requirement)	48
Total Credits, B.A. or B.S. degree	120

Sociology Minor	
Course Number and Title	Credits
Required Courses	
SOC 1010 Introduction to Sociology	3
SOC 4780 Sociology Theory	3
Two of the following (6 hours): SOC 3000 Social Stratification SOC 3400 Race & Ethnic Relations SOC 3710 Gender Studies	6
In addition, 9 Sociology elective credits.	9
Sufficient courses from the department's offerings to meet the minimum requirements. No more than 10 credits of lower-division work for the minor.	
Total Credits (minimum)	21

Geography Minor	
Course Number and Title	Credits
Required Courses	
GEOG 1100 Physical Geography	3
GEOG 1110 Physical Geography Lab	1

GEOG 1200 World Cultural Geography	3
GEOG 3220 Weather and	3
GEOG 3230 Weather and Lab	1
GEOG 3500 Introduction to Cartography	3
GEOG 3510 Introduction to Cartography Lab	1
In addition to 5 elective geography credits.	5
Total Credits (minimum)	20
A student can receive teaching licensure with a geography minor.	

Certificate of International Relations	
ADMINISTRATION	
<i>G. Michael Stathis, Director</i> The Department of Social Sciences administers an interdisciplinary academic program in international relations which can serve as the basis for a specialized study of political science, or for a study of international relations by students with majors in other departments. The purpose of the certificate is to increase academic interest in the study of international affairs and to offer students valuable certification for future applications for graduate study or professional careers.	
The program requires the successful completion of eight courses, six of which must be chosen from the political science curriculum. Certification is conferred upon graduation with a Bachelor of Arts degree.	
Requirements	
1. Students must submit a program of study with the Department of Social Sciences or the program director at least two semesters prior to graduation.	
2. Students must complete eight courses from the list established for the certificate program. At least six of these courses must be political science courses including three core courses: POSC 2100-Introduction to International Relations, POSC 2200 – Comparative Politics, and POSC 4600-Theories of International Relations.	
3. All requests for course substitutions must obtain prior approval from the program director.	
4. Students must complete their courses with an overall 3.0 grade point average in the program.	
5. Students must submit, to the program director, the Final Approval Form which lists courses taken for the certificate along with a current transcript the semester before they intend to graduate.	
6. All courses must be completed with at least a "C".	
7. The Certificate of International Relations is granted to students who meet Southern Utah University's requirements for graduation with a Bachelor of Arts degree.	

Certificate of Public Administration	
Advising and Admission	
<i>Rodney D. Decker, Director</i> The Social Sciences Department is authorized to grant an Undergraduate Certificate in Public Administration (UCPA). Students should consult a faculty member in the Public Administration area for advisement.	
The undergraduate certificate is an interdisciplinary approach in several related areas that is designed to assist students to be considered for entry-level administrative positions in government. Admission requirements include graduation from an accredited high school with at least a 2.89 GPA or completion of 20 credit hours of college or university work with a GPA of at least 2.5; regular	

enrollment as an undergraduate student; and a letter of intent from the prospective student.

When admitted, the student meets with the program director to develop a program outline. The program director advises students throughout their programs.

Requirements

The student must complete the program's course requirements and the bachelor's degree. Total program units required vary between 36 and 41 credits, depending on courses taken. The student is expected to maintain a GPA of a least 2.5 throughout the program. Many program courses also fill major and/or minor requirements. for course requirements, contact the program director, CN 225.

Required Courses:

American Government Systems
POSC 1100 and POSC 3030

Economics: ECON 1010 and ECON 2100

Communications Competency: ENGL 2110.

Constitutional Area: (One of the following)
POSC 3120, POSC 3520.

Quantitative Skills: (Two of the following)
PSY 3010, SOC 4810, Math 1040, Math 1050

Public Administration: POSC 3410.

Practical Experience: For pre-service students, (one of the following) POSC 4890, PSY 4890, SOC 4890

The internship may be satisfied by a student's previous or current work experience, provided that it is approved by the director. The work experience or the internship must include at least 135 hours completed in a supervised administrative, para-administrative, or technical capacity.

Functional Specialization

The student is expected to take at least two courses from at least one of the functional specialties as outlined in the following list of course offerings. An appropriate class in a functional specialty may be substituted with approval of the undergraduate certificate director.

Developmental Administration: BA 3180, COMM 2350, PSY 3820

Environmental Administration: BIOL 2130, BIOL 3650, ECON 4900, NR 3000, RM 3600.

Governmental Accounting: ACCT 2010, ACCT 2020, BE 1400 MANG 4200.

Organizational Analysis: BA 4100, COMM 3850, MANG 3240, PSY 3370, SOC 3000, SOC 3350.

Public Financial Administration: ECON 3010, ECON 3020, ECON 3840, ECON 3850, FIN 3250, MANG 4200.

Tribal Government Administration: COMM 2150, HIST 3010, SOC 3400.

Students Interested in Attending Law School

Although Southern Utah University does not have a formal Pre-Law program, we have an excellent track record of placing students in some of the finest law schools in the United States. Dean Rod Decker in CN 225N should be contacted for guidance during the student's undergraduate education.

Typically, students entering law school are Political Science majors. However, History majors also do well in law careers.

Notable law schools consider the student's overall GPA in addition to each student's LSAT (Law School Admissions Test) score when considering granting admission. Good grades throughout one's undergraduate career are essential.

For further information, please contact Dean Rod Decker at (435) 586-7898, or any of the Political Science professors.



Rural Master of Social Work

Southern Utah University cooperates with the University of Utah in making this degree available on the SUU campus. For more information contact Scott Sorensen at (435) 586-1938. Offices are in the Centrum.