

PSc 499 (F, S)

1-2-3-4 hrs. cr.

Independent Study

For students who wish to do an indepth study of some specialized topic or who wish to pursue a topic not considered in the department's course offerings. The student will select an adviser from the political science faculty who will structure the independent study in consultation with the student and with the approval of the department head. Prerequisite: Junior or senior status and an overall cumulative GPA of 3.0 or better. Enrollment must be approved by department head and school dean.

PREPROFESSIONAL

Justice Center 126, 417.625.3155

This curriculum allows Missouri Southern students to complete admission requirements for professional schools that accept applicants who have completed approximately 60 hours. Students should incorporate professional school requirements into their schedule and work closely with an adviser at Missouri Southern. Also, students who are completing certification requirements for paramedic programs may transfer among Missouri public four-year colleges and universities.

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SOCIAL SCIENCE

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Mission

The primary mission of the Social Science Department is to prepare our students for dynamic leadership and responsible citizenship in their communities, their nation, and the world. The Department also contributes to the broader mission of the University by providing students the opportunities to cultivate critical thinking, communication, and technological skills that will develop an awareness of and engagement with the complex social issues of the 21st century. The faculty seeks to offer substantive instruction and intellectual nurture in the

Social Sciences, and to assist the advancement of higher-order thinking students can apply to their own lives as individuals, professionals, and citizens. The Department's mission includes an emphasis on opportunities to engage the broader international world, consistent with the University's international mission. Finally, the Social Science Department seeks to build bridges and avenues of communication between the university and the community, through academic internships, public events, and partnerships with local institutions, and the sponsorship of academic programs and events for local students and their teachers.

Within the social sciences are the disciplines of anthropology, geography, history, paralegal studies, political science, and sociology.

Each discipline focuses on the study of some aspect or aspects of human societies: their history, government, social organization, laws, physical environment, and/or cultural heritage. Students who major or minor in the social sciences prepare for a variety of graduate programs or careers, for example, in teaching, government, law, historic preservation, business, health, and human services. Internships are especially helpful in establishing career objectives and obtaining practical knowledge. Social sciences students may apply for internships at the George Washington Carver National Monument, the Dorothea B. Hoover Historical Museum, as a social work minor, a paralegal studies minor, a political science minor, or a sociology major. Also, Missouri State Internships are available.

Minors are offered in each of the disciplines within the social sciences except anthropology. Two general Social Science minors are also available: a social science minor and a social studies for secondary education minor which qualifies students to teach in junior high and middle schools.

Minor in Social Science

	Semester Hours
Hist 110 U.S. History	3
Hist 120 U.S. History	3
PSc 120 Government: U.S., State, and Local . . .	3
Geog Elective	3
Soc or Anth Elective (100 - 200 level)	3
Select three (3) social science courses at the 300 - 400 level	9

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Fifteen hours of these requirements apply to the Core Curriculum.

Minor in Social Studies for Secondary Education

Certification for Grades 9-12

This minor meets social studies requirements for certifying secondary education majors to teach grades 9 through 12. Students electing this minor must have a social sciences faculty adviser.

Social Studies

	Semester Hours
Hist 110 U.S. History	3
Hist 120 U.S. History	3

Elective	American History	3
PSc 120	Government: U.S., State, and Local	3
Hist 130	Western Civilization	3
Hist 140	Western Civilization	3
Econ 180	American Economic System.	3
Geog 211	Regions and Nations	3

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Programs & Degree Offerings

See Geography (p. 113); History, (p. 116); Paralegal Studies, (p. 136); Political Science, (p. 142); and Sociology, (p. 148) for specific degree requirements, minors, A.A. paralegal program, and suggested orders of study.



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A Bachelor's degree with a major in Sociology prepares the student for a variety of occupations and graduate programs. Selecting from three bachelor's degree programs including a Bachelor of Science in Education, the student may choose to pursue many careers, for example, those in human and social services, public safety occupations, or teaching. Advanced graduate or professional school training could also be a choice for the student who successfully completes one of the bachelor degree programs. In addition, a sociology minor provides students majoring in other areas with special interpersonal, group, and organizational knowledge and skills.

See page 147 for a minor in social sciences or the social studies in secondary education minor.

Sociology 110 is a prerequisite to many Upper Division courses in sociology.

Certain sociology courses may be used to satisfy Core Curriculum requirements. Sociology 110 is an elective for the requirement in Area 3C, Natural and Behavioral Sciences; Anth 155, 342 or Soc 303 meet the requirement in Area 5, International Cultural Studies.

Student Organizations

Alpha Kappa Delta is the national honor society in sociology. Alpha Kappa Delta recognizes academic excellence in the field and encourages its members to participate in the activities of its national organization. The members have the opportunity each year to attend a professional conference with minimal personal expense.

Sociology Club is open to all students who are interested in sociology. The club provides a setting for students to interact with their peers and will provide a wide range of activities throughout the year.

Bachelor of Arts with a Major in Sociology

	Semester Hours
Core Requirements (p. 34) 51*	48
Foreign Language (four courses in one language)	12
Sociology Requirements	36
Soc 110 Introduction to Sociology	3
Soc 210 Social Problems**	3
Soc 305 Social Science Statistics**	3
Soc 311 Social Stratification**	3
Soc 431 Sociological Research Methods**	3
Soc 482 Sociological Theory**	3
Soc Electives (12 hrs. must be Upper Division)	18
Supporting Requirements.	6
Anth Elective	3
Geo 310 Human and Cultural Geography	3
Supporting Area (approved by sociology adviser)***.	15
Electives	7
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*Required sociology course Soc 110 satisfies three hours of Core Curriculum requirements.

**See Prerequisites

***A minor is highly recommended.

****Must include at least 40 Upper Division (300-400 level) hours.

Bachelor of Science with a Major in Sociology

	Semester Hours
Core Requirements (p. 34) 51*	48
Sociology Requirements	42
Soc 110 Introduction to Sociology	3
Soc 305 Social Science Statistics**	3
Soc 311 Social Stratification**	3
Soc 361 Study of Population**	3
Soc 362 Deviant Behavior**	3
Soc 431 Social Research Methods**	3
Soc 432 Advanced Research Methods.	3
Soc 482 Sociological Theory**	3
Soc Electives (12 hour must be Upper Division)	18
Supporting Requirements.	6
Anth Elective	3
Geo 310 Human and Cultural Geography	3
Electives	28
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