



College of Liberal Arts and Education

Social Sciences Comprehensive

Social Sciences at UW-Platteville

The comprehensive social sciences major includes course work in economics, geography, history, political science, sociology and psychology. A minor in economics, geography, history or psychology is required (this is considered the area of emphasis). Students who wish a broad liberal arts program will find it within the social sciences comprehensive major.

Students who plan to teach will also find the social sciences comprehensive major useful. Students completing the Social Sciences Comprehensive Major meet the Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction certification requirements for a teaching license in broadfield social studies and in the area of emphasis. This means the student will be able to teach fusion courses in the social sciences and courses in the specific discipline of the area of emphasis. Students intending to use this as a secondary education major must meet all professional requirements in the School of Education. This university certifies students to teach in their majors and minors only.

Career Opportunities

Students who major in Social Sciences Comprehensive usually plan to move into teaching as a professional career. The major is a liberal arts degree, and some students attend graduate or law school or enter the public sector. Other students have developed successful careers in business or working for international corporations.

The ability to understand history and the significance of current events, the ability to write with clarity and the ability to lead others are cultivated and enhanced with study in the social sciences.

High School Preparation

While in high school, students should become interested in historical, social, economic and political issues faced by their community, state and nation. They should be active in social and cultural organizations, student newspapers and community activities. Advanced education in writing and speaking is always good preparation.

General Requirements Bachelor of Arts Degree

Total for Graduation.....120 credits
General Education.....44-58 credits
Major Studies.....60-69 credits
Students must have a cumulative grade point average of 2.5 within the major studies for graduation.

Major Requirements

Social Sciences Comprehensive Major with a History Emphasis
60 credits

History required courses:

- 1010 World Civilization I
1020 World Civilization II
1330 U.S. History to 1877
1430 U.S. History since 1877

Geography Required Courses:

- 1330 World Regional Geography
3330 Environmental Conservation

Political Science Required Courses:

- 1130 Introduction to Politics
1230 Introduction to American Government

Psychology Required Courses:

- 1130 General Psychology
3530 Social Psychology

Economics Required Courses:

- 2130 Macroeconomics
2230 Microeconomics

Sociology Required Courses:

- 1030 Principles of Sociology
1130 Introduction to Anthropology

Social Sciences Comprehensive with an Economics Emphasis

66 credits

Economics required courses:

- 2130 Principles of Macroeconomics
2230 Principles of Microeconomics
3330 Intermediate Microeconomic Analysis
3340 Intermediate Macroeconomic Analysis
3630 Comparative Economic Systems

Students must also choose one from the following:

- 2410 Interpretation of Business and Economic Data
3220 Introduction to Managerial Economics
3420 Consumer Economics

Students must also choose two elective courses. The following are strongly recommended:

- 3210 History of Economic Thought
3420 Consumer Economics

****Plus additional credits in History**
(1010,1020,1330,1430, plus 3 credits), Political Science (1230,3030), Psychology (1130,3530), and Sociology (1030,2330) in order to meet 66 total requirements. See NOTE below.

Social Sciences Comprehensive Major with a Geography Emphasis
63 credits

1040 Survey of Physical Geography
1140 Phys. Geography: Geomorphology
or

1240 Phys. Geography: Weather & Climate

1330 World Regional Geography

2230 Cartography and Graphics

3030 Economic Geography

3120 Geography of Wisconsin

3130 Geography of United States & Canada

3330 Environmental Conservation

4030 Seminar in Geography Development and Methodology

****Plus additional credits in History** (1010, 1020, 1330, 1430, plus 3 credits), Political Science (1230, 3030), Economics (2130, 2230), Psychology (1130, 3530), and Sociology (1030, 2330) in order to meet 63 total requirements. See NOTE below.

Social Sciences Comprehensive Major with a Psychology Emphasis
69 Credits

Psychology required courses:

1130 General Psychology

2230 Intro to Experimental Psychology

3130 Child Psychology

or

3230 Adolescent Psychology

4030 Theories of Personality

or

4430 Abnormal Psychology

Twelve additional credits of psychology

****Plus additional credits in History** (1010, 1020, 1330, 1430 plus 3 credits), Economics (2130, 2230), Geography (1330, 3030, 3330), Political Science (1130, 1230), and Sociology (1030, 1130) in order to meet 69 total requirements. See NOTE below.

****NOTE:** In order to meet the Major requirement of 60 to 69 credit hours, additional requirements are needed for each emphasis (not including your own).

History required courses:

1010 World Civilization I

1020 World Civilization II

1330 U.S. History to 1877

1430 U.S. History since 1877

Plus 3 additional credits of history

Geography required courses:

1330 World Regional Geography

3030 Economic Geography

3330 Environmental Conservation

Three more credits in geography

Economics required courses:

2130 Principles of Macroeconomics

2230 Principles of Microeconomics

Political Science required courses:

1130 Introduction to Politics

1230 Introduction to American Government

Sociology required courses:

1030 Principles of Sociology

1130 Introduction to Anthropology

Social Sciences Minor

The following courses (30 credits) are required. There are no electives.

History required courses:

1010 World Civ I

1020 World Civ II

1330 U.S. to 1877

1430 U.S. since 1877

Geography required courses:

1330 World Regional G.

Political Science required courses:

1130 Intro to Politics

Psychology required courses:

1130 General Psychology

Economics required courses:

2130 Macroeconomics

Sociology required courses:

1030 Principles of Sociology

1130 Introduction to Anthropology **OR**

2130 Cultural Anthropology

For More Information

For more information about the Social Sciences Comprehensive major at UW-Platteville, write to the Department of Social Sciences, University of Wisconsin-Platteville, 1 University Plaza, Platteville, WI 53818-3099, or call 608.342.1787.

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