Bachelor of Arts and Science in General Social Science

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GSS Applied Economics, Business, and Society Concentration		
Preliminary Core		
BA 101	Introduction to Business	4
EC 201	Introduction to Economic Analysis: Microeconomics	4
EC 202	Introduction to Economic Analysis: Macroeconomics	4
Methods Requirement		
BA 215	Accounting: Language of Business Decisions	4
MATH 243	Introduction to Methods of Probability and Statistics	4
Research Methods Requirement		
Complete one of the following courses.		4
GEOG 391	Social Science Inquiry and Research	
PS 102	Thinking Like a Social Scientist	
SOC 311	Research Methods	
PPPM 415	Policy and Planning Analysis	
Specialization Requirements		
Must take 7 of the following courses, at least two of the courses must be outside of Economics and Business.		28
BA 316	Management: Creating Value through People	
BA 317	Marketing: Creating Value for Customers	
BA 318	Finance: Creating Value through Capital	
EC (All 300+ and 400+ courses approved, except 400 – 409.		
ENVS 345	Environmental Ethics	
GEOG 342	Geography of Globalization	
GEOG 442	Urban Geography	
GEOG 448	Tourism and Development	
GEOG 468	Contemporary Food Systems	
GEOG 475	Advanced Geography of Non-European-American Regions: [Topic]	
GLBL 431	Cross-Cultural Communication	
HIST 363	American Business History	
HIST 383	Soccer and Society in Latin America	
HIST 425	Economic History of Modern Europe: [Topic]	
HIST 463	American Economic History: [Topic]	
PS 210	Politics of Business	
PS 340	International Political Economy	

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Preliminary Core		
Must Take:		
SOC 204	Introduction to Sociology	4
or SOC 207	Social Inequality	
PS 275	Legal Process	4
ES 101	Introduction to Ethnic Studies	4
Methods Requirement		
Complete one of the following courses:		4
GEOG 391	Social Science Inquiry and Research	
PPPM 415	Policy and Planning Analysis	
PS 102	Thinking Like a Social Scientist	
SOC 311	Research Methods	
Specialization Requirements		
Must take 8 of the following courses:		
ANTH 176	Introduction to Forensic Anthropology	
ANTH 322	Anthropology of the United States	
ANTH 473	Advanced Forensic Anthropology	
ES 345M	Music, Politics, and Race	
ES 352	Social Equity and Criminal Justice	
ES 450	Race and Incarceration	
ES 452	Race and Ethnicity and the Law: [Topic]	
FHS 482	Prevention of Youth Violence	
FHS 483	Prevention of Interpersonal Violence	
GEOG 343	Society, Culture, and Place	
GLBL 370	International Human Rights	
J 385	Communication Law	
J 397	Media Ethics	
LING 415	Semantics	
PHIL 344	Introduction to Philosophy of Law	
PHIL 425	Philosophy of Language	
PPPM 418	Introduction to Public Law	
PS 348	Women and Politics	
PS 368	Gender in the Law	
PS 371	United States Congress	
PS 375	Race, Politics, and the Law	
PS 466	Civil Rights in Post-Warren Era	
PS 470	Constitutional Law	
PS 472	Matters of Life and Death	
PS 484	United States Supreme Court	
PS 485	Civil Rights and Civil Liberties	
PSY 309	Psychopathology	
PSY 366	Culture and Mental Health	
PSY 380	Psychology of Gender	
PSY 388	Human Sexuality	
SOC 313	Social Issues and Movements	
SOC 328	Self and Society	
SOC 330	Sociology of the Family	
SOC 370	Urban Sociology	
SOC 380	Introduction: Deviance, Control, and Crime	
SOC 425	Issues in Sociology of Family: [Topic]	
SOC 445	Sociology of Race and Ethnicity: [Topic]	
SOC 452	Issues of Migration: [Topic]	
SOC 484	Issues in Deviance, Control, and Crime: [Topic]	
WGS 321	Feminist Perspectives: Identity, Race, Culture	
WGS 341	Women, Work, and Class	

Requirements

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GSS Globalization, Environment, and Policy Concentration		
Preliminary Core (Complete all 3 courses)		
GEOG 141	The Natural Environment	4
GEOG 142	Human Geography	4
PS 297	Introduction to Environmental Politics	4

