

**Bachelor of Arts (B.A.)****Social Science (Online)**

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 you 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 those focused 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 can provide students with professional career counseling, resume critiques, practice interviews, job search strategies, career events, networking opportunities, and more. You can reach them at (573) 651-2583 or [careerservices@semo.edu](mailto:careerservices@semo.edu).

\*Some areas of concentration are only available with prior credits in the discipline.

**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 analyst
- 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.*

**About Our Online Programs**

At Southeast, if a program is designated as an online degree, you can complete your degree anywhere, without ever having to come to one of our campuses. As a student in an online class, your faculty will be the same faculty who teach in our campus classrooms. Advising for online programs and other support services are all completed online by staff who specialize in serving distance students.

**Special Options with Social Science**

This program of study is available as an online program, to students on the main campus and to students at the regional campuses (Kennett and Sikeston).

**Transfer and Dual Credit Students**

If you have dual credit or transfer credit, please visit our transfer course equivalencies guide at [semo.edu/transfercredit](http://semo.edu/transfercredit).

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This is a guide based on the 2018-2019 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****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.

\* These areas cannot be completed online unless appropriate prior credits have been completed.

**University Studies Interdisciplinary Program Options**

UIIU 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.

**Optional Minor**

15-21 credit hours; allowed in any area other than the concentration.

University Studies Requirements – some requirements may be fulfilled by coursework in major program

- Social and Behavioral Sciences - 3 hours
- Constitution requirement – 3 hours
- US History 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)

**SAMPLE YEARLY COURSE MAP**

FALL	Start / Stop	Course #	Hrs
Full Term	Aug. - Dec.		3
Full Term	Aug. - Dec.		3
Full Term	Aug. - Dec.		3
1st 8 Week	Aug. - Oct.		3
2nd 8 Week	Oct. - Dec.		3
<b>Total</b>			<b>15</b>

SPRING	Start / Stop	Course #	Hrs
Wintersession	Dec. - Jan		3
Full Term	Jan. - May		3
Full Term	Jan. - May		3
1st 8 Week	Jan. - Mar.		3
2nd 8 Week	Mar. - May		3
<b>Total</b>			<b>15</b>

SUMMER	Start / Stop	Course #	Hrs
1st 4 Week	June		3
8 Week	June-July		3
2nd 4 Week	July		3
<b>Total</b>			<b>9</b>

**Personalized Pathways:**

At Southeast, we offer online courses 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 University Studies program, 39 senior division hours, career proficiencies (CL001-004), and the Writing Proficiency Exam (WP003).

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

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

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