

SOCIAL SCIENCE

online

Bachelor of Arts (BA)

This is a guide based on the 2025-2026 Undergraduate Bulletin and is subject to change. The time it takes to earn a degree will vary based on several factors such as dual enrollment, remediation, and summer enrollment. Students will meet with an academic advisor each semester and use Degree Works to monitor their individual progress.

CURRICULUM CHECKLIST

39 hour major – no minor required

- ___ OS200 Survey of Social Science (3)
- ___ OS300 Problems in Social Science (3)
- ___ OS400 Social Science Research Methods (3)

Statistics Requirement-Choose one course:

- ___ MA155 Statistical Reasoning (3)*
- ___ MA223 Elementary Probability and Statistics (3))
- ___ PY271 Psychological Research I (3)
- ___ QM257 Business Analytics I (3)
- ___ SO242/SW242 Statistics for Social Scientists (3)

Choose 21 hours in a concentration in one of the following areas. At least 15 hours must be at the 300-500 level:

Anthropology*, Criminal Justice, Economics*, History (any prefix), Political Science, Psychology, or Sociology

*Area cannot be completed online unless appropriate prior credits have been completed.

Choose 6 hours from any courses (300-599) in these secondary areas except for the area of concentration:

Anthropology, Criminal Justice, Economics, History (any prefix), Political Science, Psychology, or Sociology

Language and Math/Statistics Options

Students may substitute up to 6 hours in foreign language and/or additional math/statistics courses from the above hours, in either category, with the approval of the BASS Coordinator.

University Studies Interdisciplinary Program Options

UI/IIU courses in social science may be substituted in any category with the approval of the BASS coordinator. The program will maintain a list of acceptable substitutions.

General Education Requirements – some requirements may be fulfilled by coursework in major program

- Social and Behavioral Sciences – 6 hours
- Constitution Requirement – 3 hours
- Written Communication – 6 hours
- Oral Communication – 3 hours
- Natural Sciences – 7 hours (from two disciplines, one to include a lab)
- Mathematics – 3 hours
- Humanities & Fine Arts – 9 hours (from at least two disciplines)
- Additional requirements – 5 hours (to include UI100 for native students)
- Civics examination

SAMPLE FOUR-YEAR PLAN

	Fall Semester		Spring Semester	
	Course #	Hrs	Course #	Hrs
FIRST YEAR	UI100	1	General Education	3
	EN100	3	General Education	3
	General Education	3	General Education	3
	General Education	3	General Education	3
	General Education	3	Elective	3
	General Education	3		
	Total	16	Total	15
SECOND YEAR	OS200	3	Concentration Area	3
	Concentration Area	3	Concentration Area	3
	Statistics Elective	3	General Education	3
	General Education	3	General Education	3
	Elective	3	Elective	3
	Total	15	Total	15
THIRD YEAR	OS300	3	OS400	3
	Secondary Area	3	Secondary Area	3
	General Education	3	Elective	3
	General Education	3	Elective	3
	Elective	3	Elective	3
	Total	15	Total	15
FOURTH YEAR	Concentration Area	3	Concentration Area	3
	Concentration Area	3	Concentration Area	3
	Elective	3	Elective	3
	Elective	3	Elective	3
	Elective	3	Elective	2
	Total	15	Total	14

Personalized Pathways: Courses are offered in a traditional 16-week fall and spring semester with eight-week sessions in the first and last half of both. In addition, we offer a wintersession between fall and spring, and at least six different 4-, 6-, and 8-week sessions over summer. Talk with an advisor to see how you can utilize these different sessions to expedite your degree completion.

Degree requirements for all students: a minimum of 120 credit hours, completion of the General Education program, and completion of 39 senior division hours (300-599). Refer to the Undergraduate Bulletin or Degree Works for additional graduation requirements for your program.

A minimum 2.0 GPA in the major and overall are required to graduate with a BA degree

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2025-2026 degree map



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