What is Social Science?

The Social Sciences at SDSU consist of Anthropology, Economics, Geography, History, Political Science, and Sociology, with additional courses from related disciplines.

Social Science research attempts to understand how society works through behavioral or social explanations.

As a Social Science student, you will learn to analyze and critically examine social, political, cultural, and economic phenomenon by studying human behavior and social processes.

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THE SOCIAL SCIENCE MAJOR
Bachelor of Arts degree
The General Social Science Major

The Social Science major at SDSU is a multidisciplinary program encompassing courses in 12 departments—Anthropology, Economics, Geography, History, Political Science, Sociology, Africana Studies, American Indian Studies, Chicana and Chicano Studies, Psychology, Religious Studies, and Women’s Studies.

The major provides students with a broad understanding of Social Science and an appreciation of the interrelatedness of its disciplines.

This program is especially appropriate for students who desire a liberal arts education and seek to develop analytical, critical thinking, and writing skills that can be applied to a wide range of occupations and professions.

Students choose a specialization from the following: Anthropology, Economics, Chicano/Chicana Studies, Geography, History, Political Science and Sociology.

Additionally, students take elective courses in three additional departments (chosen from the full list of 12 above).

The Social Science Major in preparation for the Single Subject Teaching Credential

The Social Science major in preparation for the single subject teaching credential is designed for students who want to pursue a career teaching History, Geography, Government, and Economics in middle and high schools.

Students take core courses in each of the four areas to provide a breadth of knowledge as well as electives to build depth.

The major also includes the required early field experience necessary to enter SDSU’s credential program.

Students who choose this major will acquire the content knowledge necessary to successfully complete a credential program and teach in California middle and high schools.

Careers for Social Science Majors

The general Social Science major is not vocational training, and thus there is no specific career path.

Rather, the major provides students with analytical, critical thinking and writing skills that can be applied to a wide range of careers.

Because of the flexibility of the major, students can take courses that are relevant to their career interests.

While at SDSU students can explore potential career paths through internships, talking with faculty, and utilizing the resources at the career center.