

B.S. Social Science

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A Social Science degree from Southwestern is the lesser-known brother of the History degree. With concentrations in political science, economics, and geography, as well as history, graduates with Social Science degrees can do everything those with History degrees can do—and more. Those multiple concentrations make Social Science degree holders especially attractive to small schools. Plus, a Social Science degree is the preferred degree for students wanting to go on to law school.

Job Market

Teaching is the obvious job people associate with a Social Science degree, but the opportunities are much broader than that. Social Science serves as a great background for jobs in journalism, libraries, public service, public policy, politics, or private business. You may want to pair a History degree with another discipline to open even more doors.

Job Outlook

The U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics expects employment for people with Social Science degrees to increase 3% through 2026. The job is particularly good for people who have the research and writing skills of a Social Science degree with graduate education in other fields, such as library science, political science, law, or history

Earnings

Earnings will vary by job and region. However, here are some yearly earnings averages for a variety of careers include: high school history teacher, \$59,170; lawyer, \$119,000; political scientist (with MA), \$115,110; college professor, \$76,000.

A Social Science degree will help many graduates get entry-level jobs. However, pairing the degree with a graduate degree will usually bring higher rewards. Some careers, such as being a lawyer or teaching in college, mandate graduate degrees.



Required Courses

Item #	Title	Credits
ECON 211	Macroeconomics	3
HIST 111	United States History to 1865	3
HIST 112	United States History from 1865	3
HIST 201	Historical Methods: Research and Historiography	3
HIST 225	World Civilizations I	3
HIST 226	World Civilizations II	3
HIST 242	Historical and Political Geography	3
POLS 211	National and Texas Constitutions	3
POLS 315	Political Thought	3
	HIST Social Science Electives	18
	SOCS Electives	3
	Sub-Total Credits	48

Sample 4 Year Curriculum

General Education Requirements

To view general education requirements for this major please visit: <https://catalog.swau.edu/core-curriculum-for-a-bachelors-degree>

First Year First Semester

Item #	Title	Credits
ENGL 121	Freshman Composition	3
HIST 111	United States History to 1865	3
	Mathematics GE Curriculum Guide	3
	Religion GE Requirement	3
UNIV 111	Wellness for Life	2
	Sub-Total Credits	14

First Year Second Semester

Item #	Title	Credits
COMM 111	Speech	3
	Elective Course for 120	3
	Fine Arts GE Requirement	3
HIST 112	United States History from 1865	3
	Life and Physical Science GE Requirement	4
	Sub-Total Credits	16

Second Year First Semester

Item #	Title	Credits
ECON 211	Macroeconomics	3
ENGL 220	Research Writing	3
HIST 225	World Civilizations I	3
	Life and Physical Science GE Requirement	4
POLS 211	National and Texas Constitutions	3
	Sub-Total Credits	16

Second Year Second Semester

Item #	Title	Credits
	Elective Course for 120	3
HIST 226	World Civilizations II	3
HIST 201	Historical Methods: Research and Historiography	3
	Kinesiology GE Requirement	1
	Religion GE Requirement	3
SOCI 111	Introduction to Sociology	3
	Sub-Total Credits	16

Third Year First Semester

Item #	Title	Credits
	Elective Course for 120	3
	HIST Electives for Curriculum Guides	3
	HIST Electives for Curriculum Guides	3
	Kinesiology GE Requirement	1
	Literature GE Requirement	3
POLS 320	American International Relations	3
	Sub-Total Credits	16

Third Year Second Semester

Item #	Title	Credits
	Elective Course for 120	3
HIST 242	Historical and Political Geography	3
	HIST Electives for Curriculum Guides	3
	HIST Electives for Curriculum Guides	3
	Religion GE Requirement	3
	Sub-Total Credits	15

Fourth Year First Semester

Item #	Title	Credits
	Elective Course for 120	3
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	Elective Course for 120	3
HIST 475	Portfolio Development	1
	HIST Electives for Curriculum Guides	3
	Religion GE Requirement	3
	Sub-Total Credits	16

Fourth Year Second Semester

Item #	Title	Credits
	Elective Course for 120	3
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	HIST Electives for Curriculum Guides	3
	HIST Electives for Curriculum Guides	3
	Sub-Total Credits	12

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