

# BA in Social Science

55 units

The social science major (<https://www.apu.edu/clas/programs/social-science-major/>) primarily prepares students to teach history, political science, geography, economics, sociology, and psychology at the high school or junior high school level. This major provides future teachers with an integrated study of these social sciences, which helps develop analytical skills, comparative perspectives, critical judgement, and a knowledge base about the world around them. Additionally, the major introduces students to teaching methodologies. The social science major is a subject-matter program in social science approved by the California Commission on Teacher Credentialing (<https://www.ctc.ca.gov/>), allowing students to bypass the CSET exams that would otherwise be required by the state of California.

## Career Opportunities

The primary career choice for social science majors is teaching at the secondary level. Other options include careers in history, education, government service, journalism, publishing, advertising, library science, law, and politics. Opportunities for research, consulting, and graduate study are also available to social science majors.

## Requirements

The Department of History and Political Science maintains the following requirements for each of the majors it offers:

1. Students must complete all prerequisites for any HIST or POLI course with a C- or better before taking the course (except as noted in the course description).
2. Students must maintain a minimum cumulative GPA of 2.0 in all political science and history courses required for the major.
3. Students must complete each HIST or POLI course with a C- or higher for the course to meet a degree requirement in the Department of History and Political Science.

| Code  | Title   | Units     |
|---|---|-----------|
| ECON 200  | Survey of Economics <sup>1</sup>                          | 3         |
| EDLS 210  | Learning from A to Z: Launching Your Journey in Education | 3         |
| EDLS 360  | Principles of Inclusive Education: AEIOU <sup>2</sup>     | 3         |
| HIST 120  | World Civilizations to 1648 <sup>3</sup>                  | 3         |
| HIST 121  | World Civilizations Since 1648 <sup>3</sup>               | 3         |
| HIST 151  | United States History to 1877 <sup>3</sup>                | 3         |
| HIST 152  | United States History Since 1877 <sup>3</sup>             | 3         |
| HIST 200  | The Varieties of History                                  | 3         |
| HIST 210  | World Geography   | 3         |
| HIST 338  | History of California                                     | 3         |
| POLI 150  | American Government                                       | 3         |
| SOT 260   | World Religions <sup>2</sup>                              | 3         |
| HIST 300  | Historical Research and Writing                           | 3         |
| HIST 496  | Senior Seminar in Faith and History                       | 3         |
| One Upper-division History Course (HIST 3XX or 4XX)           |   | 3         |
| One Upper-division Political Science Course (POLI 3XX or 4XX) |   | 3         |
| Select one of the following:                                  |   | 3         |
| PSYC 110  | General Psychology <sup>1</sup>                           |           |
| SOC 120   | Introduction to Sociology <sup>1</sup>                    |           |
| Select one of the following:                                  |   | 3         |
| HIST 320  | Modern Africa   |           |
| HIST 360  | History of the Middle East I: Early and Medieval Islam    |           |
| HIST 393  | Ritual and Re-enactment in Modern Latin America           |           |
| <b>Total Units</b>  |   | <b>54</b> |

<sup>1</sup> Meets the APU Core: Social Science general education requirement.

<sup>2</sup> Meets the APU Core: Intercultural Competence general education requirement.

<sup>3</sup> Meets the APU Core: Humanities: History general education requirement.

## **Program Learning Outcomes**

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Students who successfully complete this program shall be able to:

1. Demonstrate a knowledge of the major events, ideas and trends in American history.
2. Describe and analyze the major events, ideas, and developments of world history.
3. Explain the principles, purposes, and main features of American government.
4. Articulate how a Christian worldview informs the study of history.