
Interdisciplinary Social Science

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Interdisciplinary Social Science

The interdisciplinary social science minor offers a program of integrated study that exposes students to diverse methodologies, philosophies and controversies that define the social sciences. It is a required minor for secondary education students who wish to teach social studies. The ISS minor incorporates economics, geography, history and political science and is offered in two forms for secondary education students. Secondary education students will major in either history or political science and then complete the ISS minor that corresponds to the major. Through this minor and the completion of the B.A. degree in history or political science, students will gain the content knowledge necessary for success in secondary education in social studies. Students not selecting the secondary education licensure program may declare either form of the ISS minor.

Minor Requirements

History Major with ISS Minor

Requirements for the [history major](#) are on the [Department of History](#) page.

Degree Requirements

| | Credit Hours |
|---|--------------|
| General Education ¹ | 41 |
| Foreign Language classes (intermediate level required) ² | 0-14 |
| Philosophy course (in addition to General Education courses) | 3 |
| Major requirements ³ | 33-34 |
| Minor requirements (listed below) | 26 |
| Electives | 2-16 |

1 The [General Education program](#) contains a set of requirements each student must fulfill. The number of credit hours necessary to fulfill these requirements may vary.

2 The foreign language requirement may be satisfied by successful completion of the second semester of the intermediate level of the student's chosen language (typically 232), or by placing out of that language through the [Department of Foreign Languages, Literatures and Cultures' placement test](#).

3 [HIST 457](#) is a required capstone for the ISS minor and must be completed as part of the history major requirements.

Political Science Major with ISS Minor

Requirements for the [political science major](#) are on the [Department of Political Science page](#).

Degree Requirements

| | Credit Hours |
|---|--------------|
| General Education ¹ | 41 |
| Foreign Language classes (intermediate level required) ² | 0-14 |
| Philosophy course (in addition to General Education courses) | 3 |
| Major requirements ³ | 33 |
| Minor requirements (listed below) | 22 |
| Electives | 7-21 |
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3 [POSC 457](#) is a required capstone for the ISS minor and must be completed as part of the political science major requirements.

ISS Minor Requirements

To be licensed to teach secondary school social studies, the student must satisfactorily complete requirements for a baccalaureate degree in either history or political science and complete the ISS minor that is paired with that major.

ISS for History Majors

| | Credit Hours |
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| HIST 225 . U.S. History ¹ | 4 |
| POSC 225 . U.S. Government ¹ | 4 |
| POSC 302 . State and Local Government | 3 |
| POSC 335 . Comparative Politics for Teachers | 3 |
| Choose one: | 3 |
| ECON 200 . Macroeconomics ¹ | |
| ECON 201 . Microeconomics | |
| Choose one: | 3 |
| GEOG 200 . The Global Dimension ¹ | |
| GEOG 280 . Human Geography: The Cultural Landscape | |
| Choose one: | 3 |

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| GEOG 300 or 400 level | |
| ISS 330 . Maps, Money and World Trade | |
| Choose one: | 3 |
| POSC 362 . Political Behavior | |
| POSC 369 . Political Parties and Elections | |
| POSC 380 . The U.S. Presidency | |
| POSC 385 . The U.S. Congress | |
| POSC 386 . The U.S. Judiciary | |
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1 May double count for [General Education](#) credit.

ISS for Political Science Majors

Credit Hours

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| HIST 225 . U.S. History (Must be completed for General Education credit) | 4 |
| HIST 350 . Virginia History | 3 |
| Choose one: | 3 |
| ECON 200 . Macroeconomics ¹ | |
| ECON 201 . Microeconomics | |
| Choose one: | 3 |
| GEOG 200 . The Global Dimension | |
| GEOG 280 . Human Geography: The Cultural Landscape (should double count) | |
| Choose one: | 3 |
| GEOG 300 or 400 level | |
| ISS 330 . Maps, Money and World Trade | |
| Choose one Regional Elective: | 3 |
| HIST 201 . Europe to 1815 | |
| HIST 202 . Europe since 1815 | |
| HIST 263 . Africa | |
| HIST 269 . Middle and Near East, 500–1500 | |
| HIST 270 . Modern Middle East | |
| HIST 273 . Asia to 1600 | |
| HIST 274 . Modern Asia | |
| Choose one Transnational Elective: | 3 |
| HIST 307 . Trans-Atlantic Slave Trade | |
| HIST 405 . Travel and Exploration | |
| HIST 453 . Patterns of Global History | |
| HIST 456 . The Global Economy and Nationalism | |
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