Methods Requirement (Complete one of the following courses)		**4**
GEOG 391	Social Science Inquiry and Research	
PPPM 415	Policy and Planning Analysis	
PS 102	Thinking Like a Social Scientist	
SOC 311	Research Methods	
Breadth Requirements (Complete two courses from the following list)		**8**
ANTH 161	Introduction to Cultural Anthropology	
EC 201	Introduction to Economic Analysis: Microeconomics	
ENVS 201	Introduction to Environmental Studies: Social Sciences	
GLBL 240	Perspectives on International Development	
GLBL 250	Value Systems in Cross-Cultural Perspective	
GLBL 260	Culture, Capitalism, and Globalization	
GLBL 280	Global Environmental Issues and Alternatives	
HIST 273	Introduction to Global Environmental History	
J 201	Media and Society	
LING 211	Languages of the World	
PPPM 201	Introduction to Public Policy	
PPPM 202	Healthy Communities	
PS 205	Introduction to International Relations	
Specialization Requirements		
Must complete 6 of the following courses:		
ANTH 310	Exploring Other Cultures: [Topic]	
ANTH 329	Immigration and Farmworkers Political Culture	
ANTH 411	Politics, Ethnicity, Nationalism	
EC 333	Resource and Environmental Economic Issues	
ENVS 335	Allocating Scarce Environmental Resources	
ENVS 411	Environmental Issues: [Topic]	
ENVS 429	Environmental Leadership: [Topic]	
ENVS 435	Environmental Justice	
ENVS 450	Political Ecology	
GEOG 321	Climatology	
GEOG 322	Geomorphology	
GEOG 323	Biogeography	
GEOG 341	Population and Environment	
GEOG 342	Geography of Globalization	
GEOG 410	Experimental Course: [Topic]	
GEOG 425	Hydrology and Water Resources	
GEOG 430	Long-Term Environmental Change	
GEOG 441	Political Geography	
GEOG 448	Tourism and Development	
GEOG 461	Environmental Alteration	
GEOG 463	Geography, Law, and the Environment	
GEOG 467	International Water Policy	
GLBL 323	Islam and Global Forces	
GLBL 345	Africa Today: Issues and Concerns	
GLBL 360	International Cooperation and Conflict	
GLBL 370	International Human Rights	
GLBL 421	Gender and International Development	
GLBL 423	Development and the Muslim World	
GLBL 425	Global Food Security	
GLBL 432	Indigenous Cultural Survival	
GLBL 433	Childhood in Cross-Cultural Perspective	
GLBL 442	South Asia: Development and Social Change	
GLBL 444	Development and Social Change in Southeast Asia	
GLBL 446	Development and Social Change in Latin America	
HIST 415	Advanced World History: [Topic]	
HIST 473	American Environmental History: [Topic]	
J 320	Gender, Media, and Diversity	
J 350	Principles of Public Relations	
J 396	International Communication	
J 467	Issues in International Communication: [Topic]	
LA 410	Experimental Course: [Topic]	
PHIL 340	Environmental Philosophy	
PPPM 331	Environmental Management	
PPPM 407	Seminar: [Topic]	
PPPM 408	Workshop: [Topic]	
PS 302	States' Rights (and Wrongs)	
PS 304	Democracy, Dictators, and Development	
PS 320	International Organization	
PS 330	Governments and Politics in Latin America	
PS 337	The Politics of Development	
PS 367	Science and Politics of Climate Change	
PS 380	Gender and Politics in Developing Countries	
PS 471	Intergenerational Justice	
PS 477	International Environmental Politics	
SOC 304	Community, Environment, and Society	
SOC 416	Issues in Environmental Sociology [Topic]	
WGS 351	Decolonial Feminisms	
WGS 432	Gender, Environment, and Development	

*ENVS 335 and EC 333 cover much of the same material. Students are discouraged from taking both.
**Topic course is subject to title change; only specific titles approved. Contact GSS director for approval.

