Social Sciences Comprehensive

Social Sciences at UW-Platteville
The comprehensive social sciences major includes coursework 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. 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 History U.S. 1492 to 1877
1430 History U.S. since 1877

Twelve additional credits: two U.S. history, one European history, and one non-Western history

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

Students must also choose two elective courses from the following list:
Econ 2260 Econ and Western History
Econ 4930 Senior Seminar
Geog 1230 Survey of Cultural Geog
Geog 3030 Economic Geography
Geog 4530 Historical Geog of U.S.
PolSci 1330 International Relations
PolSci 2430 Comparative Politics
Psych 4430 Abnormal Psych
Soc 2130 Cultural Anthropology
Soc 2330 Contemp Soc Problems
Soc 3230 Human Relations

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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  History U.S. 1492 to 1877
1430  History U.S. 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  History U.S. 1492 to 1877
1430  History 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
or
2130  Cultural Anthropology

For More Information
For more information about the social sciences comprehensive major at UW-Platteville, write to the Department of History, UW-Platteville, 1 University Plaza, Platteville WI 53818-3099 or call 608.342.1787.

For general information on the university and its programs, contact Admission and Enrollment Services, UW-Platteville, 1 University Plaza, Platteville WI 53818-3099 or call toll free 1.877.897.5288 or locally 608.342.1127.

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