

# **SOCIAL SCIENCES**

Put the concepts of psychology and sociology into practice with a Social Sciences degree. Social sciences offers courses and programs of study designed to help you understand the history and nature of human beings in a social context. This is an interdisciplinary program, which means you'll study a variety of subjects. You'll get to choose classes from criminal justice, economics, geography, history, political science, psychology, sociology and anthropology, and others. With a Social Sciences degree from Wayne State, you'll be ready to take on a variety of careers that are based on human interaction, from counseling and geography to business and economics.

## fast facts

### Hours:

55 hours for major 30 hours in general education

At least 120 hours are required for graduation from Wayne State College. You may add electives or a minor to help meet these requirements.

Degrees offered: B.A. or B.S.

**Department:** Psychology and Sociology

School: Education and Behavioral Sciences

Internship: Encouraged but not required

**Popular minors:** Geography, History, Political Science, Psychology, Spanish, Sociology

## focus on results

### **Subjects Studied**

- Criminal iustice
- Economics
- Geography
- History
- Political science
- Psychology
- Sociology

### **Possible Careers**

- Law enforcement
- Financial analyst
- Geographer
- Historian
- Policy analyst / advocate
- Psychologist
- Social worker

### **Types of Employers**

- Law enforcement agencies
- Banking and financial institutions
- Schools, colleges, and universities
- Behavioral health clinics
- Social service agencies
- Government / federal agencies
- Non-profit organizations
- Public service offices

# outside the - classroom



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### **Activities / Opportunities**

- Research projects and presentations
- Conferences and symposiums
- Peer mentoring and tutoring
- Service-Learning
- Study Abroad

### Clubs / Organizations

- Active Minds
- Pi Gamma Mu (Social Sciences Honorary)
- Psychology/Sociology Club
- Red Cross Club

# Sample program of study

### 2023-24 Academic Year

Every effort is made to ensure this information is current, but please be aware that some content may have changed. There is no substitute for developing a careful course registration plan in consultation with your advisor. The class sequence listed is suggested only. The final decision rests with the student and academic advisor.

Students should plan to complete some courses during summer school if they wish to complete graduation requirements in a four-year period. Students are encouraged to consider taking a foreign language as part of their General Studies program. (See appropriate section of catalog.)

### Students must select:

Note: At least 50% of the hours in the major must be upper level courses (300 or above).

- 1. An 18-hour primary area of emphasis that includes: criminal justice, economics, geography, history, political science, psychology, or sociology
- 2. 18 hours which includes 3 hours from each social sciences program outside the primary emphasis (CJA, ECO, GEO, HIS, POS, PSY, SOC)
- 3. 18 hours of electives from any of the SSC areas, with a maximum of 12 additional hours in any area outside the primary emphasis
- 4. SSC 485 Social Sciences Senior Seminar (1)

### Freshman - 1st semester

ENG 102 English Composition Skills (General Studies CAT 1)	
HIS 150 History of the U.S. (General Studies CAT 5)3	
PSY 101 General Psychology or SOC 101 Introduction to Sociology3	
General Studies CAT 3 or CAT 73-5	
General Studies CAT 4, CAT 6, CAT 8, CAT 9, or CAT 103	

### Freshman - 2nd semester

CNA 100 Principles of Human Communication (General Studies	
CAT 2)3	
SOC 101 Introduction to Sociology or PSY 101 General Psychology3	
General Studies CAT 3 or CAT 73-5	
General Studies CAT 4, CAT 6, CAT 8, CAT 9, or CAT 103	
*History and social science elective3	

### Sophomore - 1st semester

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General Studies CAT 4, CAT 6, CAT 8, CAT 9, or CAT 10	
Major course(s)	
*History and social science elective(s)	
for social sciences program by advisement	3
SOC 101 Introduction to Sociology or PSY 101 General Psychology	

General Studies CAT 4, CAT 6, CAT 8, CAT 9, or CAT 10	3
Major (primary emphasis) courses	3-9
Major courses	3-9

### Junior - 1st semester

Junior – 2nd semester	
*History and social science elective(s)	3-6
Elective	3
General Studies CAT 4, CAT 6, CAT 8, CAT 9, or CAT 10	3

Major (primary emphasis) courses ......6-9

Major courses ......3-6 Elective ......3

Senior	
Senior Capstone Experiences	

Continue coursework to fulfill remaining major (primary emphasis) and graduation requirements.

*History and Social Science Electives:  CJA 105 Intro to Criminal Justice	3
GEO 120 World Regional Geography or GEO 130 Physical	
Geography	3
ECO 202 Principles of Macroeconomics or ECO 203 Principles of	
Microeconomics	3
HIS 170 World Civilization I or HIS 180 The American Experience I	3
POS 100 American National Government or POS 110 Intro to World	
Politics	3

# social sciences faculty



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