

# Department of History and Sociology

**Department Chair:** Curtis Bostick  
Centrum 225 ~ (435) 586-7860

**Administrative Assistant:** Rudia Williams  
Centrum 225 ~ (435) 586-7860

**Academic Advisor:** Carly Wilson  
Student Success Center ~ (435) 865-8427  
[wilsonC@suu.edu](mailto:wilsonC@suu.edu)  
Web: <http://www.suu.edu/hss/histsoc/>

## Faculty

*Professors:* Curtis Bostick, Martyn Kingston, Earl F. Mulderink III, Larry L. Ping, James A. Vlasich; *Assistant Professors:* Emily Dean, Shobha Gurung, Mark Miller, Michael Ostrowsky.

## DEGREES OFFERED

### Bachelor of Arts/ Bachelor of Science

History  
Sociology  
Social Science Composite

### Minors

History  
Sociology

## DEPARTMENT STATEMENT

It is the mission of the history and sociology department 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, sociology and anthropology.
5. Contribute to the cultural, historical, political and social development of southern Utah and the surrounding region.

### Anthropology

Anthropology is the study of human behavior, culture, and biology throughout time and space. Anthropology provides students with global information and thinking skills critical to success in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century in careers as diverse as public health, cultural resource management, international law and business, social research, community and environmental advocacy, and teaching.

### 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.

### 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 Major Bachelor of Arts/Bachelor of Science	
Course Number and Title	Credits
<b>General Education Core (see Chapter 14)</b>	
Core Course Requirements	17-18
Knowledge Areas Requirements	19
<b>University Requirements</b>	
BA Degree – Foreign Language/ASL Requirement (16 hours or proficiency test) BS Degree – Math or Science minimum requirement (12 hours)	
<b>History Major Requirements (36 credits)</b>	
HIST 1100 Western Civilization I OR HIST 1110 Western Civilization II	3
HIST 2700 United States: 1607-1877 OR HIST 2710 United States: 1877-Present	3
HIST 3090 History Seminar	3
HIST 4990 Seminar in Historical Research	3
<b>Must take one of the following courses that emphasize diversity:</b> HIST 3000 U.S. Indians through 1868 HIST 3010 U.S. Indians Since 1868 HIST 3620 Afro-Amer. Hist. from Colonialism to 1877 HIST 3630 Afro-Amer. Hist. from 1877- Present HIST 4600 Women in Ancient, Medieval, Early Modern Europe	
	3
<b>History Elective Credits</b>	
1. A student must take at least 21 hours of elective credit.	21

2. No more than 12 lower division credits will be accepted toward a History or History Teaching Major.	
3. ** A history major must also pass HIST 4900 with a "B-" or better grade.	
4. No Grade below a "C-" is acceptable in the major "C-" is acceptable in the major.	
<b>Other Electives (48 hours)</b>	
Free Electives	48
<b>Total Credits, B.A. or B.S. Degree</b>	<b>120</b>

HIST 4720 United States 1784-1845 (3)	
HIST 4730 United States 1845-1898 (3)	
HIST 4740 United States 1898-1945 (3)	
HIST 4750 United States 1945 – Present (3)	
<b>History Elective Credits</b>	
5. A student must take at least 10 hours of elective credit.	
6. No more than 12 lower division credits will be accepted toward a History or History Teaching Major.	
7. ** A history major must also pass HIST 4900 with a "B-" or better grade.	
8. No Grade below a "C-" is acceptable in the major	
<b>Free Electives</b> (includes completing B.A. or B.S. requirements)	22
<b>Total Credits, B.A. or B.S. degree</b>	<b>120</b>



