

The Social Sciences: A Brief Overview

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SOCIAL SCIENTISTS

- ❑ Social scientists study all aspects of society
 - ❑ Past events and achievements
 - ❑ Human behavior
 - ❑ Relationships among groups
 - ❑ Research provides insight as to the different ways individuals and groups make decisions, exercise power, and respond to change.
 - ❑ Through their studies and analyses, social scientists suggest solutions to social, business, personal, governmental, and environmental problems.
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RESEARCH

- Research is a major activity of social scientists.
 - A variety of methods are used to assemble facts and construct theories.
 - Collecting information takes on many forms
 - Interviews and questionnaires to gather demographic and opinion data
 - Living and working among the population being study
 - Performing field investigations
 - Analyzing historical records and documents;
 - Experimenting with animal or human subjects in a lab;
 - Preparing and interpreting maps and computer graphics.
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MAJORS

- Anthropology
 - Criminal Justice Studies
 - Economics
 - Geography/Geography Secondary Ed
 - History/History Secondary Ed
 - Political Science/POLS Secondary Ed
 - Psychology
 - Social Work
 - Sociology
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DEGREE PATHS

- The Bachelor of Arts
 - The Bachelor of Science
 - The Bachelor of Social Work
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SKILLS COURSES FOR DEGREE PATHS

- Bachelor of Science
- ENG 101/102
- SPC 103/104/105
- PHIL 106/MATH 106/FL 106
- CMIS 108/CS 108/STAT 107

- Bachelor of Arts
 - ENG 101/102
 - Any FL 101/102
 - And one of the following:
 - FL 106
 - MATH 106
 - PHIL 106
 - CMIS 108
 - CS 108
 - STAT 107
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THE MAGIC NUMBER

- All Social Sciences majors require

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hours of coursework to earn a Bachelor's degree.
(Secondary Certification may require additional hours)

ANTHROPOLOGY

- BA and BS degrees offered
 - All majors must complete courses in each of the following areas: Physical, Cultural, and Linguistic Anthropology and Archaeology
 - Possible first semester course:
 - ANTH 111 – Intro to Anthropology
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CRIMINAL JUSTICE

- ❑ BA and BS degrees offered
 - ❑ Pre-CJ program
 - ❑ Competitive admission program. In order to apply students must:
 - Complete a specific set of courses with grades of C or higher
 - Have a GPA of 2.75 or higher
 - ❑ Possible first semester courses:
 - SOC 111 – Intro to Sociology
 - ANTH 111 – Intro to Anthropology
 - POLS 112 – American National Government
 - ❑ All students are required to complete an internship within the field of CJ
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Economics

- BA and BS degrees offered
 - Some coursework in common with Economics and Finance major through School of Business
 - Possible first semester course:
 - ECON 111 – Principles of Macroeconomics
 - MATH 120 – College Algebra
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GEOGRAPHY

- ❑ BA and BS degrees offered
 - ❑ All majors must complete courses in each of the following areas: Cartography, Human Geography, Physical Geography, Regional Geography
 - ❑ Additional areas of specialization include:
 - Biogeography, Climatology/Meteorology, Cultural Geography, Developmental Studies & Urban Studies.
 - ❑ Teacher Certification Available includes Social Science Education Minor
 - ❑ Possible first semester courses:
 - ESCI 111 – Intro to Physical Geology/Geography
 - MATH 120 – College Algebra
 - STAT 107 – Concepts of Statistics
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HISTORY

- ❑ BA and BS degrees offered
 - ❑ Teacher Certification available includes Social Science Education Minor
 - History Secondary Education major more structured than BA/BS History
 - ❑ Possible first semester courses:
 - HIST 111A – Western Civ I
 - HIST 111B – Western Civ II
 - HIST 112A – World Civ I
 - HIST 130 –History of Black America
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POLITICAL SCIENCE

- BA and BS degrees offered
 - Subfields include:
 - American National Govt & Politics
 - Comparative Politics
 - International Relations
 - Political Theory
 - Public Administration
 - Public Law
 - Political Analysis
 - Teacher certification available includes Social Science Education Minor
 - Possible first semester courses
 - POLS 111 – Intro to Political Science
 - POLS 112 – American National Government
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PSYCHOLOGY

- ❑ BA and BS degrees offered
 - ❑ Department is housed in the School of Education
 - ❑ All majors must complete courses in each of the following areas: Developmental Psychology, Social Psychology, Cognitive Psychology, Research Methods
 - ❑ Possible first semester course:
 - PSYC 111 – Foundations of Psychology
 - STAT 107 – Concepts of Statistics
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SOCIAL WORK

- ❑ BSW degree offered
 - ❑ Very structured program
 - ❑ Possible first semester courses:
 - ANTH 111 – Intro to Anthropology
 - BIOL 111 – Contemporary Biology
 - ECON 111 – Principles of Macroeconomics
 - PSYC 111 – Foundations of Psychology
 - SPC 103 – Interpersonal Communications
 - STAT 107 – Concepts of Statistics
 - ❑ Students earning BSW in Social Work at SIUE can earn MSW at SIUE in 1 year
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SOCIOLOGY

- BA and BS degrees offered
 - Employment Relations specialization
 - Possible first semester course:
 - SOC 111 – Intro to Sociology
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Resources

- Curriculum Guide
 - Declaration requirements
 - Departmental contact information
 - Sequences within program
 - Departmental Website
 - CougarNet
 - Course descriptions
 - Prerequisites
 - Advisors
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