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Bachelor of Arts in Social Sciences

This degree prepares you for a variety of careers and professions by providing the analytical tools and writing skills necessary for success in today's workplace. The Bachelor of Arts degree is the traditional requirement for graduate study in business, law, or specific academic fields. You'll become familiar with the great ideas, historical events, and social forces that have shaped the contemporary world. Ideas are presented in a global context to make the knowledge relevant to our increasingly interrelated, cross-cultural environment.

B.A. in Social Sciences Curriculum (total credits 128-130)

Core Curriculum (32–34 Credits)

Required Liberal Arts Courses (20 Credits)

Students select five courses from the following in consultation with their adviser. At least one of these courses should be from Humanities and at least one from Social Sciences.

Social Sciences
American Politics/Y20.6604 4
Business Organization and Management/Y10.0504 4
Cultural Anthropology/Y20.5003 4
History and Theory of the Media/Y20.6002 4
International Relations/Y20.6605 4
Introduction to Macroeconomics/Y10.0301 4
Introduction to Microeconomics/Y10.0341 4
Introduction to Psychology/Y20.6801 4
Introduction to Sociology/Y20.7201 4
Modern Political Thought/Y20.6602 4
Oral Communications/Y13.2201 4
Organizational Behavior/Y10.1301 4

Humanities
Comparative Eastern Religions/Y20.7004 4
Foundations of Creative Process/Y20.5241 4
Foundations of Philosophical Thought/Y20.6403 4
History of Art: Earliest Times Through the Middle Ages/Y20.5430 4
Introduction to Literature: The Craft of Reading/Y20.6241 4
Judaism, Christianity, and Islam/Y20.7003 4
Reading Visual Images/Y20.6003 4

The Major in Social Sciences (48 Credits)

1. Methods and Theory Courses (8 Credits)

Social Sciences
Classical Political Thought/Y26.6608 4
Contemporary Social Theory/Y26.7201 4
2. Major Requirements (20 Credits)
Humanities majors choose five upper division Humanities courses and Social Sciences majors choose five upper division Social Sciences courses in consultation with their advisers.

3. Concentration Courses (16 Credits)
Students choose four courses in one of the following concentrations within their majors. For a listing of courses applicable to each concentration, see the following pages.

a) Social Sciences Concentrations
Economics
International Studies
Organizational Behavior and Communication
Politics
Psychology
Sociology

4. Graduation Project (4 Credits)
Students choose one option in consultation with their adviser.

Senior Project: Social Sciences/Y26.7991
or Senior Project: Social Sciences Internship/Y26.7992

Free Electives (26–28 Credits)
TOTAL CREDITS 128–130

Social Sciences Concentrations

Economics

The contemporary economy is characterized by rapid change and increasing interdependence. The economics concentration provides a rigorous analytical framework for studying how current and anticipated changes influence consumers, the private sector, and government. The use of economic models to understand both historical and contemporary issues is stressed throughout the curriculum. With an economics background, you can pursue career opportunities in business, industry, government, and private agencies. This concentration prepares you for intellectual enrichment and advanced academic and professional training. We recommend that students complete the core curriculum before following the requirements listed.

Prerequisites and Recommended Courses
Before starting the concentration, students must have completed Introduction to Macroeconomics and Introduction to Microeconomics. Mathematical Economics is required as a prerequisite for the Methods and Theory courses and Statistical Methods in Economics is a prerequisite for all Group 2 Economics courses.

Methods and Theory (8 Credits)
Students must take Intermediate Macroeconomics and Intermediate Microeconomics.

Concentration Courses (16 Credits)
Students select eight credits from each of the following categories.
Group 1
All have Introduction to Macroeconomics and Introduction to Microeconomics as prerequisites.

- History of Economic Thought/Y26.0375 4
- Comparative Economic Systems/Y26.0373 4
- The Global Economy/Y26.0343 4
- International Financial Markets and Trade/Y26.0344 4
- Development Economics/Y26.0377 4
- Sports Economics/Y26.0348 4
- Government Intervention in the Economy/Y26.0361 4
- Economics of Gender/Y26.0351 4
- Money and Banking/Y26.0376 4

Group 2
All have Intermediate Macroeconomics or Intermediate Microeconomics or both as prerequisites.

- Finance and Investments/Y26.0350 4
- Industrial Organization/Y26.0352 4
- International Economics/Y26.0372 4
- Introduction to Econometrics/Y26.0378 4
- Labor Economics/Y26.0371 4
- Public Sector Economics/Y26.0374 4
- Special Topics in Economics/Y26.0390 4

Major Requirements (20 Credits)
In addition to other Social Sciences courses, it is recommended that students take at least 12 credits in Economics, including the following: Mathematical Economics and Statistical Methods in Economics.

