SOCIAL SCIENCE BA ONLINE

More Information

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 school 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/education) for the most up-to-date listing of these requirements (http://www.csuchico.edu/education/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.

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<td>Data Interpretation and Communication for the Social Sciences</td>
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<td>SOSC 300</td>
<td>Great Books and Ideas in the Social Sciences</td>
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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

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<td>GEOG 352</td>
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<td>HIST 102</td>
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<td>or HIST 313</td>
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<td>Topics in Contemporary US History</td>
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<td>Constitutional Law: Civil Rights and Civil Liberties</td>
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<td>POLS 402</td>
<td>State and Local Government</td>
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<td>POLS 473</td>
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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

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<td>Cataclysmic Events in Human Prehistory</td>
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<td>ANTH 333</td>
<td>Nature, Culture, Environment</td>
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<td>ANTH 340W</td>
<td>Anthropology of Food (W)</td>
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<td>ANTH/AIST 362W</td>
<td>California Indians (W)</td>
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<td>ANTH 140</td>
<td>Magic, Witchcraft, and Religion</td>
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<td>ANTH/AIST 261</td>
<td>Peoples and Cultures of Native North America</td>
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<td>ANTH 264</td>
<td>Myths, Frauds, and Misconceptions</td>
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Select three units from the following:

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:
- PSYC 382 Psychology of Personality
- PSYC 395 Social Psychology
- SOCI 335 Women, Work, and Family

Select two of the following:
- MGMT 303 Survey of Management
- MGMT 304 Human Resource Management
- PADM 260 Introduction to Public Administration
- SOCI 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:
- CHLD 255 Marriage and Family Relationships
- CHLD 455 Seminar in Family Relations
- SOSC 430 Family Relations Capstone Seminar

Select one of the following:
- 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:
- 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:
- CHLD 451 Working with Families in Diverse Communities: Advanced

**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:
- MCGS 350 Issues in Racial and Ethnic Equity
- QTST 310 Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, and Queer Issues and Identities (W)
- or QTST 310 Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, and Queer Issues and Identities
- SOCI/MCGS 330 Sociology of Gender
- SOCI 340 Sociology of Wealth, Class, and Inequality

Select one of the following:
- 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:
- 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:
- 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:
- PHHA 541 Health in the Later Years
- PHHA 543 Social Gerontology

**Total Units** 21
General Education Requirements: 48 units

See General Education (https://catalog.csuchico.edu/colleges-departments/undergraduate-education/general-education/) 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/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/mathematics-quantitative-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/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.

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**Gerontology: 21 units**

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<td>SWRK 474</td>
<td>Policy and Programs for Older Adults</td>
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<td>CHLD 252</td>
<td>Child Development</td>
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<td>PSYC 355</td>
<td>Survey of Child and Adolescent Psychology</td>
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<td>SWRK 202</td>
<td>Human Behavior Across the Lifespan</td>
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Select one of the following: 3 units

- 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 units

- CHLD 360 | Social-Emotional Intelligence: Development and Learning |
- PSYC 382 | Psychology of Personality |
- SOCI 360 | Self and Society |

Select one of the following: 3 units

- 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

**Diversity: 6 units**

- NFSC 469 | Nutrition and Aging |
- PHHA 328 | Health Equity |
- PHHA 541 | Health in the Later Years |
- PSYC 354 | Psychology of Adulthood and Aging |

Select six units from the following: 6 units

- NFSC 360 | Nutrition Throughout the Life Cycle |
- PHHA 543 | Social Gerontology |
- RELS 264W | Dying, Death, and Afterlife (W) |
- SOSC 489 | Internship Social Science |

Total Units 21

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