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Preliminary Core		
1) World History, Geography, Sociology, Psychology and Anthropology		
Choose any 2 of the following courses:		
ANTH 150	World Archaeology	4
ANTH 161	Introduction to Cultural Anthropology	4
GEOG 201	World Regional Geography	4
GEOG 202	Geography of Europe	4
GEOG 208	Geography of the United States and Canada	4
GEOG 209	Geography of the Middle East and North Africa	4
HIST 101	Ancient Mediterranean	4
HIST 102	Making Modern Europe	4
HIST 103	Europe and the World	4
HIST 104	World History	4
HIST 105	World History	4
HIST 106	World History	4
PSY 201	Mind and Brain	4
PSY 202	Mind and Society	4
SOC 204	Introduction to Sociology	4
SOC 207	Social Inequality	4
2) European and World History		
Choose any 2 of the following courses [1]		
European History		
HIST 101	Ancient Mediterranean	
HIST 102	Making Modern Europe	
HIST 103	Europe and the World	
HIST 301	Modern Europe	
HIST 302	Modern Europe	
HIST 303	Modern Europe	
HIST 319	Early Middle Ages in Europe	
HIST 320	High Middle Ages in Europe	
HIST 321	Late Middle Ages in Europe	
HIST 332	British History: [Topic]	
HIST 336	France	
HIST 337	France	
HIST 342	German History: [Topic]	
399 and 400-level courses with approval from GSS director		
World History		
HIST 104	World History	
HIST 105	World History	
HIST 106	World History	
HIST 325	Precolonial Africa	
HIST 346	Imperial Russia	
HIST 347	Soviet Union and Contemporary Russia	
HIST 380	Latin America	
HIST 381	Latin America	
HIST 382	Latin America, 1910 to the Present	
HIST 386	India	
HIST 387	Early China	
399 and 400-level courses with approval from GSS director		
3) US History		
Choose any 3 of the following courses:		12
HIST 201	Inventing America	
HIST 202	Building the United States	
HIST 203	American Century	
HIST 308	History of Women in the United States I	
HIST 309	History of Women in the United States II	
HIST 351	American Radicalism	
HIST 352	The United States in the 1960s	
HIST 363	American Business History	
HIST 388	Vietnam War and the United States	
H399 and 400-level courses with approval from GSS director		
4) Economics		**8**
EC 201	Introduction to Economic Analysis: Microeconomics	
EC 202	Introduction to Economic Analysis: Macroeconomics	
5) Government and Political Science		
Must take 2 of the following courses:		8
PS 201	United States Politics	
PS 206	Ethics, Identity, and Power	
PS 302	States' Rights (and Wrongs)	
PS 304	Democracy, Dictators, and Development	
PS 308	United States Political Thought	
PS 309	Political Ideologies	
PS 347	Political Power, Influence, and Control	
PS 348	Women and Politics	
PS 386	United States Social Movements and Political Change	
6) Research Methods Requirement		

Complete one of the following courses:		4
GEOG 391	Social Science Inquiry and Research	
PPPM 415	Policy and Planning Analysis	
PS 102	Thinking Like a Social Scientist	
SOC 311	Research Methods	
7) Specialization and Upper-Division Requirements		
Must take at least one course from each of the following three areas: US History, Economics, and Political Science. [2]		
Anthropology (ANTH)		
ANTH 310	Exploring Other Cultures: [Topic]	
ANTH 315	Gender, Folklore, Inequality	
ANTH 320	Native North Americans	
ANTH 322	Anthropology of the United States	
ANTH 326	Caribbean Societies	
ANTH 329	Immigration and Farmworkers Political Culture	
ANTH 330	Hunters and Gatherers	
ANTH 331	Cultures of India and South Asia	
ANTH 340	Fundamentals of Archaeology	
ANTH 343	Pacific Islands Archaeology	
ANTH 344	Oregon Archaeology	
ANTH 365	Food and Culture	
ANTH 411	Politics, Ethnicity, Nationalism	
ANTH 429	Jewish Folklore and Ethnology	
ANTH 434	Native South Americans	
ANTH 442	Northwest Coast Archaeology	
ANTH 443	North American Archaeology	
ANTH 448	Gender and Archaeology	
ANTH 488	Foundations of Social Theory	
Economics (EC)		
EC 327	Introduction to Game Theory	
EC 330	Urban and Regional Economic Problems	
EC 333	Resource and Environmental Economic Issues	
EC 340	Issues in Public Economics	
EC 350	Labor Market Issues	
EC 360	Issues in Industrial Organization	
EC 370	Money and Banking	
EC 380	International Economic Issues	
EC 390	Problems and Issues in the Developing Economies	
Geography (GEOG)		
GEOG 341	Population and Environment	
GEOG 342	Geography of Globalization	
GEOG 343	Society, Culture, and Place	
GEOG 441	Political Geography	
GEOG 442	Urban Geography	
GEOG 445	Culture, Ethnicity, and Nationalism	
GEOG 461	Environmental Alteration	
GEOG 463	Geography, Law, and the Environment	
GEOG 465	Environment and Development	
GEOG 471	North American Historical Landscapes	
Global Studies (GLBL)		
GLBL 345	Africa Today: Issues and Concerns	
GLBL 399	Special Studies: [Topic]	
GLBL 421	Gender and International Development	
GLBL 422	Aid to Developing Countries	
GLBL 423	Development and the Muslim World	
GLBL 433	Childhood in Cross-Cultural Perspective	
GLBL 442	South Asia: Development and Social Change	
GLBL 444	Development and Social Change in Southeast Asia	
GLBL 445	Development and Social Change in Sub-Saharan Africa	
GLBL 446	Development and Social Change in Latin America	
US History (HIST)		
HIST 308	History of Women in the United States I	
HIST 309	History of Women in the United States II	
HIST 350	American Radicalism	
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HIST 352	The United States in the 1960s	
HIST 388	Vietnam War and the United States	
HIST 449	Race and Ethnicity in the American West	
HIST 455	Colonial American History	
HIST 456	Revolutionary America	
HIST 457	19th-Century United States: [Topic]	
HIST 463	American Economic History: [Topic]	
HIST 466	The American West	
HIST 468	The Pacific Northwest	
HIST 469	American Indian History: [Topic]	
HIST 473	American Environmental History: [Topic]	
Non-US History (HIST)		
HIST 319	Early Middle Ages in Europe	
HIST 320	High Middle Ages in Europe	
HIST 321	Late Middle Ages in Europe	
HIST 325	Precolonial Africa	
HIST 326	Colonial and Postcolonial Africa	
HIST 332	British History: [Topic]	
HIST 336	France	
HIST 342	German History: [Topic]	
HIST 345	Early Russia	
HIST 347	Soviet Union and Contemporary Russia	
HIST 380	Latin America	
HIST 381	Latin America	
HIST 382	Latin America, 1910 to the Present	
HIST 386	India	
HIST 387	Early China	
HIST 396	Samurai in Film	
HIST 412	Ancient Greece: [Topic]	
HIST 414	Ancient Rome: [Topic]	
HIST 415	Advanced World History: [Topic]	
HIST 416	Advanced Women's History: [Topic]	
HIST 417	Society and Culture in Modern Africa: [Topic]	

