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.

**Becoming Career Ready...**

- Exceptionally well qualified faculty from various disciplines work with students in small-class settings, challenging students to learn across disciplines and develop skills in understanding and using data.

- Social Science graduates work in financial, political and research settings, as well as in local and state government. Examples of job titles include researcher, market analyst, policy analyst, human resource manager, city manager and lobbyist.

- Majors will understand the relevance of social science methods to related professions.

- The Social Science program allows students to choose an area of emphasis from six areas of concentration to match their interests and career goals.

- Students are required to identify a secondary area of interest to support additional competencies.

- 100% of Southeast programs offer real-world experience. Social Science students gain this experience through study abroad opportunities, as well as optional internship opportunities.

- The path to a successful career starts with you! You can maximize your career development by working closely with Career Services and Southeast faculty – they are here to help you connect your passions, interests and skills to jobs and opportunities in the field. Career Services provides professional career counseling and coaching, resume critiques, practice interviews, job search strategies, career events, networking opportunities and more.

**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


**Special Options with Social Science**

This program is available as an online program, as well as to students on the main campus.

**Transfer and Dual Credit Students**

If you have dual credit or transfer credit, please visit our transfer course equivalencies guide at semo.edu/transfercredit.
This is a guide based on the 2020-2021 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**
- **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** Introduction to Behavioral Statistics (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

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/UCourses 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

**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 B.A. with a major in social science.