<b>History Teaching Bachelor of Arts/Bachelor of Science</b>	
History majors may be recommended for a state of Utah teaching licensure in the secondary schools by earning a bachelor's degree. Students interested in teaching are required to take SOSC 4900 and complete the sequence of professional education courses offered through the College of Education.	
<b>General Education Core (see Chapter 14)</b>	
Core Course Requirements	17-18
Knowledge Areas Requirements	19
<b>History Teaching Requirements OPTION 1 (36 hours)</b>	
<b>One of the following:</b> HIST 1100 Western Civilization I (3) HIST 1110 Western Civilization II (3)	3
HIST 2700 United States: 1607-1877	3
HIST 2710 United States: 1877 – Present	3
HIST 3090 History Seminar	3
HIST 3870 History of Utah	3
<b>One of the following:</b> HIST 3810 History of the American West (3) HIST 3880 History of the American Southwest (3)	3
SOSC 4900 Teaching Social Science Subjects	2
HIST 4990 Seminar in Historical Research **	3
<b>History Elective Credits</b>	
1. A student must take at least 13 hours of elective credit.	
2. No more than 12 lower division credits will be accepted toward a History or History Teaching Major.	
3. ** A history major must also pass HIST 4900 with a "B-" or better grade.	
4. No Grade below a "C-" is acceptable in the major	13
<b>History Teaching Requirements OPTION 2 (36 hours)</b>	
<b>One of the following:</b> HIST 1100 Western Civilization I (3) HIST 1110 Western Civilization II (3)	3
<b>One of the following:</b> HIST 2700 United States: 1607-1877 (3) HIST 2710 United States: 1877-Present (3)	3
HIST 3090 History Seminar	3
HIST 3870 History of Utah	3
HIST 4990 Seminar in Historical Research **	3
SOSC 4900 Teaching Social Science Subjects	2
<b>Plus a minimum of three courses selected from the following (9 hours):</b> HIST 4710 United States 1607-1789 (3)	9

<b>Professional Education Requirements for Secondary Licensure</b>	
Please see page 178 for the degree requirements for Secondary Education Licensure. Some classes required for the licensure cannot be taken until the teacher candidate has been admitted to the Teacher Education Department. Please consult your advisor or the Teacher Education Department for further instruction.	
*Meets general education requirements in the interdisciplinary knowledge area.	




<b>History Minor</b>	
Course Number and Title	Credits
<b>Required Courses (6 hours)</b>	
<b>One of the following</b>	
<b>One of the following:</b> HIST 1100 Western Civilization I (3) HIST 1110 Western Civilization II (3)	3
<b>One of the following:</b> HIST 2700 United States: 1607-1877 (3) HIST 2710 United States: 1877-Present (3)	3
<b>A student seeking teacher licensure with a history minor must complete one of the following:</b> HIST 2700 United States: 1607 – 1877 (3) HIST 2710 United States: 1877 – Present (3) HIST 3870 History of Utah (3)	3
<b>Must take one of the following courses that emphasize diversity:</b> HIST 3000 U.S. Indians through 1868 HIST 3010 U.S. Indians Since 1868 HIST 3620 Afro-Amer. Hist. from Colonialism to 1877 HIST 3630 Afro-Amer. Hist. from 1877- Present HIST 4600 Women in Ancient, Medieval, Early Modern Europe	3
<b>Electives (9 hours)</b>	
<b>Sufficient courses from the department's offerings to meet the minimum requirement.</b> HIST (3) HIST (3) HIST (3)	9
Comments: No more than 9 credits of lower division history classes may be counted toward the credit requirement of the minor.	
<b>Total History Credits Required (minimum)</b>	<b>18</b>



