BACHELOR OF ARTS IN SOCIAL SCIENCE
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With concentration areas in
• Anthropology
• Economics
• Government/Political Science
• History
• Psychology
• Sociology

The B.A. degree in Social Science with an emphasis in a social science discipline enables students to engage in advanced course work in at least three social science disciplines as well as experience a rich interdisciplinary focus pursuing their degree.

Admission Requirements: Applicants enter as pre-majors and will be considered for full admission to the B.A. in Social Science program with a GPA of 2.0 or better and after completion of the following with a grade of ‘C’ or better:
1. ENGL S111
2. MATH S105 or higher

Pre-majors are highly encouraged to seek program advising from the Social Science Assessment Coordinator. When a student becomes a major in the Social Sciences she or he is assigned a faculty advisor who will plan the student’s curriculum.

Degree Requirements: Candidates must complete General Education Requirements (GERs) as well as specific program requirements listed below for a minimum of 120 credit hours. Courses in a degree program may count toward meeting more than one program requirement but credit is accepted for only one requirement area: If a course is taken to fulfill one requirement (e.g. a survey course in the GER), a substitution of equal or higher course level and number of credits in the same discipline must be taken to fulfill the second requirement (e.g. to replace the same survey course in the primary/secondary concentration in the B.A.). Specific requirements for GERs in Social Science are listed below. The degree must include 42 credits of upper-division (300 or above) courses, 24 of which must be completed at UAS.

The Student Assessment Portfolio Plan (SAP): The (SAP) in Social Science is a portfolio assessment requirement for degree completion. The following related course is taken in the freshman or sophomore year with presentation of the completed portfolio in the fall semester of the student’s senior year:
• SSCI S210, Portfolio Review

Specific requirements of the portfolio are available from the Assessment Coordinator for the Social Sciences SAP.

I. General Education Requirements (cat. p. 58) 35 credits
One of the following courses must be included in the GERs for a B.A. in Social Science.
1. STAT S107 Introductory Statistics
2. MATH S107 College Algebra
The following courses are strongly recommended as part of the degree program in Social Science:
1. World Language or Alaska Native Language (8 credits in a one-year sequence)

II. Social Science Requirements 6 credits
SSCI S101 Self, Culture and Society 3
SSCI S102 Reading/Writing in Social Sciences 2
SSCI S210 Portfolio Review 1

III. Primary Concentration Area 24-25 credits
Choose one area. If course is taken as GER, substitution of equal or higher course level and number of credits in same discipline must be taken to fulfill primary concentration requirement.

Anthropology 24 credits
Introductory/Survey Courses:
ANTH S202 Cultural Anthropology 3
ANTH S205 Biological Anthropology 3

Anthropology Elective Courses:
Any six anthropology elective courses 18 (12 credits must be upper-division)

Economics 24-25 credits
ECON S201 Principles Econ I: Macroeconomics 3
ECON S202 Principles Econ II: Microeconomics 3
ECON S321 Intermediate Microeconomic Theory 3
OR
ECON S324 Intermediate Macroeconomic Theory 3
SSCI S300 Research Methods in Social Science 3

Economics Elective Courses:
And any four of the following courses: 12-13 (9 credits must be upper-division)

Government/Political Science 24 credits
GOVT S101 Introduction to American Govt 3
OR
GOVT S102 Introduction to Political Science 3
GOVT S230 Introduction to Political Philosophy 3
GOVT S313 Alaska Politics 3
OR
GOVT S393 W. European or Latin American Politics 3
GOVT S491 Legislative Internship 9
GOVT S492A Legislative Internship Seminar 3
SSCI S300 Research Methods in Social Science 3

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History 24 credits
Introductory/Survey Courses (choose one)
HIST S105 & HIST S106 World History 6
HIST S131 & HIST S132 U.S. History 6
HIST S227 & HIST S228 Modern Europe Survey 6
Other Lower Division courses:
Any two additional 100/200 level History courses 6
(Note: HIST 133 may not be counted toward the B.A.S.S.)
Upper-Division Courses:
HIST S300 Historiography and Historical Methods 3
HIST S492 Seminar in History: Selected Topics 3
Any two additional 300/400 level History courses 6

Psychology 24 credits
PSY S101 Introduction to Psychology 3
PSY S245 Child Development 3
OR
PSY S250 Lifespan Development 3
Any 200-level Psychology course 3
PSY S340 Abnormal Psychology 3
Upper-Division Psychology Courses (choose 1-2)
Any three additional 300/400 level Psychology courses 9
SSCI S300 Research Methods Social Science 3

Sociology 24 credits
Introductory Course:
SOC S101 Introduction to Sociology 3
Upper-Division Sociology Courses:
Any six sociology elective courses 18
SSCI S300 Research Methods Social Science 3

Government/Political Science 15 credits
GOVT S101 Introduction to American Govt 3
OR
GOVT S102 Introduction to Political Science
GOVT S230 Introduction to Political Philosophy 3
GOVT S313 Alaska Politics 3
GOVT S393 W. European or Latin American Politics 3
LAWS S434 Constitutional Law 3

History 15 credits
Introductory/Survey Courses (choose one)
HIST S105 & HIST S106 World History 6
HIST S131 & HIST S132 U.S. History 6
HIST S227 & HIST S228 Modern Europe Survey 6
Any three History courses 9
(six credits must be upper division)
(Note: HIST 133 may not be counted toward a B.A.)

Psychology 15 credits
PSY S101 Introduction to Psychology 3
Any four Psychology courses 12
(six credits must be upper division)

Sociology 15 credits
SOC S101 Introduction to Sociology 3
Any four Sociology courses 12
(six credits must be upper division)

V. Electives or Minor 24-28 credits
Outstanding credits required for the baccalaureate degree may be from either electives or a minor program other than Social Science. Must include upper-division courses as needed to total 42 upper division course requirement credits.

Minimum Credit Hours 120 credits