

Bachelor of Arts in Social Sciences

Offered online through the College of Extended and Global Education

This program is designed for students who wish to build a unique BA in Social Sciences program that suits their interests and professional goals OR for those who wish to teach social science subjects in California's schools, middle school through high [school](#).

[For](#) those interested in teaching, in addition to this coursework, students will have to pass 2 California pre-credential exams in order to be admitted into a Teaching Credential Program, post-BA: the California Subject Examination for Teachers (CSET), which encompasses knowledge and understanding primarily of history, but also economics, [geography](#), political [science](#), [psychology](#), and [sociology](#) and the California Basic Educational Skills Test (CBEST) which is comprised of three subtests: basic math, reading, and writing skills for individuals planning a career in teaching.

Students are required to complete 30 units in the Core discipline of Social Science. [Students may choose an alternative Core set of courses or discipline in consultation with an Advisor or the Program Coordinator.](#)

Students choose a Concentration from one of the following disciplines and complete a total of 15 units: child development, economics, geography, history, political science, psychology, or sociology. Included in the core, students will choose take an additional 12-units in one field outside of their Concentration. Field from child development, economics, geography, history, political science, psychology, or sociology. Students may choose an alternative Concentration set of courses or discipline in consultation with an Advisor or the Program Coordinator.

[Students](#) interested in pursuing Teaching are encouraged to see their Social Science advisor early in their program for assistance in choosing courses.

[For](#) those with interests outside of teaching in multidisciplinary and individualized programs, this program is also designed for students with a varied set of academic and career interests. Students develop skills in areas that are deemed crucial in a wide array of contemporary professions: Globalism, [Multiculturalism](#), and Intercultural Fluency, Critical Thinking and Problem Solving, Oral and Written Communication, Teamwork and [Collaboration](#), and Professionalism and Work [Ethics](#). For students interested in the multidisciplinary and individualized programs, it is recommended that you first meet with an Academic Advisor in order to develop your program. All multidisciplinary and individualized programs must be approved by the BA in Social Sciences Coordinator.

Additionally, students looking to enhance their career prospects may elect to complete up to 6 units of [SSCI 5750](#) Internship and 6 units of [SSCI 5950](#) Independent Studies, for a total of [3-12](#) units, with the consent of the Program [Coordinator](#).

Requirements (45 units)

Total units required for graduation: 120

Requirements for the B.A. in Social Sciences

Core requirements (30)

Twelve units chosen from: 12

SSCI 3000	Global Issues and Perspectives
or SSCI 3001	Global Issues and Perspectives
SSCI 3010	Revolutions and Revolutionary Ideas
or SSCI 3011	Revolutions and Revolutionary Ideas
SSCI 3020	The 20th Century World
SSCI 3160	Race and Racism
SSCI 3250	Perspectives on Gender
SSCI 3290	Topics in Social Science
SSCI 3320	Understanding Capitalism
SSCI 3390	Climate Change

Six units chosen from: 6

SSCI 3060	Expository Writing for the Social Sciences
SSCI 5940	Senior Seminar

Students take an additional 12-units in one field outside of their concentration from the following: 12

Child Development (CD 2240 + 9 upper division units of CD courses)
Economics (12 upper division units of ECON courses)
Geography (12 upper division units of GEOG courses)
History (12 upper division units of HIST courses)
Political Science (12 upper division units of PSCI courses)
Psychology (12 upper division units of PSYC courses)
Sociology (SOC 1000 + 9 upper division units of SOC courses)

Concentration (15)

Students must complete 15 units in one of the concentrations listed below or design their own Primary Concentration in consultation with the Program Coordinator: 15

Total Units 45

Concentrations (15 units)

Child Development Concentration

(Program Code: pending Office of the Chancellor approval)

CD 2240	Introduction to Child Development	3
Twelve units of upper division Child Development Coursework.		12

Total Units 15

Economics Concentration

(Program Code: SSEO)

Economics (15)

Fifteen units of upper-division Economics coursework 15

Total Units 15

Geography Concentration

(Program Code: SSGO)

Geography (15)

Fifteen units of upper-division Geography coursework	15
Total Units	15

History Concentration

(Program Code: pending Office of the Chancellor approval)

Fifteen units of upper-division History Coursework.	15
Total Units	15

Political Science Concentration

(Program Code: SSPO)

Political Science (15)

Fifteen units of upper-division Political Science coursework	15
Total Units	15

Psychology Concentration

(Program Code: SPSO)

Psychology (15)

Fifteen units of upper-division Psychology coursework	15
Total Units	15

Sociology Concentration

(Program Code: SSSO)

Sociology (15)

SOC 1000	Introduction to Sociology	3
Twelve units of upper-division Sociology coursework		12
Total Units		15