

SOCIAL SCIENCES, INTERDISCIPLINARY

Degree: Bachelor of Arts
 Specializations: General
 Special
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 College: Arts and Sciences
 Semester Hours Required for Degree: 120
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The Interdisciplinary Social Sciences program, leading to the B.A. degree, is for students desiring broad exposure to the social sciences. A normal program includes 30-36 sh of social science coursework. Several areas of emphasis are available. Coursework for these specializations is drawn from anthropology, criminal justice, economics, geography, history, political science, psychology, social work, and sociology.

Students interested in obtaining certification to teach this subject area in secondary education need to contact an advisor in this department to carefully plan the course work to satisfy degree and some teacher certification requirements. A degree in this major is required for participation in teacher education certification options.

Students should note that courses taken for emphasis blocks may not be used to complete the requirements for additional majors or minors.

PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS

In addition to general University requirements, students seeking the B.A. in Interdisciplinary Social Sciences must meet the requirements listed below.

Consult with your academic advisor for courses which may satisfy both the General Studies requirement and common prerequisites.

Course descriptions are listed alphabetically by prefix in the back of this catalog.

General Studies (36 sh)

For additional information see the General Studies section of this catalog.

Common Prerequisites (6 sh)

State mandated common prerequisites must be completed prior to graduation, but are not required for admission to the program.

Two introductory courses in social science. Recommend 1000/2000 level courses required in specializations.

Lower Division Electives (18-24 sh)

Sufficient 1000/2000 level electives to complete at least 60 semester hours in the lower division. Current UWF students may use elective courses at any level (1000-4999) to meet this elective requirement.

GENERAL SPECIALIZATION

The General Specialization requires a 36 sh program of upper division courses, distributed over three social science disciplines with a minimum of 9 sh in each discipline. In addition, each student must successfully complete a course in statistics (STA 2023 or equivalent), and a methods course approved by the advisor as appropriate to the emphasis disciplines. The methods course will typically be taken as part of the 36 sh program. Each general specialization student also completes one course in each of the nine social sciences, taken at either the lower or upper division level; most of these classes can be taken as part of the general studies requirements or lower division electives. In the senior year, each student will enroll in ISS 4935 as a means of integrating the major work.

SPECIAL OPTION SPECIALIZATION

Designed for students with career or occupational goals calling for greater flexibility than offered by the general specialization, the Special Option requires 24-27 upper division semester hours in two social sciences (minimum of 9 sh in each), selected with the aid of advisors in both disciplines. A third block of 9-12 upper level semester hours in non-social science courses recommended by the student's advisors, constitutes a supporting emphasis area for a total of 36 sh. Students must complete one course in research methods, statistics, or an advisor approved equivalent. ISS 4935 is strongly recommended for special program students.