

Social Sciences, BA/BS



University of Wyoming, 2015-16

The Social Sciences bachelor's degree is a distributed major in the College of Arts and Sciences. It is designed for students interested in exploring various historical and contemporary perspectives of the human experience. The degree is organized as a multidisciplinary program with a list of appropriate courses approved by participating departments and programs. For the major, students selected four core areas of focus and plan a course of study to prepare for a variety of professional and career interests. Ideally, students should select areas of emphases and courses that establish a cohesive program of inquiry with a thematic connection, rather than a disparate collection of courses.

Freshman Fall Semester				Hrs	Min Grade	Notes
		USP Communication 1		3	C	C1
		USP First-Year Seminar		3	C	FY
MATH	1000	Problem Solving *		3	C	Q; can substitute MATH 1400 (College Algebra) **.
		First Area of Emphasis Course ***		3	C	
		Elective		3		
Credit hours subtotal:				15		

Freshman Spring Semester				Hrs	Min Grade	Notes
		USP Physical & Natural World		3		PN
		USP US & Wyoming Constitutions		3		V; must be fulfilled outside the social science major coursework. Can substitute STAT 2050 (Fundamentals of Statistics) or STAT 2010 (Statistical Concepts).
STAT	2070	Introductory Statistics for the Social Sciences		4	C	
		First Area of Emphasis Course ***		3	C	
		2-4 Areas of Emphasis Course ***		3	C	
Credit hours subtotal:				16		

Sophomore Fall Semester				Hrs	Min Grade	Notes
		USP Communication 2		3	C	C2
		USP Physical & Natural World		3		PN
		A&S Core Diversity in the US		3		ASD
		2-4 Areas of Emphasis Course ***		3	C	
		Elective		3		
Credit hours subtotal:				15		

Sophomore Spring Semester				Hrs	Min Grade	Notes
		USP Human Culture		3		H
		A&S Core Global Awareness		3		ASG
		First Area of Emphasis Course ***		3	C	
		2-4 Areas of Emphasis Course ***		3	C	
		Elective		3		
Credit hours subtotal:				15		

This is a guide for course work in the major; actual course sequence may vary by student. Please refer to the online student degree evaluation, and consult with an academic advisor. • Not all courses are offered every semester and some electives may have prerequisites. Students should review the course descriptions in the *University Catalog* and consult with their academic advisor to plan accordingly.

University of Wyoming requirements:

Students must have a minimum cumulative GPA of 2.0 to graduate. • Students must complete 42 hours of upper division (3000-level or above) coursework, 30 of which must be from the University of Wyoming. • Courses must be taken for a letter grade unless offered only for S/U. • University Studies Program (USP) Human Culture (H) and Physical & Natural World (PN) courses must be taken outside of the major subject, but can be cross-listed with the major.

College of Arts and Sciences requirements:

Students must take two "core" courses in addition to the University Studies Program requirements: Diversity in the United States (ASD) and Global Awareness (ASG). • No more than 60 hours in the major subject may be used toward the 120 credit hours required for graduation. • At least 30 hours in the major subject must be completed with a grade of C or better (the major may require more).

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Junior Fall Semester		Hrs	Min Grade	Notes
USP Human Culture		3		H
First Area of Emphasis Course ***		3		C
2-4 Areas of Emphasis Course ***		3		C
Electives		6		
Credit hours subtotal:		15		
Junior Spring Semester		Hrs	Min Grade	Notes
2-4 Areas of Emphasis Course ***		3		C
Upper Division Electives		9		
Elective		3		
Credit hours subtotal:		15		
Senior Fall Semester		Hrs	Min Grade	Notes
USP Communication 3 ***		3		C3; must be an A&S social science discipline course.
First Area of Emphasis Course ***		3		Must be a 4000-level course.
2-4 Areas of Emphasis Course ***		3		C
Social Science Elective ***		3		C
Upper Division Elective		3		
Credit hours subtotal:		15		
Senior Spring Semester		Hrs	Min Grade	Notes
Advanced Research Methods Course ***		3		C Recommended; can substitute a social science elective ***.
Advanced Theory Course ***		3		C Recommended; must be an upper division course; can substitute a social science elective ***.
Social Science Elective ***		3		C
Upper Division Electives		6		
Credit hours subtotal:		15		
TOTAL CREDIT HOURS:		121		

Social Science Program Notes:

The 48 content hours for this major must be earned in four (4) areas of emphasis (33 hrs) and social science electives (15 hrs). • Cross-listed course count in only one (1) area of emphasis. • Fifteen (15) hours are required in the first area of emphasis and must be from one of the participating A&S College social science or interdisciplinary programs (italicized): *African American & Diaspora Studies, American Studies, American Indian Studies, Anthropology, Communication & Journalism, Criminal Justice, Economics, Gender & Women's Studies, Geography, Global & Area Studies, History, Latina/o Studies, Philosophy, Political Science, Psychology, Religious Studies and Sociology*. At least three (3) credit hours of the minimum 15 in this area of emphasis must be at the 4000-level. • One (1) or more of the other three (3) areas of emphasis – with a minimum of six (6) hours in each for a total of 18 hours – may come from any department/program in the university. • Included in the 15 hours of electives are a required course in statistics (4 hrs), the required USP Communication 3 course (it must be an A&S social science discipline course) (3 hrs), and a recommended social science research methods course (3 hrs). • All of the 48 required hours in the major must be a grade of C or better. • At least 24 hours of upper-division coursework (3000-level and above) are required in the major; at least one (1) course (3 hrs) at the 4000-level must be in the first area of emphasis. These hours count toward the 42 hours of upper-division credits required by UW. • Students may not minor in the department/program that is selected as the first area of interest..

* Requires MATH ACT \geq 21, MATH SAT \geq 600, Math Placement Exam \geq 2, or \geq C in Math 0921. (University standard)

** Requires MATH ACT \geq 23, MATH SAT \geq 600, Math Placement Exam \geq 3, or \geq C in Math 0925. (University standard)

*** An extensive list of approved courses can be found at www.uwyo.edu/as/_files/checklists/socs-fall-2015-course-list.pdf#socs-courses-2015