

Social Science

(Multidisciplinary & Credential Tracks)

Social & Behavioral Sciences

Social science is the multidisciplinary approach to the study of human society. Our social science major is designed for students who want to examine human society through the blending of three disciplines from the social sciences. In the multidisciplinary track, the Social Science disciplines or concentrations that can be blended include anthropology, economics, ethnic studies, gender and sexuality studies (formerly women's studies), geography, history, political science, psychology, and sociology. By pursuing a major in which a number of social sciences disciplines are studied, students will appreciate the varied approaches and methodologies of these fields, as well as the interrelatedness of the social sciences disciplines.

Additionally, the social science major offers a credential track to those interested in pursuing a single subject teaching credential in social science. Our outstanding faculty is dedicated to the highest standards in teaching. We are a student-centered program.

CAREER OPTIONS

A wide variety of careers requiring critical thinking, communication skills, analytical skills, and knowledge of human society are available to our graduates. Due to the multidisciplinary approach of the social science program, social science majors are equipped to respond to the challenges of an evolving society and to advance the quality of life in a diverse global community. For those pursuing the Credential Track in Social Science, students are prepared with knowledge, skills, and values they will need in teaching social studies. Social Science majors can find themselves in the career fields of business, industry, and government. Some career fields may require additional education and/or experience.

CAREER FIELDS

Alcohol and drug counselor
Community activist
Corporate trainer
Social worker
Urban and regional planner
Attorney
Paralegal
Law enforcement professional
Special agent
Sociologist
Marriage and family counselor
Human resources manager
Job analyst
Personnel administrator
Community service specialist
Teacher

TYPICAL EMPLOYERS

Colleges and universities
Consulting firms
Courts and correctional institutions
Department of recreation
Government agencies
Hospitals and clinics
Insurance companies
Labor unions
Merchandising and marketing companies
Non-profit organizations
Public and private schools
Public relations firms
Research and development firms
Social service agencies

EMPLOYMENT AND SALARY OUTLOOK

Opportunities and salaries will vary with type and size of employer, geographic location, course work, and related experience. Availability of positions will also depend upon one's skills set in research, counseling, program evaluation, writing, thinking and problem solving.

SPECIAL FEATURES

- Emphasis on a quality teaching-learning environment
- Outstanding and diverse faculty
- Recognized scholars
- Experienced, practicing professionals
- State-of-the-art classrooms, equipment and laboratories
- Independent study
- Internship program provides real-life experience

Graduate programs (see separate fact sheet for details)

- M.A. in social science (disciplinary track; regional focus; or topical focus)

SOCIAL SCIENCES

SOCIAL SCIENCES COURSES ARE OFFERED IN THE FOLLOWING AREAS:

MULTIDISCIPLINARY TRACK

(listed below are examples of classes that can be taken):

Anthropology

Introduction to Anthropology, Archaeology, and Peoples of the Middle East

Economics

International Economics, Multinational Corporations, and Political Economy of Women.

Ethnic Studies

Ethnicity and Race in America, Research Methods in Ethnic Studies and Topics in Ethnic Studies

Geography

Introduction to Human Geography, Physical Geography, and Military Geography

History

Civil War and Reconstruction, Early Medieval Europe, and Europe Since 1945

Political Science

American Government, International Politics, and Modern Political Thought

Psychology

Developmental Psychology, Abnormal Psychology, and Behavior Modification

Sociology

Social Research, Social Psychology, and the Study of Society

Gender and Sexuality Studies (formerly Women's Studies)

Feminist Theory, Introduction to Women's Studies and Women as Agents of Social Change

DEGREE REQUIREMENTS

For information about becoming a social science major at CSUSB, please consult the University Bulletin and Ms. Addie Reyes in the College of Social and Behavioral Sciences main office (SBS-207) for details. Additionally, you can contact the coordinator for the social sciences B.A., Dr. Carolyn Aldana at cbrod@csusb.edu or (909) 537-7315.

The bachelor of arts in social science (multidisciplinary track) requires a minimum of 180 quarter units: 78-82 units in general education courses; 62-65 units in three social science disciplines (30 to 31 units in the primary field and 16 to 17 units in each of two additional secondary fields). The bachelor of arts in social science (credential track) requires 180 quarter units: 78-82 units in general education courses and 95-99 units in the program's course requirements.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION, PLEASE CONTACT:

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