

SOCIAL SCIENCE, BA/BS

Program Description

The social science degree equips students with the knowledge and skills necessary to be effective citizens and to have rewarding careers in a wide range of employment settings, in both the public and private sectors.

The **Academic Minor** option provides students with the opportunity to complete an additional set of courses within a discipline of interest and relevance to their career goals.

The **Secondary Teaching Concentration** leads to a Michigan secondary (grades 6 – 12) teaching certificate with a Social Studies endorsement.

Program Learning Outcomes

- **Historical Movements** – Students will be able to synthesize major historical movements and their impact on democratic thought and participation.
- **Environment** – Students will discuss the impact of humans on our environment and how our environment impacts our choices and behaviors.
- **Political System** – Students will be able to communicate the complexities of the American political system through a discussion of how it is affected by the world political system and how it in turn affects the global political system.
- **Global Economy** – Students will apply knowledge about global and persona economic decisions to encourage students to understand the interconnected nature of a global economy.
- **Civic Responsibility** – Students demonstrate democratic values and civic responsibility through an understanding of social science research methods and the ability to see current issues as developments from our shared history.
- **Instructional Choices (for Sec. Teaching Conc.)** – Students will make instructional choices that consider historical perspectives and developments that highlight the interconnected nature of economics, geography, and political science.

Degree Requirements

Code	Title	Hours
Economics		
ECON 201	Principles Macroeconomics	3
ECON 202	Principles Microeconomics	3
Geography		
GEOG 201	World Regional Geography	4
GEOG 306	Cultural Geography	3
History		
HIST 101	History World Civilization I	4
HIST 102	History World Civilization II	4
HIST 131	United States History I	4
HIST 132	United States History II	4
HIST 250	The Atlantic World	3
HIST 316	Europe in the 20th Century	4
HIST 321	History of Michigan	2
Political Science		
POLI 110	Intro American Govt/Politics	4
POLI 241	Intro International Relations	4

POLI 367	Congress and the Presidency	4
Methods and Research		
POLI 202	Soph Sem Political Res & Stats	3
HIST 296	Historical Methods	2
HIST 497	Senior Seminar in History	2
Total Hours		57

Minor or Concentration

Complete one of the following:

Academic Minor: Select an approved minor, to be completed with a minimum of 20 credits as listed in the catalog. The Academic Minor may not be History or Political Science. Complete Social Science Cognates.

Secondary Teaching Concentration: Complete Professional Education Sequence and Education Cognates – See Secondary Education.

General Education: All LSSU bachelor's degree candidates must complete the LSSU General Education Requirements.

Bachelor of Arts degree (8 credits): One year of a modern language other than English. If taken at LSSU, this would be OJIB 130 Ojibwe Lang I Anishinaabemowin-OJIB 131 Ojibwe Lng II Anishinaabemowin or SPAN 161 First Year Spanish I-SPAN 162 First Year Spanish II. One-half year of two different languages will not meet this requirement.

Academic Minor Option: A minimum of 124 credits (at the 100 level or higher) must be earned for graduation with a cumulative gpa of 2.00 or higher. A gpa of 2.00 or higher is also required in your Major and Minor as well as in your General Education Requirements.

Secondary Teaching Concentration option: A minimum of 124 credits (at the 100 level or higher) must be earned for graduation with a cumulative gpa of 2.70 or higher. A gpa of 2.70 or higher is also required in your Major, and a gpa of 2.00 or higher is required in your General Education Requirements.