HIST 419	African Regional Histories: [Topic]
HIST 420	The Idea of Europe
HIST 425	Economic History of Modern Europe: [Topic]
HIST 427	Intellectual History of Modern Europe: [Topic]
HIST 428	Europe in the 20th Century: [Topic]
HIST 441	16th-Century European Reformations
HIST 443	Modern Germany: [Topic]
HIST 480	Mexico
HIST 482	Aztecs and Incas
HIST 483	Latin America: [Topic]
HIST 487	China: [Topic]
HIST 490	Japan: [Topic]
HIST 491	Medicine and Society in Premodern Japan
HIST 498	Early Japanese Culture and Society: [Topic]
Political Science (PS)	
PS 302	States' Rights (and Wrongs)
PS 304	Democracy, Dictators, and Development
PS 308	United States Political Thought
PS 309	Political Ideologies
PS 310	Roots of Democracy
PS 311	Sovereignty and Revolution
PS 312	Shadows of Modernity
PS 320	International Organization
PS 324	European Politics
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PS 346	Terrorism and Weapons Proliferation
PS 347	Political Power, Influence, and Control
PS 348	Women and Politics
PS 349	Mass Media and American Politics
PS 350	Politics and Film
PS 352	Political Parties and Elections
PS 355	Oregon Government and Politics
PS 371	United States Congress
PS 378	Games in Politics
PS 386	United States Social Movements and Political Change
PS 433	Marxism and Radical Thought
PS 440	Causes and Prevention of War
PS 449	Racial Politics in the United States
PS 455	Theories of International Politics
PS 467	The United States Presidency
PS 470	Constitutional Law
PS 475	Politics of the European Union
PS 477	International Environmental Politics
PS 479	U.S. Interventions in Developing Nations
PS 480	Introduction to Rational Choice
PS 484	United States Supreme Court
PS 485	Civil Rights and Civil Liberties
PS 491	Politics of Everyday Life
Psychology (PSY)	
PSY 304	Biopsychology
PSY 308	Developmental Psychology
PSY 348	Music and the Brain
PSY 366	Culture and Mental Health
PSY 380	Psychology of Gender
PSY 383	Psychoactive Drugs
PSY 388	Human Sexuality
Sociology (SOC)	
SOC 301	American Society
SOC 304	Community, Environment, and Society
SOC 310	Social Theory
SOC 313	Social Issues and Movements
SOC 317	Sociology of the Mass Media
SOC 328	Self and Society
SOC 330	Sociology of the Family
SOC 345	Race and Ethnicity
SOC 346	Work and Occupations
SOC 355	Sociology of Gender
SOC 380	Introduction: Deviance, Control, and Crime
Recommended Courses [3]	

1 We recommend that students select one course from each of the two categories (European and world history).

2 The remaining two courses must be taken exclusively in one area of concentration.
400-level courses from several areas of specialization are not listed below due to the significant number of prerequisites. However, you may take 400-level courses as substitutes for 300-level courses with approval from a General Social Science adviser

3 It is recommended (but not required) that students take one to three courses in Education Studies in preparation for teacher training. Recommended courses include EDST 111, and 420. Additional courses might include EDST 342, 343, 399, 451, 452, 453, 454,455, 456, 457.

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Courses subject to change as UOTeach/Oregon/National Content standards change.

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