

Bachelor of Arts (BA)**Social Science**

The purpose of the Bachelor of Arts in Social Science is to develop interdisciplinary professional skills and academic preparation in the social sciences. This degree allows students the flexibility to choose one major concentration area and one secondary concentration area from each of the following disciplines: anthropology, criminal justice, economics, history, political science, psychology, and sociology.

It is well suited for students interested in professional opportunities in research, analysis, human resources, and other social science fields, as well as careers in military service and law enforcement.

Social science students will...

- Choose an area of emphasis from six areas of concentration to match their interests and career goals.
- Identify a secondary area of interest to support additional competencies.
- Develop skills in understanding and using data.
- Understand the relevance of social science methods to related professions.

Career Planning

Career preparation is part of the mission of Southeast. In fact, more than 90% of Southeast students participate in internships, clinical opportunities, student teaching, research assistantships, and study abroad.

Professional career counselors are available for all students. The Office of Career Services in Academic Hall 057 can provide students with professional career counseling, resume critiques, practice interviews, job search strategies, career events, networking opportunities, and more.

| Demonstrated Career Proficiency is a Requirement of all Southeast Students | | |
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| CL001/CL002 | First Semester | Complete the FOCUS2 assessment and develop a Career Action Plan. |
| CL003 | Junior Year | Students gain information about career planning and job searching resources. |
| CL004 | Senior Year | Students demonstrate advanced proficiency by identifying a position in their field, developing a cover letter, and tailoring a resume for the position. Materials are critiqued to ensure preparedness for a successful job search. |

Related Careers with Above Average Projected Job Growth, 2012-2022

- Survey Researcher
- Market Research Analyst
- Human Resources Manager
- Policy Analyst
- State and Local Government
- Operations Research Analysts
- Administrative Services Manager
- Social Science Research Assistant

*Sources: Employment Projections program, U.S. Department of Labor, U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics; and Bureau of Labor Statistics, U.S. Department of Labor, Occupational Outlook Handbook, 2014-15 edition

Special Options

This program is available as an online program, as well as to students on the main campus. It is also available at the regional campuses (Kennett, Malden, and Sikeston).

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This is a guide based on the 2016-2017 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 DegreeWorks to monitor their individual progress.

CURRICULUM CHECKLIST

Social Science – 39 Hours

A grade of 'C' is required in each core course.

- ___ 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 Research Analysis I (3)
- ___ QM257 Business Statistics (3)
- ___ SO242/SW 242 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

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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

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

University Studies Requirements (not already listed above):

UI100 First Year Seminar, EN100 English Composition, Artistic Expression, Written Expression, Oral Expression, Literary Expression, Behavioral Systems, Living Systems, Logical Systems*, Physical Systems, Development of a Major Civilization, Economic Systems, Political Systems, Social Systems, two IU/UI3XX and one UI4XX

*Logical Systems required if not taken as statistics requirement

SAMPLE FOUR-YEAR PLAN

| | Fall Semester | | Spring Semester | |
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| | Course # | Hrs | Course # | Hrs |
| FIRST YEAR | UI100 | 3 | Economic Systems | 3 |
| | EN100 | 3 | Logical Systems | 3 |
| | Behavioral Systems | 3 | Social Systems | 3 |
| | Develop of a Major Civ. | 3 | Written Expression | 3 |
| | Political Systems | 3 | Elective | 3 |
| | Total | 15 | Total | 15 |
| SECOND YEAR | OS200 | 3 | OS300 | 3 |
| | Concentration Area | 3 | Concentration Area | 3 |
| | Statistics Elective | 3 | Artistic Expression | 3 |
| | Oral Expression | 3 | Living Systems | 3 |
| | Elective | 3 | Elective | 3 |
| Total | 15 | Total | 15 | |
| THIRD YEAR | Concentration Area | 3 | OS400 | 3 |
| | Secondary Area | 3 | Secondary Area | 3 |
| | Literary Expression | 3 | IU/UI3XX | 3 |
| | Physical Systems | 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 |
| | IU/UI3XX | 3 | UI4XX/UI5XX | 3 |
| | Elective | 3 | Elective | 3 |
| | Elective | 3 | Elective | 3 |
| Total | 15 | Total | 15 | |

Degree requirements for all students: a minimum of 120 credit hours, completion of University Studies program, career proficiencies (CL001-004), Writing Proficiency Exam (WP003), and completion of the Measure of Academic Proficiency and Progress (MAPP) at the senior level.

A minimum 2.0 GPA in the major and overall are required to graduate with a B.A. with a major in social science.

Refer to the Undergraduate Bulletin or DegreeWorks for additional graduation requirements (i.e., minimum GPA and course work) for your program of study.