

SOCIAL SCIENCE (BS)

Tourism, Environment, and Sustainable Societies

The BS degree in Social Science provides students with the opportunity to study the diversity of the human experience from the perspectives of the various social science disciplines. The curriculum structure exposes students to the basic content and approach of each of the disciplines within the Department of Social Science (Anthropology, Environmental Planning, Geography, History, Political Science, and Sociology), while also allowing students the flexibility to pursue specific areas of interest.

This interdisciplinary program provides students with valuable skills of research, writing, and decision making, utilizing the perspectives and methodologies of the various social sciences. The program provides a basic background for future graduate work in any of the social sciences and a well-rounded liberal education for future careers in business, non-profit agencies, government, and other similar areas.

Degree Requirements

Course	Title	Credits
Behavioral Sciences Foundations		
Complete one 1000/2000 level course from one of the following disciplines:		3-4
AN	Anthropology (not ANDI)	
PS	Psychology (not PSDI)	
SO	Sociology (not SODI)	
Economic Foundations		
Complete one course from the following:		3-4
BUS 1400	Principles of Economics (GACO)	
EC 3400	Economics for Educators	
GE 3080	Economic Geography	
Global Foundations		
Complete one course from the following:		4
AN 2100	Foundations of Anthropology (GACO)	
GE 2200	Human Geography	
HI 2011	Modern World History, 1500 to Present (GACO)	
PO 1035	World Politics (GACO)	
TMP 2010	Introduction to Travel and Tourism (GACO)	
Political and Historical Foundations		
HI 2223	Methods, Theories, and Careers in History (QRCO,WRCO)	4
PO 1025	American Government	4
Social Science Foundation Core		
Complete one 1000/2000 level course from any of the following disciplines:		3-4
AN	Anthropology (not ANDI)	
EC	Economics (not ECDI)	
GE	Geography (not GEDI)	
HI	History (not HIDI)	
PO	Political Science (not PODI)	
PS	Psychology (not PSDI)	
SO	Sociology (not SODI)	
SSE	Social Studies Education	
Upper-Division Concentration Disciplines (3000/4000 Level)		

HI 3571 Interrogating US History (DICO,TECO) 4
Complete at least two courses of 3000/4000 level in ANY TWO of the following disciplines¹

AN	Anthropology (not ANDI)
EC	Economics (not ECDI)
GE	Geography (not GEDI)
HI	History (not HIDI)
PO	Political Science (not PODI)
PS	Psychology (not PSDI)
SO	Sociology (not SODI)

Social Science Upper-Level Electives

Complete at least two courses of 3000/4000 level in any of the following disciplines: 6-8

AN	Anthropology (not ANDI)
EC	Economics (not ECDI)
EPL	Environmental Planning
GE	Geography (not GEDI)
HI	History (not HIDI)
PO	Political Science (not PODI)
PS	Psychology (not PSDI)
SO	Sociology (not SODI)
SSE	Social Studies Education
SU	Sustainability Studies
TMP	Tourism Management and Policy

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General Education (<https://coursecatalog.plymouth.edu/general-education/>)

EN 1400 Composition 4

IS 1115 Tackling a Wicked Problem 4

MA (<https://coursecatalog.plymouth.edu/general-education/#MATH>) 3-4

CTDI (<https://coursecatalog.plymouth.edu/general-education/#CTDI>) Creative Thought Direction 3-4

PPDI (<https://coursecatalog.plymouth.edu/general-education/#PPDI>) Past and Present Direction 3-4

SIDI (<https://coursecatalog.plymouth.edu/general-education/#SIDI>) Scientific Inquiry Direction 3-4

SSDI (<https://coursecatalog.plymouth.edu/general-education/#SSDI>) Self and Society Direction 3-4

Directions (choose from CTDI, PPDI, SIDI, SSDI) (<https://coursecatalog.plymouth.edu/general-education/>)² 4-8

DICO (https://coursecatalog.plymouth.edu/general-education/#DICO)	3-4
GACO (https://coursecatalog.plymouth.edu/general-education/#GACO)	3-4
INCP (https://coursecatalog.plymouth.edu/general-education/#INCP)	3-4
WECO (https://coursecatalog.plymouth.edu/general-education/#WECO)	3-4
Electives	20-29
Total Credits	120

¹ Writing in the Discipline Connection must be completed in a Concentration discipline.

² Directions should total 20 credits (unless the major has a waiver for a specific Direction).

Recommended Course Sequence

Check all course descriptions for prerequisites before planning course schedule. Course sequence is suggested but not required.

To complete the bachelor's degree in 4 years, you must successfully complete a minimum of 15 credits each semester or have a plan to make up credits over the course of the 4 years. For example, if you take 14 credits one semester, you need to take 16 credits in another semester. Credits completed must count toward your program requirements (major, option, minor, certificate, general education or free electives).