<b>Social Science Composite Bachelor of Arts/Bachelor of Science</b>	
Course Number and Title	Credits
<b>General Education Core (see Chapter 14)</b>	
Core Course Requirements	17-18
Knowledge Areas Requirements	19
<b>University Requirements</b>	
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.	
<b>Required Courses (50 hours minimum in social sciences):</b>	
Complete 18-hour minimum requirement in history: HIST (3) HIST (3) HIST (3) HIST (3) HIST (3) HIST (3)	18
A minimum of 8 semester hours is required in geography. GEOG 3550 or 3555 are not recommended for those seeking teaching licensure. One should consult the HSS advisor. GEOG GEOG GEOG	8
A minimum of 24 hours is required from Economics, Political Science, Psychology, Sociology & Anthropology. At least 6 credit hours in each subject. ECON (3) ECON (3) POLS (3) POLS (3) PSY 1010 (3) PSY (3) SOC 1010 or 1020 (3) SOC or ANTH (3)	24
Free Electives (includes completing B.A./B.S. requirement) 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.	33-34
<b>Total Credits, B.A. or B.S. degree</b>	<b>120</b>
At Least 25 hours must be upper division credit.	
Teaching License Information: Social Studies 4900 and HIST 3870 "History of Utah" are required to receive a teaching license in Utah.	
Please see the Education Dept. regarding courses required to become a licensed teacher.	
Suggested courses are: HIST 2700, 2710 and upper-division American history courses; GEOG 1000, 1005, 1200, 3600 and 4900; ECON 1010, 1740, and 2010; POLS 1100, 2100, 2200, and 2300; PSY 3210, 3220, 3370, and 3430; SOC 2370 and 3000; ANTH 1010 and 1020.	
No grade below a C- is acceptable toward this major.	

<b>Professional Education Requirements for Secondary Licensure</b>	
Please see page 178 for the degree requirements for Secondary Education Licensure. Some classes required for the licensure cannot be taken until the teacher candidate has been admitted to the Teacher Education Department. Please consult your advisor or the Teacher Education Department for further instruction.	
*Meets general education requirements in the interdisciplinary knowledge area.	
<b>Sociology Major Bachelor of Arts/Bachelor of Science</b>	
Course Number and Title	Credits
<b>General Education Core (see Chapter 14)</b>	
Core Course Requirements	17-18
Knowledge Areas Requirements	19
<b>University Requirements</b>	
BA Degree – Foreign Language/ASL Requirement (16 hours or proficiency test) BS Degree – Math or Science minimum requirement (12 hours)	
<b>Core Requirements</b>	
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.	
<b>Required Sociology Courses (15 hours)</b>	
SOC 1010 or 1020 Introduction to Sociology or Modern Social Problems	3
SOC 3450 Applied Research Methods	3
SOC 3780 Sociology Theory	3
SOC 4999 Senior Capstone	3
<b>Choose one of the following:</b> SOC 2370 Men, Women, & Society in Global Perspectives SOC 2630 Race & Ethnic Relations SOC 3000 Social Inequality & Justice *SOC 3030 Civic Engagement, Service Learning & Leadership	3
<b>Sociology Electives (21 hours)</b>	
Sufficient courses from the department's offerings to meet the minimum requirements. **It is strongly recommended that Sociology Majors take SOC 3030. Students intending to complete the Practicum option for SOC 4999 <u>must</u> take SOC 3030. *21 Additional elective Sociology credit hours. (no more than twelve (12) lower division credit hours.)	21
Free Electives (includes completing B.A./B.S. requirements)	48
<b>Total Credits, B.A. or B.S. degree</b>	<b>120</b>

<b>Sociology Minor</b>	
<b>Course Number and Title</b>	<b>Credits</b>
<b>Required Sociology Courses (9 hours)</b>	
SOC 1010 Introduction to Sociology	3
SOC 3780 Sociology Theory	3
Choose one of the following SOC 2370 Men, Women, & Society in Global Perspectives SOC 2630 Race and Ethnic Relations  SOC 3000 Social Inequality & Justice	3
In addition, nine (9) Sociology elective credits.	9
Sufficient courses from the department's offerings to meet the minimum requirements. No more than twelve (12) credits of lower-division work for the minor.	
<b>Total Credits (minimum)</b>	<b>18</b>

<b>Rural Master of Social Work</b>
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, Centrum 225L.

