SOCIAL SCIENCE
Interdisciplinary Major

Statement of philosophy
The social science major offers the opportunity to develop knowledge and skills in several disciplines. This major appeals to students who desire a broadly based experience in the social sciences. A critical element of the major is the recognition of essential understandings within academic disciplines and the relationships among the disciplines.

The social science major provides a solid background for a variety of career options. It is particularly appropriate for prospective social studies teachers at the secondary level.

Major Communication Skills
The student and major advisor will develop from one or more upper-level courses in the major a course portfolio that reflects successful demonstration of skills in reading, listening and speaking.

Social Science Major Requirements (46-49 credits)
Note: A minimum GPA of 3.0 in the major is required before a student can be recommended for student teaching.

1. Complete all courses from each of three of the areas below:

   American history (16 credits)
   HIST 130 United States to 1877 (3)
   HIST 131 United States Since 1877 (3)
   HIST 386 Public History Seminar (4)
   Two American History Electives at the 200- or 300-level

   World history (16 credits)
   HIST 110 Early Western Civilization (3)
   HIST 111 Modern Western Civilization (3)
   HIST 150 Latin American Civilization (3)
   or HIST 170 Early East Asian Civilization (3)
   or HIST 171 Modern East Asian Civilization (3)
   or HIST 180 African Civilization (3)
   HIST 385 Seminar I-History (4)
   One HIST elective at the 200-level or above (3) (a non-Western course is recommended)

   American government (at least 15 credits)
   POLS 110 Introduction to American Politics (4)
   And at least 11 credits from:
   POLS 212 Congress (4)
   POLS 213 Courts (4)
   POLS 214 The Presidency (3)
   POLS 215 The Politics of State and Local Governments (4)
   POLS 216 Political Behavior: Political Participation, Elections, and Media (3)
   POLS 316 Presidential Elections (4)
   POLS 361 American Political Philosophy (4)

   Economics (16 credits)
   ECON 112 Principles of Microeconomics (3)
   ECON 113 Principles of Macroeconomics (3)
   ECON 312 Microeconomic Theory (4)
   or ECON 313 Macroeconomic Theory (4)
   Two 200-level or above ECON electives (6 credits total), excluding ECON 281

   Psychology (15 credits)
   PSYC 122 General Psychology (3)
   Two 200-level PSYC courses (total of at least 6 credits)
   Two 300- or 400-level PSYC courses (total of at least 6 credits)
Sociology (15 credits)

SOC 120 Principles of Sociology

Two 200-level courses (6 credits) chosen from:

SOC 225 Social Problems (3)
SOC 235 Schools and Societies (3)
SOC 241 Criminology (3)
SOC 242 Sociology of the Family (3)

Two SOC electives at the 300-level or above (6 credits)