Course	Title	Credits
Year One		
EN 1400	Composition	4
IS 1115	Tackling a Wicked Problem	4
MA (https://coursecatalog.plymouth.edu/general-education/#MATH)	Mathematics Foundations	3-4
PO 1025	American Government	4
CTDI (https://coursecatalog.plymouth.edu/general-education/#CTDI)	Creative Thought Direction	3-4
PPDI (https://coursecatalog.plymouth.edu/general-education/#PPDI)	Past and Present Direction	3-4
Electives		3-6
Credits		24-30

Year Two

Complete one Behavioral Sciences Foundations Course from the following: 3-4

AN	Anthropology (not ANDI)
PS	Psychology (not PSDI)
SO	Sociology (not SODI)

Complete one Economics Foundations Course from the following: 3-4

BUS 1400	Principles of Economics (GACO)
EC 3400	Economics for Educators
GE 3080	Economic Geography

Complete one Global Foundations Course from the following: 3-4

AN 2100	Foundations of Anthropology (GACO)
GE 2200	Human Geography
HI 2011	Modern World History, 1500 to Present (GACO)

PO 1035	World Politics (GACO)
TMP 2010	Introduction to Travel and Tourism (GACO)

Complete one Social Science Core, 1000/2000 level Course from the following: 3-4

AN	Anthropology (not ANDI)
EC	Economics (not ECDI)
GE	Geography (not GEDI)
HI	History (not HIDI)
PO	Political Science (not PODI)
PS	Psychology (not PSDI)
SO	Sociology (not SODI)
SSE	Social Studies Education
HI 2223	Methods, Theories, and Careers in History (QRCO,WRCO)

SIDI (<https://coursecatalog.plymouth.edu/general-education/#SIDI>)

SSDI (<https://coursecatalog.plymouth.edu/general-education/#SSDI>) 3-4

Directions (choose from CTDI, PPDI, SIDI, SSDI) (<https://coursecatalog.plymouth.edu/general-education/>) ¹ 4-8

Elective 2-4

Credits 24-36

Year Three

Complete two Concentration Disciplines from the following: ² 8

AN	Anthropology (not ANDI)
EC	Economics (not ECDI)
GE	Geography (not GEDI)
PO	Political Science (not PODI)
PS	Psychology (not PSDI)
SO	Sociology (not SODI)

DICO (<https://coursecatalog.plymouth.edu/general-education/#DICO>) 3-4

WECO (https://coursecatalog.plymouth.edu/general-education/#WECO)	Wellness Connection	3-4
Electives		16

Credits 30-32

Year Four

Complete at least eight credits of 3000/4000 level Social Science Upper-level Electives from the following:

AN	Anthropology (not ANDI)	
EC	Economics (not ECDI)	
EPL	Environmental Planning	
GE	Geography (not GEDI)	
HI	History (not HIDI)	
PO	Political Science (not PODI)	
PS	Psychology (not PSDI)	
SO	Sociology (not SODI)	
SSE	Social Studies Education	
TMP	Tourism Management and Policy	

GACO (https://coursecatalog.plymouth.edu/general-education/#GACO)	Global Awareness Connection	3-4
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INCP (https://coursecatalog.plymouth.edu/general-education/#INCP)	Integrated Capstone	3-4
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HI 3571	Interrogating US History (DICO,TECO)	4
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Complete one Technology Discipline Connection Course from the following:

AN 4415	Methods of Social Research (TECO)	
CM 3095	Technical Communication (TECO,WRCO)	
ED 3350	Classroom Planning, Management, and Organization for Middle School and Secondary Educators (TECO)	
GE 2050	GIS I: Introduction to Geographic Information Systems (QRCO,TECO)	
PO 3125	Political Parties, Elections, and Interest Groups (TECO)	
SO 4415	Methods of Social Research (TECO)	

Electives		10-13
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Credits 31-37

Total Credits 120

- Write clearly and concisely in the conventions of the respective core discipline(s) of their major (AN/SO, GE, PO, SS).
- Exhibit effective oral communication through personal interaction as well as classroom presentations, individually or as part of a group, to a larger audience.
- Demonstrate critical thinking and analytical skills through writing and verbal assessments.
- Identify the skills and perspective relating to the practical application of their discipline to professional settings.

Career Pathways

Graduates in the BS Social Science program are prepared to move on to careers in many fields, as this program is designed to complement different student strengths and interests that might be applicable to a wide range of jobs. Graduates have gone on to graduate programs in social science disciplines, to law school, or have returned to pursue certification in social studies education, counseling and special education. Otherwise, their careers are as varied as their personalities. Recent graduates work in marketing, sales, for NH social service department, as social media directors, at a local humane society, run a local business, GIS, political action campaigns and other non-profit organizations.

¹ Directions should total 20 credits (unless the major has a waiver for a specific Direction).

² Complete at least eight credits of 3000/4000 level courses in any two Social Science disciplines, including WRCO. Writing in the Discipline Connection must be completed in a Concentration discipline.

Learning Outcomes

- Demonstrate cultural sensitivity through an appreciation for various forms of diversity at a global, national and regional level.
- Conduct research ethically, as evidenced through effective research design and implementation.