

THE UNDERGRADUATE MAJOR IN SOCIAL POLICY AND PUBLIC SERVICE

Courses

The major in Social Policy and Public Service provides an interdisciplinary perspective on the study of society, both at the individual and group level. Using the knowledge and methods of all social science disciplines, a student majoring in Social Policy and Public Service develops the skills to think clearly about social concepts and issues. Majors have an opportunity to use their classroom knowledge in applied and individual learning experiences, such as internships, field studies, or research with a faculty advisor.

The curriculum for the major exposes students to various social science methods and topics, teaching applied computer-based research and statistical analyses; internship experiences in community, public, and educational organizations; and a more in-depth understanding of social science research and methodology. Students can then narrow their focus of study by choosing one of three areas to further their upper-division work: Education, Governance, or Health.

REQUIREMENTS FOR THE B.A. DEGREE IN SOCIAL POLICY AND PUBLIC SERVICE

University Requirements: [See pages 54-61.](#)

School Requirements: [See page 464.](#)

Requirements for the Major

School requirements must be met and must include 15 courses (60 units) as specified below. *Students are reminded that the Pass/Not Pass option is not applicable to course requirements A through H or any additional requirements listed for specific majors.* Courses used to meet requirements A through H are included in the computation of the grade point average in courses required in the major program.

- A. An understanding of the fundamental concepts, analytical tools, and methods of social science: Social Science 1A, 2A, 3A.
- B. One course in Introduction to Social Policy and Public Service: Social Science 40.
- C. One course in Cultural Competency: either Social Science 70C or Sociology 63.
- D. One course in Leadership: either Social Science 181A or 181B.
- E. Two courses in Research Methods: Social Science 102A and 170A.
- F. Three quarters of Field Studies: Social Science 193A-B-C (must be taken consecutively).
- G. One quarter of off-campus internship experience: Social Science 194A.

H. Functional Focus: Three courses in one of the following areas:

Education:

Education 121, 124, 126, 132, 150, 157, 170A, 175, 180, 182

Chicano/Latino Studies 180, 189

Economics 158

Psychology 141J-K-L

Social Science 196

Governance:

Anthropology 121G, 121J, 174A

Economics 146

International Studies 160, 161A, 162, 164, 165, 177C, 177E

Management 162

Political Science 122A, 122B, 123A, 123B, 123C, 124A, 124B, 124C, 124D, 124E, 125A, 125B, 126A, 126B, 126C, 126D, 130A, 130B, 133D, 137B, 137C, 142D, 142E, 142F, 151H, 171A, 171B, 171C, 171D, 171F, 172A, 172B, 174A, 174B, 174C, 179

Social Science 152A, 152B, 173I, 188A, 194B

Sociology 138, 141, 144, 176, 177

Health:

Anthropology 128B, 132A, 134A, 134D, 134E, 134G

Chicano/Latino Studies 157, 168, 178, 179

Psychology 120A, 120D, 121S, 127C, 127E, 127G, 127H, 127I, 127T, 171, 174A, 174E, 174F

Sociology 135, 154, 164, 176

NOTE: Certain special topics courses may be applicable to this major; students should see their undergraduate advisor prior to enrolling in a special topics course to ensure that it meets the requirements. Social Science 184A-B (Sage Leadership Research) and 192 (Washington Seminar) may not be used to satisfy School requirements.