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Projected job growth (for social scientists) varies by specialty; for example, anthropologists and archaeologists can expect 28 percent employment growth; and geographers, 26 percent.

Source: *Bureau of Labor Statistics, Occupational Outlook Handbook, 2012-13 Edition*

Discovering the World

The study of Social Sciences provides a comprehensive analytical perspective for understanding human social interaction and social dynamics. At Governors State University, as a student majoring in Social Sciences you are exposed to an interdisciplinary curriculum of courses in anthropology/sociology, applied economics, history, and political science. Emphasis is given to the common interdisciplinary pursuit of critical thinking as it applies to the analysis of social problems. Special attention is also given to the study of cultural similarities and differences that define the human experience.

Outstanding Preparation

Pursuing a Social Sciences degree prepares you for a variety of administrative responsibilities in the private and public sectors in business, social services, and government. You also receive a solid foundation for graduate work in a variety of fields including law, urban planning, social work, public health, human services administration, political science, public policy, and sociology.

Unlimited Opportunity

GSU offers a superior educational opportunity at an affordable tuition rate without sacrificing the professional quality of its programs. GSU's outstanding faculty and real-world curriculum prepare graduates to meet the demands of the future.

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Degree Requirements

Students must meet all university requirements for a bachelor's degree.

General Education Requirement (37-41 Hours)

See Bachelor's Degree Requirements for general education requirements.

Required Courses (42 Hours)

A. American Studies Core (12 Hours)

- HIST - 3100 U.S. Economic History (3) *
 - HIST - 4160 Modern U.S. History, 1945-Present (3)
 - POLS - 2100 American National Government (3) *
 - SOC - 3100 Studies in American Society (3) *
- * May be substituted with a lower-division course.

B. Global Studies Core (15 Hours)

- ANTH - 2100 Trends in Cross-Cultural Analysis (3)
- GEOG - 4470 Human Geography (3)
- POLS - 2950 Transformation of Global System (3)
- SOSC - 3250 International Political Economy (3)
- HIST-3000+ Any upper-division non-U.S Hist. (3)

C. Foundations and Research Core (12 Hours)

- SOSC - 3099 Junior Seminar in Social Sciences (3)
- SOSC - 4110 Foundations of Social Science (3)
- SOSC - 4200 Ethnographic Research Methods (3)
- SOSC - 4500 Res.Meth. in the Social Sciences (3)

D. Capstone Core (3 Hours)

- SOSC - 4900 Seminar (3)

Career Selectives (21 Hours)

Students, with the assistance of their advisor, will select an additional 21 hours of courses in the social sciences, policy studies, language, or a relevant field, with the degree of generalization and specialization that best suits their personal and professional goals. The following courses are suggestive of what may be used:

- ANTH - 3501 Beliefs and Believers (3)
- ANTH - 4100 Urban Anthropology (3)
- ANTH - 4600 Anthropology In Film (3)
- HIST - 4100 Beyond the Dream (3)
- HIST - 4115 Modern African History (3)
- HIST - 4200 American Urban History (3)
- HIST - 4300 Modern Middle Eastern History (3)
- HIST - 4340 Modern Chinese History (3)
- HIST - 4400 Black Experience in the U.S. (3)
- HIST - 4420 Caribbean History (3)
- HIST - 4440 History of Civil Rights (3)
- HIST - 4470 Latin America from Independence (3)
- HIST - 4500 Women in American History (3)
- HIST - 4670 Russia in the 20th Century (3)
- ICS - 3400 Chinese Language and Culture I (3)
- ICS - 4610 Introduction to Gender Studies (3)
- ICS - 4620 African Politics (3)
- ICS - 4630 Hispanic Experience in the US (3)
- ICS - 4650 Latin America: Culture and Society (3)
- INST - 3600 Examining the Barriers (3)
- JAPN - 3350 Japanese Language and Culture I (3)
- POLS - 3600 International Organizations (3)
- POLS - 4400 Constitutional Law (3)
- POLS - 4340 Politics of Latin America (3)
- POLS - 4460 Urban Politics (3)
- SOC - 4250 Community Organization (3)
- SOC - 4500 Sociology of Health and Healing (3)
- SOSC - 2100 Survey of Social Science (3)
- SOSC - 4101 Cultures of Labor in the Modern World (3)
- SOSC - 4305 Urban Studies: Intro. to the City (3)
- SOSC - 4400 Social Movements (3)
- SOSC - 4410 Ethnicity, Culture, and Politics (3)
- SOSC - 4575 Women and Social Action (3)
- SPAN - 3250 Spanish Language and Culture I (3)

Electives (20 Hours)

Total - 120 Hours

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