The Social Sciences Area option allows students to meet their individual education needs by developing a major based on courses from several programs within the Social Science programs of the Behavioral Sciences Division which include History, Political Science, Economics, Sociology, Criminal Justice, Public Policy, and Psychology.

The selection of courses should reflect a theme or program that is developed in consultation with an Academic Advisor.

Core Requirements

12 courses - 36 credits

To satisfy the requirements for a Social Sciences Area major, students select one program in which they take five to six courses (15-18 credits) and two other programs in which they take three to four courses (9-12 credits) each for a minimum total of 36 credits. An example of a program of studies for a student who chose History as the major program and Political Science and Economics as the minor programs is shown below.

History
HIST 0500 Colonial Latin America
HIST 0600 U.S. to 1877
HIST 0601 U.S. 1865 to Present
HIST 0710 World History to 1500
HIST 1010 Historical Inquiry and Methods
HIST 1367 20th-Century Europe

Political Science
PS 0200 American Politics
PS 1202 American Constitutional Law
PS 1261 American Public Policy
PS 1511 American Foreign Policy

Economics
ECON 0100 Introduction to Microeconomics
ECON 0110 Introduction to Macroeconomics
ECON 0130 Globalization

Additional Requirement

1 course - 3 credits

After earning 90 credits, all Social Sciences Area majors must take the capstone course offered in the major area of concentration to fulfill the capstone course requirement.