Free Electives (26–28 Credits)

Graduation Project (4 Credits)
Senior Project Seminar

International Studies
Recent changes in world politics, are rendering nation-based business and public policies obsolete. The interactions of global economies and politics, coupled with ecological concerns for the planet, have given rise to new educational needs that are international in scope. The International Studies concentration combines courses in the fields of political science, business, economics, anthropology, and sociology into a flexible multidisciplinary approach. This program prepares you for 21st-century careers in the worlds of business, government, and international organizations, and serves as a strong foundation for graduate and professional programs. We recommend that students complete the McGhee core curriculum before following the requirements listed.

Prerequisites and Recommended Courses
Before starting the concentration, students must complete International Relations and Cultural Anthropology. In addition, students must complete two semesters of World Cultures.

Methods and Theory (8 Credits)
Students must take History of Social Thought or Contemporary Social Theory and Social Science Research Methods.

Concentration Courses (16 Credits)
Students select one course from each of the following categories.

1. Political Science and Economics
- Comparative Economic Systems/Y26.0373 4
- Comparative Political Systems/Y26.6601 4
- Development Economics/Y26.0377 4
- International Financial Markets and Trade/Y26.0344 4
- International Human Rights/Y26.6673 4
- International Law/Y26.6661 4
- International Political Economy/Y26.6674 4
- The Global Economy/Y26.0343 4
2. Area Studies
European Politics/Y26.6657
International Organizations/Y26.6662
Latin American Politics/Y26.6656
Modern Middle East in International History/Y26.5812
The Politics of Africa/Y26.6667
The Politics of East Asia/Y26.6658
The Politics of the Middle East and North Africa/Y26.6659
U.S. Foreign Policy/Y26.6653

3. Anthropology and Sociology
Cities and Urban Life/Y26.5051
Culture, Tourism, and Development/Y26.7902
Globalization and World Culture/Y26.6672
History of Capitalism/Y26.7262
Political Sociology/Y26.7662
Sociology of Development/Y26.7263
Transnationalism, Immigration, and Identity/Y26.6669
Women and Development/Y26.5050

4. International and Global History
Civilizations of the Ancient Near East/Y26.5073
Civilizations of the New World/Y26.5071
European Expansionism in the Age of Colonialism/Y26.5848
Fascism/Y26.5844
Rise of Civilization/Y26.5070

Major Requirements (20 Credits)
In addition to other Social Sciences courses, it is recommended that students select from any one of the four concentration categories or Special Topics courses, which may be offered in any of the four areas.

Special Topics in International Studies/Y26.7961

Free Electives (26–28 Credits)
Please consult your advisor.

Graduation Project (4 Credits)
Senior Project Seminar

Organizational Behavior and Communication
In today's rapidly changing work environment, effective leadership is essential to high-impact performance and the success of individuals, groups and organizations. Employees at every level have a competitive edge when they can analyze critical issues and effectively enhance leadership competencies, performance effectiveness, multicultural communications, and managing diversity and human development within the workplace. The uniqueness of the "OBC" concentration lies in its psychosocial, conceptual orientation grounded in experiential learning for real world application. Inspired by the scientist-practitioner model, students develop fluency in theory and application. Students learn to diagnose organizational systems and change, apply the interpersonal skills to meet strategic challenges, and advance in their own individual endeavors within organizations of the current corporate and not-for-profit world.

Prerequisites and Recommended Courses
Students must complete Organizational Behavior and Business Organization and Management before taking concentration courses.

Methods and Theory (8 Credits)
Students must take Organizational Behavior Research Methods and Current Issues in Organizational Behavior.

Concentration Courses (16 Credits)
Students may choose one course from each of the following categories or may choose to cluster two courses in each of two categories. Several courses have prerequisites; students should examine the course
1. Communication and Workplace Dynamics
Advanced Business Writing/Y26.2242  4
Gender Issues in Organizations/Y26.2246  4
Management Technologies: Organizational and Workplace Design/ Y26.2247  4
Managing Diversity in a Global Economy/Y26.2220  4
Multicultural Communication/Y26.2202  4
New Information Technologies/Y26.6074  4
Organizational Communication/Y26.2201  4
Storytelling: Uses The Use of Narrative in Organizational studies/Y26.2260  4

