Social Science

MAJOR

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- A major in Social Science requires a minimum of 63 hours; you cannot minor in Social Science.
- Only courses in which you earn a grade of C or better will count toward satisfaction of major requirements in Social Science.

Program Requirements

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<td>Hours Required in Social Science:</td>
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<td>Hours Required in Other Fields:</td>
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<td>Total Hours Required:</td>
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Requirements for Major in Social Science

1. Introductory Level Courses: (36 hours)

Economics (6 hours)
ECON 201 Principles of Economics (Macro) (GEP Group D)
or ECON 211 Honors: Principles of Macroeconomics (GEP Group D)
ECON 202 Principles of Economics (Micro)
or ECON 212 Honors: Principles of Microeconomics

Geography (6 hours)
GEOG 104 Human Geography (GEP Group D or F)
or GEOG 114 Honors Human Geography (GEP Group D or F)
or GEOG 110 World Regional Geography: Cultural Diversity (GEP Group D or F)
GEOG 301 Geography of North America
or GEOG 302 Geography of Maryland

History (6 hours)
Select one of the following sequences:

- HIST 103, 104 History of the United States
  or HIST 113, 114 World History
  (NOTE: Students pursuing secondary social studies certification are required to take both the US and World history sequences.)

Political Science (6 hours)
POSC 110 Introduction to American Politics (GEP Group D)
or POSC 112 Honors Introduction to American Politics (GEP Group D)
POSC 113 Introduction to World Politics (GEP Group D)
or POSC 114 Honors Introduction to World Politics (GEP Group D)
or POSC 131 Introduction to Comparative Politics (GEP Group D or F)

Psychology (6 hours)
PSYC 150 General Psychology (GEP Group D)
or PSYC 151 Honors General Psychology (GEP Group D)
and one from among:
PSYC 210 Child Development
PSYC 212 Adolescence and Adulthood
PSYC 220 Psychology of Women (GEP Group F)

Sociology (6 hours)
SOCI 100 Introduction to Sociology (GEP Group D)
or SOCI 111 Honors Introduction to Sociology (GEP Group D)
and 1 from among:
SOCI 200 Social Problems
SOCI 224 Cultural Anthropology (GEP Group F)
SOCI 305 Racial and Cultural Minorities (GEP Group F)
SOCI 306 Sociology of African Americans
( NOTE: Students interested in pursuing secondary social studies certification at either the undergraduate or master’s level should choose SOCI 224, SOCI 305, or SOCI 306.)

2. Tracks: (18 hours)
Select 2 of the following departmental patterns:

Economics (9 hours)
Select from:
ECON 300 History of Economic Thought
ECON 303 American Economic History
ECON 306 Money and Banking
ECON 307 Government, Business and Public Policy
ECON 309 Comparative Economic Systems
ECON 351 Intermediate Macroeconomics
ECON 352 Intermediate Microeconomics
ECON 400 International Trade
ECON 401 International Finance
ECON 405 Economics of Developing Countries
ECON 407 Business Cycles and Forecasting
ECON 408 Urban and Regional Economics
ECON 490 Special Topics in Economics

Geography (9 hours)
Select from:
GEOG 300 Economic Geography
GEOG 310 Fundamentals of Cartography
GEOG 320 Geography of Latin America
GEOG 324 Urban Geography
GEOG 360 Food Systems
GEOG 400 Geography of Asia
GEOG 401 Geography of Europe
GEOG 403 Geography of Sub-Saharan Africa
GEOG 404 Geography of the Middle East and Central Asia
GEOG 407 Political Geography
GEOG 410 Locational Analysis
GEOG 425 Geography of Transportation
GEOG 427 Geography of Languages and Religions
GEOG 452 Rural Geography (New course should be approved by Senate in December.)
GEOG 454 Geography of Tourism

History (9 hours)
Select from 300- or 400-level history courses.

Political Science (9 hours)
Select one course from each of the three groups:

a. POSC 352 Interest Groups
   POSC 361 Public Opinion and Political Behavior
   POSC 362 Political Parties and Elections
   POSC 363 Media and Politics
   POSC 365 Women and Politics
   POSC 462 Personality and Politics
b. POSC 330 Politics of Africa
   POSC 331 Politics of Latin America
   POSC 332 Politics of Middle East
   POSC 333 Politics of Europe
   POSC 341 International Organization
   POSC 342 Foreign Policy of the United States
   POSC 431 Russian Politics

b. American State and Local Politics
   POSC 323 Public Administration
   POSC 324 Criminal Justice Systems
   POSC 421 American Legislative Politics
   POSC 422 American Constitutional Law I
   POSC 423 American Constitutional Law II
   POSC 427 The American Presidency

Psychology (9-10 hours)
Select one course each from three of the four groups:

a. PSYC 210 Child Development
   or PSYC 212 Adolescence and Adulthood
   Selection may not duplicate introductory courses.
b. PSYC 213 Psychology of Adjustment
   or PSYC 301 Research Methods and Analysis II
   or PSYC 303 Psychology of Couples
c. PSYC 318 Social Psychology
d. PSYC 314 Theories of Personality
   or PSYC 317 Abnormal Psychology

Sociology (9 hours)
Select one course from each of the three groups. If SOCI 224 or 305 was chosen as an introductory level course, a different course must be chosen to count for the track. Selections may not duplicate courses used elsewhere in the major.

a. Social Institutions and Structures
   SOCI 305 Racial and Cultural Minorities (GEP Group F)
   SOCI 362 Sociology of Religion
   SOCI 364 Marriage and Family Relationships

   SOCI 366 Social Inequality
   SOCI 367 Sociology of Medicine
   SOCI 436 Social Aspects of Mass Communication

b. Social Behavior
   SOCI 203 Sociology of Deviant Behavior
   SOCI 306 Sociology of African Americans
   SOCI 332 Collective Behavior and Social Movements
   SOCI 334 Gender and Social Life
   SOCI 340 Criminology
   SOCI 442 Juvenile Delinquency
   SOCI 468 Sociology of Later Life

c. Community and Society
   SOCI 224 Cultural Anthropology (GEP Group F)
   SOCI 322 Social Demography
   SOCI 325 Community Analysis
   SOCI 326 Sociology of Rural Life
   SOCI 328 Sociology of Urban Life

3. Research Methods (3-4 hours)
Choose one of the following from a department selected as a track above:

ECON 450 Quantitative Economics
GEOG 380 Geographic Research Methods and Field Techniques
HIST 299 Writing and Research in History
POSC 250 Research Methods
PSYC 201 Research Methods and Analysis I
SOCI 311 Basic Research Methods

4. Social Science Seminar (3 hours)
SOSC 490 Topics in Social Science (Capstone)

5. Additional Requirement (3 hours – not required for education majors)
CMST 102 Introduction to Human Communication*
*Note: you must receive a grade of C or better for this course to count toward major.

If you wish to complete a Maryland State-approved program in teaching secondary social studies, you must:

- Complete the BA/BS in social science.
- See the Secondary Teacher Education Program Coordinator for details.