

Social Studies



Department of Social Sciences
College of Arts, Sciences, and Letters

The Field

The Social Studies major provides students with a broad range and interdisciplinary perspective through which to examine and appreciate the processes and institutions that shape civilizations and social orders. It seeks to recreate the context of changing human activities, be they cultural, economic, geographic, political, or social and to explain/understand the contemporary human condition. Because of its unique comparative structure, the Social Studies major is valuable for those who want a multi-dimensional understanding of the human past and future, and of the contemporary world and their own place in it. The degree provides an excellent background for those who seek a career in secondary teaching, government work, law or business.

Career Opportunities

Because of its interdisciplinary structure, the Social Studies major helps us to recognize and analyze the complexity of the varied and ever-changing forces that have shaped, and continue to shape the world in which we live. It provides a solid liberal arts foundation for many career options. Students interested in research and applied theory may be ideally suited for a career in historic preservation, law, library science, business, or public service. Also, Education is a very popular choice for Social Studies majors. No matter the career path, the critical and analytical skills developed as a Social Studies major will serve you well.

The Major

(Requirements are subject to change. Degree-seeking students will be subject to the requirements in effect at the time that they are admitted or re-admitted.)

Requirements

33 credit hours of coursework in Economics, Geography, History, Political Science that include:

Geography

3-credits, Any Level
3-credits of Upper Level (300+)

Economics

3-credits, choose from 201, 202, or 2001
3-credits of Upper Level (300+) appropriate to principles class completed

History (Non-U.S.)

9-credits, upper Level (300+) must be in 3 different global areas (Choose from Asia, Europe, Africa, the Americas, the Middle East.)

History (U.S.)

3-credits, upper level (300+ U.S. History)

Political Science

6-credits, upper level (300+)

Economics, Geography, OR Political Science

3-credits, Upper Level (300+)

(Please note: HIST 103, 106, and 112 and POL 101 are also required for secondary certification.)

Cognates

Six upper (300+) level credit hours from disciplines other than Economics, Geography, History, or Political Science that are not included in the 33 hours required for the major.

Evening Offerings

Social Studies faculty are committed to a comprehensive evening program. However, evening students should watch for infrequently offered courses and take them when available.

For More Information

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