

SOCIAL SCIENCE BA ONLINE

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Advising Requirement

Advising is mandatory for this program. Consult your department advisor or program coordinator for information.

E-advising Tools

Students are encouraged to use the interactive e-advising tools that have been designed to help them graduate within four years. These tools can be accessed through the Student Center.

The online Bachelor of Arts in Social Science is designed for students who have a broad interest in the behavioral and social sciences and for those interested in pursuing a California secondary school teaching credential. The social science BA is an interdisciplinary program with a curriculum from the disciplines and programs of the College of the Behavioral and Social Sciences and the Department of History. The program has two options to best meet the needs of our students: multidisciplinary studies and specialization studies.

The option in multidisciplinary studies. This is a 43-unit major with representative courses from the disciplines within the social sciences and history. Its primary intent is to give students a solid liberal arts grounding in the social sciences. This option also provides a waiver for the single subject matter competency requirement and CSET exam in social science for those pursuing secondary teacher preparation programs. Additional courses are required by the Chico State School of Education before student teaching can begin. Visit Chico State's School of Education's website (<http://www.csuchico.edu/soe/>) for the most up-to-date listing of these requirements (<http://www.csuchico.edu/soe/credential/single-sub/ss-cred/ss-course.shtml/>), or contact the Education Department of the college where you plan to obtain your teaching credential.

The option in specialization studies. This is a 43-unit program that builds on the social science core requirements to focus on one of our seven areas of concentration offered fully online to distance education students. Areas of concentration offered fully online are anthropology, career and life planning, child development, community organizing for social change, environmental planning, family relations, and gerontology.

Grading Requirement

All courses taken to fulfill program course requirements must be taken for a letter grade except those courses specified by the department as credit/no credit grading only.

Course Requirements for the Major: 43 units

Completion of the following courses, or their approved transfer equivalents, is required of all candidates for this degree. Courses in this program may complete more than one graduation requirement.

Course	Title	Units
Major Core		
SOSC 210	Data Interpretation and Communication for the Social Sciences	3
SOSC 300	Great Books and Ideas in the Social Sciences	3

SOSC 301	Spatial Concepts: Geographical Patterns and Processes	3
SOSC 302	Temporal Concepts: California Ethnic History	3
SOSC 303W	Cultural Concepts: Human Social Evolution (W)	3
SOSC 333	Research and Inquiry in Social Science	4
SOSC 495W	Capstone Seminar: Social Science (W)	3

Major Option

Select one of the following options:	21
Multidisciplinary Studies (p. 1)	
Specialization Studies (p. 1)	

Total Units 43

Major Option Course Requirements

Students must select one of the following options for completion of the major course requirements.

The Option in Multidisciplinary Studies: 21 units

Course	Title	Units
ECON 102	Principles of Macroeconomic Analysis	3
ECON 103	Principles of Microeconomic Analysis	3
GEOG 352	The United States	3
HIST 101	World History to 1400	3
HIST 102	World History since 1400	3
or HIST 313	Early Modern History	
Select one of the following:		3
HIST 354	Twentieth-Century US History	
HIST 355	Topics in Contemporary US History	
HIST 435	Twentieth-Century War in American Society	
Select one of the following:		3
LEGL 451A	Constitutional Law: Powers and Restraints	
LEGL/MCGS 451B	Constitutional Law: Civil Rights and Civil Liberties	
POLS 402	State and Local Government	
POLS 472	The Presidency	
POLS 473	Congress	
Total Units		21

The Option in Specialization Studies: 21 units

Areas of Concentration: 21 units

Students are required to select an area of concentration for 21 units (12 units minimum at the upper-division level).