2. Leadership and Organizational Strategy
Business Ethics/Y10.0573  4
Conflict Resolution/Y26.2245  4
Emotional Intelligence in the Workplace/Y26.2281  4
Human Resource Management/Y10.0548  4
Leadership: Theory and Practice/Y26.2222  4
Leadership Strategies for the Global Workplace/Y26.2221  4
Managerial Decision Making/Y10.0543  2
Spirituality in the Workplace/Y26.2251  4
Uses and Abuses of Assessments in Organizations/ Y26.2282  2

3. Managing Organizations and Change
Managing Career Transitions/Y26.2252  4
Consulting and Group Process/Y26.2213  4
Corporate Culture and Organizational Learning/Y26.2249  4
Managing for Performance Effectiveness/Y26.2248  4
Organizational Change/Y26.2209  4
Spirituality in the Workplace/Y26.2251  4

Major Requirements (20 Credits)
In addition to other Social Sciences courses, students may choose additional credits from any of the three concentration categories above and also from the special topics listed below.

Special Topics and Practicum Courses
Internship in Business and Organizational Behavior/Y10.0574  2-4
Special Topics in Organizational Behavior and Communication/Y26.2290  2-4

Free Electives (26–28 Credits)
Please consult your adviser.

Graduation Project (4 Credits)
Senior Project Seminar  4

Politics
Politics permeates all aspects of society from the local to the regional, the national, and the international level. The lives of all human beings are shaped, defined, or influenced by political institutions, laws, regulations, and political forces. The Politics concentration requires that you become familiar with and gain an understanding of the complexity of the American political scene, the international political arena, and the theoretical foundations of political behavior. This program prepares you for careers in government, business, teaching, social work, urban affairs, and journalism, as well as for graduate school. We recommend that students complete the core curriculum before following the requirements listed.

Prerequisites and Recommended Courses
Students must complete American Politics, Modern Political Thought, and International Relations. Before starting the concentration, students must complete Modern Political Thought. Students planning to attend graduate school in Political Science are advised to take at least two semesters of a foreign language and one course in statistics.

Methods and Theory (8 Credits)
Students must take Classical Political Thought and Social Science Research Methods or Historical Methods and Philosophy.
Concentration Courses (16 Credits)
Students select one course from each of the four categories.

1. American Government and Politics
American Politics is a prerequisite for these courses.

- Civil Rights, Feminism, and the Law/Y26.6648  4
- Government and Business/Y26.6650  4
- U.S. Constitution and the Supreme Court/Y26.6651  4
- U.S. Foreign Policy/Y26.6653  4

2. Comparative Politics
International Relations is a prerequisite for these courses.

- European Politics/Y26.6657  4
- Latin-American Politics/Y26.6656  4
- Politics of Africa/Y26.6667  4
- Politics of East Asia/Y26.6658  4
- Politics of the Middle East and North Africa/Y26.6659  4

3. International Relations
International Relations is a prerequisite for these courses.

- International Human Rights/Y26.6673  4
- International Law/Y26.6661  4
- International Organizations/Y26.6662  4
- International Political Economy/Y26.6674  4

4. Political Theory

- Comparative Political Systems/Y26.6601  4
- Political Sociology/Y26.7251  4
- Theories of Democracy/Y26.6663  4
- Theories of Socialism/Y26.6664  4

Major Requirements (20 Credits)
Students may select courses from the categories above or in other Social Sciences areas. In addition, special topics courses may be offered in any of the four areas to provide greater focus on a specific issue.

- Special Topics in Political Science/Y26.6690  2-4

Free Electives (26–28 Credits)
Please consult your adviser.

Graduation Project (4 Credits)
Senior Project Seminar  4

Psychology
Psychologists seek to understand the general principles underlying the mind and behavior, and they attempt to explain and predict individual differences in characteristic ways of thinking, feeling, and acting. This concentration introduces you to the broad spectrum of psychological research with courses that examine the biological bases of behavior; the ways in which we understand the world, ourselves, and other people; the nature of social interactions and close relationships; the influences of biology, family, culture, and society on the development of the individual; and the causes and treatment of psychopathology. This program provides the background necessary to obtain advanced training in research or clinical psychology, and it also serves as excellent preparation for work in the health professions, education, clinical social work, business, and law. We recommend that students complete the core curriculum before following the requirements listed.

Prerequisites and Recommended Courses
Before starting the concentration, students must complete Introduction to Psychology and one other introductory course in the Social Sciences, for example, Introduction to Sociology, Cultural Anthropology, Language and Society, or Organizational Behavior.
Students must also have completed Math I (or equivalent placement) before taking upper level courses in the concentration.

