General Social Science

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The General Social Science Program provides students the flexibility to design a major that combines courses from several departments across campus. The program offers students a variety of options depending on their interests. For the career-minded student, it provides career training combined with the analytical skills of a liberal arts education. For the intellectually curious student, it offers the study of particular themes across several social science disciplines. For the student having difficulty choosing a major, general social science offers a curriculum across several departments.

Undergraduate Studies

The program has four concentrations or tracks. Each concentration has its own set of core courses and then provides a number of elective courses from various departments. Major requirements for each of the four concentrations may be found on the program website.

Applied Economics, Business, and Society

This track combines technical training in business with the analytical training of the liberal arts. It draws heavily from courses in the business college and the economics department to offer specific business skills while exploring how business functions in society, on the national level, and in the global context. This concentration is designed specifically for students who plan to work in business or to pursue a master of business administration degree.

Crime, Law, and Society

This track provides broad exposure to problems that confront society on the causes and consequences of, and policies on, crime, offering preparation for students with an interest in criminology, law practice, law enforcement, or social services.

Globalization, Environment, and Policy

This track focuses on broad social-political and environmental issues at the regional, national, and global levels, as well as the policy planning required to meet these issues within an interdisciplinary context. The globalization concentration provides training for students planning to work in green industry, government, NGOs, and environmental organizations. In addition, the track prepares students to earn graduate degrees in planning, public management, policy studies, or other applied social sciences with a global emphasis.

Social Studies Teaching

This track prepares students with the course requirements for admission to the graduate teacher licensure program at the University of Oregon—UO Teach. This concentration does not, in and of itself, lead to a teaching license; rather, it provides a well-defined content so that students are prepared to enroll in a graduate program to become licensed to teach social studies at the middle or high school level.

General social science majors are encouraged to consult with their advisors at least once a year to ensure their remaining course work is structured to meet all the requirements for the major. Students should notify the General Social Science Program office of their intention to graduate at least one term before the proposed graduation date.

Four-Year Degree Plan

The degree plan shown is only a sample of how students may complete their degrees in four years. There are alternative ways. Students should consult their advisor to determine the best path for them.

Bachelor of Arts in General Social Science

Course	Title	Credits	Milestones
First Year			
Fall			
BA 101	Introduction to Business		4
WR 121	College Composition I		4
First term of first-year second-language sequence			4
Group-satisfying course			4
	Credits		16
Winter			
EC 201	Introduction to Economic Analysis: Microeconomics		4
WR 122 or WR 123	College Composition II or College Composition III		4
Second term of first-year second-language sequence			4
Group-satisfying course			4
	Credits		16
Spring			
EC 202	Introduction to Economic Analysis: Macroeconomics		4
Third term of first-year second-language sequence			4
Group-satisfying courses			8
	Credits		16
	Total Credits		48

Course	Title	Credits	Milestones
Second Year			
Fall			
BA 215	Accounting: Language of Business Decisions	Consider a minor, a double major, study abroad	4
First term of second-year second-language sequence			4
Group-satisfying course			4
Course in a specialization area			4
	Credits		16
Winter			
MATH 243	Introduction to Methods of Probability and Statistics		4
Second term of second-year second-language sequence			4
Group-satisfying course			4
Course in a specialization area			4
	Credits		16

Spring			
Research methods course			4
Third term of second-year second-language sequence			4
Group-satisfying course			4
Course in a specialization area			4
	Credits		16
	Total Credits		48

Course	Title	Credits	Milestones
Third Year			
Fall			
Courses in a specialization area		12	Consider career preparation, internships, career counseling, study abroad, résumé-building
Group-satisfying course		4	
	Credits	16	
Winter			
Elective courses		12	
Course in a specialization area		4	
	Credits	16	
Spring			
Elective courses		16	
	Credits	16	
	Total Credits	48	

Course	Title	Credits	Milestones
Fourth Year			
Fall			
Elective courses		8	Consider applying for employment, internships, Graduate School, degree
Group-satisfying courses		8	
	Credits	16	
Winter			
Elective courses		16	
	Credits	16	
Spring			
Elective course		4	
	Credits	4	
	Total Credits	36	

Bachelor of Science in General Social Science

Course	Title	Credits	Milestones
First Year			
Fall			
BA 101	Introduction to Business	4	
WR 121	College Composition I	4	
Mathematics course		4	
Group-satisfying course		4	
	Credits	16	
Winter			
EC 201	Introduction to Economic Analysis: Microeconomics	4	
WR 122	College Composition II	4	
Mathematics course		4	
Group-satisfying course		4	
	Credits	16	
Spring			
EC 202	Introduction to Economic Analysis: Macroeconomics	4	
Mathematics course		4	
Group-satisfying courses		8	
	Credits	16	
	Total Credits	48	

Course	Title	Credits	Milestones
Second Year			
Fall			
BA 215	Accounting: Language of Business Decisions	4	Consider a minor, a double major, study abroad
Elective course		4	
Group-satisfying course		4	
Course in a specialization area		4	
	Credits	16	
Winter			
MATH 243	Introduction to Methods of Probability and Statistics	4	
Elective course		4	
Course in a specialization area		4	
Group-satisfying course		4	
	Credits	16	
Spring			
Placeholder			
Research methods course		4	
Group-satisfying course		4	
Elective course		4	

Course in a specialization area			4
	Credits		16
	Total Credits		48

Course	Title	Credits	Milestones
Third Year			
Fall			
Group-satisfying course			4
Courses in a specialization area			12
	Credits		16
Winter			
Elective courses			12
Course in a specialization area			4
	Credits		16
Spring			
Elective courses			16
	Credits		16
	Total Credits		48

Course	Title	Credits	Milestones
Fourth Year			
Fall			
Group-satisfying courses		Consider applying for employment, internships, Graduate School, degree	8
Elective courses		Meet with an advisor	8
	Credits		16
Winter			
Elective courses			16
	Credits		16
Spring			
Elective course			4
	Credits		4
	Total Credits		36