Anthropology: 21 units

Course	Title	Units
ANTH 312	Cataclysmic Events in Human Prehistory	3
ANTH 333	Nature, Culture, Environment	3
ANTH 340W	Anthropology of Food (W)	3
ANTH/AIST 362W	California Indians (W)	3
Select two of the following:		6
ANTH 113	Human Cultural Diversity	
ANTH 140	Magic, Witchcraft, and Religion	
ANTH/AIST 261	Peoples and Cultures of Native North America	
ANTH 264	Myths, Frauds, and Misconceptions	

Select three units from the following:	3
Any upper-division Anthropology (ANTH) course.	
Total Units	21

Career and Life Planning: 21 units

Students who complete SOSC 509, SOSC 510, and SOSC 560 may receive the Career and Life Planning Certificate (<https://rce.csuchico.edu/online/career-and-life-planning-certificate-program/>)

Course	Title	Units
SOCI 465	Sociology of Work and Occupations	3
SOSC 509	Principles and Techniques of Career Counseling and Guidance	3
SOSC 510	Testing and Measurements for Career Assessment and Guidance	3
SOSC 560	Seminar on Theory and Practice of Career and Life Planning	3
Select one of the following:		3
PSYC 382	Psychology of Personality	
PSYC 395	Social Psychology	
SOCI 335	Women, Work, and Family	
Select two of the following:		6
MGMT 303	Survey of Management	
MGMT 304	Human Resource Management	
PADM 260	Introduction to Public Administration	
SOSC 489	Internship Social Science	
SWRK 478	Mental Health Wellness and Recovery	
Total Units		21

Child Development: 21 units

Course	Title	Units
CHLD 251	Observational Techniques	3
CHLD 252	Child Development	3
Select one of the following:		3
CHLD 255	Marriage and Family Relationships	
CHLD 455	Seminar in Family Relations	
SOSC 430	Family Relations Capstone Seminar	
Select one of the following:		3
CHLD 350	Prenatal-Infant Development: Advanced	
CHLD 351	Toddler-Early Childhood Development: Advanced	
CHLD 354	The School-Aged Child	
CHLD 357	Adolescent Development	
Select two of the following:		6
BIOL 318	Biology of Childhood	
CHLD 272	Children in a Changing World	
CHLD 333W	Children's Gender and Sexuality Development (W)	
CHLD 360	Social-Emotional Intelligence: Development and Learning	
PSYC 353	Learning in the Young Child	
PSYC 355	Survey of Child and Adolescent Psychology	
SPED 343	Overview of Special Education	
Select one of the following:		3
CHLD 451	Working with Families in Diverse Communities: Advanced	

CHLD 456	Administration of Child Development Programs: Advanced	
CHLD 462	Adult Supervision in Child Development Programs: Advanced	
SWRK 320	Child Welfare	
Total Units		21

Community Organizing for Social Change: 21 units

Course	Title	Units
LEGL/MCGS 451B	Constitutional Law: Civil Rights and Civil Liberties	3
MCGS/CHLX/WMST 458	Leading Social Change	3
SOCI 447	Social Movements	3
SWRK 405	Community and Organizational Change	3
Select two of the following:		6
MCGS 350	Issues in Racial and Ethnic Equity	
QTST 310	Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, and Queer Issues and Identities	
or QTST 310W	Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, and Queer Issues and Identities (W)	
SOCI/MCGS 330	Sociology of Gender	
SOCI 340	Sociology of Wealth, Class, and Inequality	
Select one of the following:		3
MCGS 389	Informed Activism and Internship	
PSYC 391	Psychology of Prejudice, Hate, and Violence	
PSYC 395	Social Psychology	
SOCI 440	Political Sociology	
SOCI 490	Grantwriting for Sociology	
Total Units		21

Environmental Planning: 21 units

Course	Title	Units
GEOG 111	Introduction to Geographic Methods	3
GEOG 320	Introduction to Land Use Planning	3
Select four of the following:		12
GEOG 304	Sustainability and Resilience	
GEOG 425	Planning for Sustainable Communities and Regions	
GEOG 426	Sustainable Water Systems	
GEOG 427	Environmental Impact Analysis	
GEOG 436	Sustainable Transportation Planning	
Select one of the following:		3
LEGL 461	Environmental Politics and Policy	
LEGL 468	Planning Law	
Total Units		21

Family Relations: 21 units

Course	Title	Units
CHLD 455	Seminar in Family Relations	3
SOSC 430	Family Relations Capstone Seminar	3
Select one of the following:		3
PHHA 541	Health in the Later Years	
PHHA 543	Social Gerontology	

