



Social Science DEPARTMENT

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MAJORS

BROAD FIELD
SOCIAL STUDIES

CRIMINAL JUSTICE

ECONOMICS

INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS

POLITICAL SCIENCE

SOCIOLOGY

MINORS

ECONOMICS

POLITICAL SCIENCE

SOCIAL STUDIES TEACHING

SOCIOLOGY

CONCENTRATIONS

ECONOMICS

- Quantitative
- Finance
- Political Economy

POLITICAL SCIENCE

- American Politics
- Comparative/Global Politics
- Law and Politics Political Communication

CRIMINAL JUSTICE

- Human Services
(Social Work)

SOCIOLOGY

- Human Services
(Social Work)

The Social Science Department offers majors and course work in diverse fields of study, yet emphasizes a solid core of practical research and analysis in all of its programs. You get hands-on experience with the full range of both quantitative and qualitative analysis used in the social sciences.

Students and faculty in the Social Science Department develop a strong relationship through research, study abroad programs, senior seminars, and other opportunities for interaction such as "Kaffee & Klatsch," a well-attended monthly gathering for Social Science students and faculty, which offers a great opportunity to interact and talk over coffee and pastries.

Student research in the Social Science Department is supported by faculty expertise and mentorship, and fostered by numerous opportunities in the greater Madison area, as well as abroad. Other opportunities include internships at the state capitol, located minutes away from campus, and long-standing study abroad programs in Italy and Mexico.

SOCIAL SCIENCE STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS

Criminal Justice Association
College Democrats
College Republicans

GRADUATE SCHOOL

Our graduates have recently attended schools such as California State-Chico, Tufts University, University of Cape Town, University of Michigan-Ann Arbor, University of Wisconsin Law School, UW-Milwaukee, UW-Platteville, UW-Whitewater, and University of Connecticut.

EMPLOYMENT

Our graduates work in police departments and as probation officers as well as in a multitude of nonprofit social service and advocacy organizations. Alumni have also served as campaign managers and legislative aides and worked for international NGOs and for the United States Peace Corps.

Recent post-graduate placements include:

AmeriCorps (in Madison and in Florida), Briarpatch Runaway & Homeless Youth Program, Domestic Abuse Intervention Services (DAIS), Dane County Sheriff's Office, PATH (an international nonprofit organization), Salvation Army, Urban League, and YWCA.

SAMPLE COURSES

SOC 349 - Social Psychology

An examination of the theories and research studies dealing with the relationship between social structures and personality. These include the study of the social aspects of cognition, socialization, social behavior and control, and selected areas of collective behavior.

ECON 350 - Economics of Labor, Poverty, and Income Distribution

The methodology of economics to evaluate current issues in the labor market, including, but are not limited to, unions, collective bargaining, poverty, income distribution, wage differentials, discrimination, unemployment, education, technological change, and employer monopsony power.

PS 388 - Democracy and Authoritarianism

This course explores how democratic and authoritarian governments operate, emerge, endure or collapse and the way in which economics, culture, and institutions shape the quality of political systems around the world.

FACULTY

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