**Methods and Theory (8 Credits)**
Students must take Research Methods in Psychology and Statistics and Experimental Design in Psychology. These courses should be taken early in the student's program.

**Concentration Courses (16 credits)**
Students select one course each from categories 1, 2, and 3, plus one additional course from category 1 or 2. Please note prerequisites before enrolling in these courses.

### 1. Biological Foundations and Cognitive Processes
- Cognitive Psychology/Y26.6874 4
- Perception/Y26.6873 4
- Physiological Psychology/Y26.6872 4
- Psychology of Language/Y26.6870 4

### 2. Social, Personality, Clinical, and Developmental Psychology
- Abnormal Psychology/Y26.6846 4
- Clinical Psychology/Y26.6850 4
- Developmental Psychology/Y26.6848 4
- Personality/Y26.6849 4
- Social Psychology/Y26.6847 4

### 3. Applied and Advanced Topics in Psychology
- Adult Development and Aging/Y26.7257 4
- Cross-Cultural Psychology/Y26.6892 4
- Forensic Psychology/Y26.6852 4
- Health Psychology/Y26.6878 4
- History and Systems of Psychology/Y26.6877 4
- Industrial and Organizational Psychology/Y26.6844 4
- Psychology of Emotion/Y26.6851 4
- Psychology of Women/Y26.6843 4

**Major Requirements (20 Credits)**
Students may select courses from categories 1, 2, and 3 as well as special topics, Advanced Methodology and Laboratory Courses, and Fieldwork in Psychology, Independent Study, or other Social Sciences courses.

**Special Topics**
- Special Topics in Psychology/Y26.6890 2-4

**Advanced Methodology and Laboratory Courses** Please note that at least one of these courses is recommended for students applying to graduate school. A laboratory course can also be used to develop topics for a senior project.

- Developmental Psychology Laboratory/Y26.6860 4
- Learning and Memory Laboratory/Y26.6875 4
- Social, Personality, and Clinical Psychology Laboratory/Y26.6861 4

**Fieldwork**
Please note that fieldwork is recommended for students considering graduate work or careers in mental health services. A fieldwork course can also be used to develop topics for a senior project.

- Fieldwork in Psychology/Y26.6891 2-4

**Free Electives (26–28 Credits)**
Please consult your adviser.

**Graduation Project (4 Credits)**
- Senior Project Seminar 4

**Sociology**
Sociologists study the way humans construct social structures and build
social institutions, communities, nations, and states. They accomplish this goal through an analysis of the full range of behaviors and interactions that shape the human experience. Our curriculum offers the tools and knowledge to help you understand and make sense of the rapidly changing world around you. After completing this concentration, you are prepared for graduate study in sociology or other social science fields. If you are interested in a career in social services, public administration, health, law, social research and policy making, this concentration is ideal. We recommend that students complete the core curriculum before following the requirements listed.

Prerequisites and Recommended Courses
Before entering the concentration, students must complete Introduction to Sociology.

Methods and Theory Courses (8 Credits)
Students must take History of Social Thought or Contemporary Social Theory and Social Science Research Methods.

Concentration Courses (16 Credits)
Students are required to complete one course in each of the following four categories.

1. Inequality in Human Society
   History of Capitalism/Y26.7262 4
   Language and Society/Y26.5065 4
   Race, Class, and Gender/Y26.7250 4
   Psychology and Culture/Y26.5062 4
   Social Issues in American Society/Y26.7248 4

2. Social Problems
   Anthropology of Religion/Y26.5047 4
   Criminology/Y26.7255 4
   Political Sociology/Y26.7251 4
   Religion, Power, and Social Change/Y26.7269 4
   Social Deviance/Y26.7254 4

3. Family, Gender, and Kinship
   Family and Kinship Systems/Y26.7256 4
   Gender and Technology/Y26.6084 4
   Sex, Gender and Language/Y26.5061 4
   Sexuality and Society/Y26.7268 4
   Women and Development/Y26.5050 4

4. Communities, Organizations, and Global Change
   Cities and Urban Life/Y26.5051 4
   Complex Organizations/Y26.7252 4
   Globalization and World Culture/Y26.6672 4
   Sociology of Development/Y26.7263 4
   Transnationalism, Immigration, and Identity/Y26.6669 4

Major Requirements (20 Credits)
Students may select courses from any of the categories above, from other Social Sciences courses, as well as Special Topics in Sociology.

Special Topics
Special Topics in Sociology/Y26.7290 2-4

Free Electives (26–28 Credits)
Please consult your adviser.

Graduation Project (4 Credits)
Senior Project Seminar 4