PSYC 354	Psychology of Adulthood and Aging	
SWRK 474	Policy and Programs for Older Adults	
Select one of the following:		3
CHLD 252	Child Development	
PSYC 355	Survey of Child and Adolescent Psychology	
SWRK 202	Human Behavior Across the Lifespan	
Select one of the following:		3
CHLD 255	Marriage and Family Relationships	
CHLD 451	Working with Families in Diverse Communities: Advanced	
PSYC 393	Psychology of Romantic Relationships	
Select one of the following:		3
CHLD 360	Social-Emotional Intelligence: Development and Learning	
PSYC 382	Psychology of Personality	
SOCI 360	Self and Society	
Select one of the following:		3
CHLD 333W	Children's Gender and Sexuality Development (W)	
LEGL/MCGS 401W	Sexual Minorities Law/Politics (W)	
PHHA 265	Human Sexuality	
QTST 310	Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, and Queer Issues and Identities	
	or QTST 310' Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, and Queer Issues and Identities (W)	
SOCI 335	Women, Work, and Family	

Total Units 21

Gerontology: 21 units

Course	Title	Units
NFSC 469	Nutrition and Aging	3
PHHA 328	Health Equity	3
PHHA 541	Health in the Later Years	3
PSYC 354	Psychology of Adulthood and Aging	3
SWRK 474	Policy and Programs for Older Adults	3
Select six units from the following:		6
NFSC 360	Nutrition Throughout the Life Cycle	
PHHA 543	Social Gerontology	
RELS 264W	Dying, Death, and Afterlife (W)	
SOSC 489	Internship Social Science ¹	

Total Units 21

¹ SOSC 489 is required for students pursuing the Gerontology Certificate.

See Bachelor's Degree Requirements (<https://catalog.csuchico.edu/undergraduate-requirements/bachelors-degree-requirements/>) for complete details on general degree requirements. A minimum of 39 units, including those required for the major, must be upper division.

General Education Requirements: 48 units

See General Education (<https://catalog.csuchico.edu/colleges-departments/undergraduate-education-academic-success/general-education/#gerequirementstext>) and the Class Schedule (<http://www.csuchico.edu/schedule/>) for the most current information on General Education Requirements and course offerings.

Transfer students accepted into this degree completion program generally will have completed all lower-division General Education Requirements.

Diversity Course Requirements: 6 units

You must complete a minimum of two courses that focus primarily on cultural diversity. At least one course must be in US Diversity (USD) and at least one in Global Cultures (GC). See Diversity Requirements (<https://catalog.csuchico.edu/undergraduate-requirements/diversity-requirements/>) for a full list of courses. Most courses taken to satisfy these requirements may also apply to General Education (<https://catalog.csuchico.edu/colleges-departments/undergraduate-education-academic-success/general-education/>).

Upper-Division Writing Requirement

Writing Across the Curriculum (EM 17-009 (<http://www.csuchico.edu/prs/EMs/2017/17-009.shtml/>)) is a graduation requirement and may be demonstrated through satisfactory completion of four Writing (W) courses, two of which are designated by the major department. See Mathematics/Quantitative Reasoning and Writing Requirements (<https://catalog.csuchico.edu/undergraduate-requirements/mathematicsquantitative-reasoning-writing-requirements/>) for more details on the four courses. The first of the major designated Writing (W) courses is listed below.

- SOSC 303W Cultural Concepts: Human Social Evolution (W)

The second major-designated Writing course is the Graduation Writing Assessment Requirement (GW) (EO 665 (<https://calstate.policystat.com/policy/9585618/latest/>)). Students must earn a C- or higher to receive GW credit. The GE Written Communication (A2) (<https://catalog.csuchico.edu/colleges-departments/undergraduate-education-academic-success/general-education/#A2>) requirement must be completed before a student is permitted to register for a GW course.

This Social Science BA online degree completion program is designed for students who transfer with lower division requirements completed and want to finish their college requirements and bachelor's degree in an online format. All lower division General Education can be taken at any California community college and may not be offered online at Chico State. Only 70 units from community colleges will count towards the 120-unit requirement for the BA degree.

Online degree completion students who have completed their General Education and American Ideals/Institutions requirements before transferring to Chico State and who enroll in classes full time can easily finish their BA in social science in two years. Note that some online courses are offered only once a year, so careful planning is crucial. All students must meet with a Social Science advisor each semester for mandatory advising.