

## Guide to the General Social Science Major

*The General Social Science Major provides students with an undergraduate major that focuses on the social sciences. Students learn to think critically and logically, communicate clearly, and work creatively. This is accomplished by taking courses across a wide range of perspectives from sociology to geography, from political science to anthropology, and from economics to history. In addition to substantive courses, the major requires students to take courses in the methods and tools of the social sciences. This gives graduates skills in social research, which prepare for them for graduate education and are in demand in survey organizations, planning departments, private business, etc.*



## General Social Science Major In Central Oregon



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# What are the requirements for the General Social Science Major?

All students receiving a University of Oregon Bachelor of Arts or Bachelor of Science degree must meet the requirements for these degrees found in the University of Oregon Bulletin. Transfer students coming in with an AAOT will meet the Group I, II, III requirements. These requirements can be seen on the UO's website. Along with meeting these requirements, students need to meet the specific requirements for a major. What follows are the specific requirements for the General Social Science Major.

The curriculum leading to a B.A. or B.S. in General Social Science offers a rigorous interdisciplinary perspective on the social sciences and on society. Students are exposed to a number of the key social science areas, to the methods typically used in social science research. And have a concentration in at least one specific area. Students completing this major must have a minimum of 44 upper division credit hours in the social sciences, 12 which must be in methods/tools classes.

1. **Breadth Requirement:** A minimum of 2 courses in each of three different disciplines, for a total of 6 courses in the disciplines listed below. Each course must be for three or more credits and passes with a grade of C- or better.

Anthropology, Economics, Geography, History, Linguistics, Political Science, Psychology, Sociology.

2. **Methodology/Tools Requirements:** The students must pass, with a grade of C- or higher, at least 3 of these upper division skills courses (a total of 12 upper division credit hours). The following are an example of these courses:

ANTH 408: Fieldstudies in Archaeology, GEOG 313: Geographic Field Studies, HST 307: The Study of History, PSY 302: Statistical Methods in Psychology, PSY 303: Research Methods in Psychology, PS 491: Politics in Everyday Life, SOC 311: Introduction to Social Research.

3. **Concentration Requirement:** A minimum of eight upper division courses (32 upper division credits) from the following concentrations must be passed with a grade of C- or higher, with at least 16 credit hours in one subject area and at least 16 credits at the 400 level. The following are areas in which you may get a concentration:

Anthropology, History, Political Science, Psychology, Sociology.

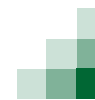
This is a simple overview of the requirements of a General Social Science degree. For specific questions regarding the major and the university's requirements please contact the UO Adviser in the Chandler Building (617-4660).



## What can I do with a General Social Science major?

Students in the social sciences pursue a variety of careers.

Graduates work in social service agencies as caseworkers, parole officers, and working with youth. Other graduates use their degrees to launch careers as teachers in public and private schools. Graduates work in government agencies as law enforcement officers, as park interpreters, or as city planners. Many majors work for nonprofit organizations and in the private sector, while still others own their own businesses. Students who acquire the skills to think critically and logically, communicate clearly, and work creatively have a world of opportunity before them. The major is structured to provide them with opportunities to acquire these skills in a structured, though interdisciplinary, manner.



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