

Social Science Major

58 units

The social science major (<http://www.apu.edu/clas/programs/social-science-major>) primarily prepares students to teach various social science disciplines (particularly history, political science, geography, economics, sociology, and psychology) at the secondary 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. This major is a subject-matter program in social science approved by the California Commission on Teacher Credentialing (<https://www.ctc.ca.gov>).

Career Opportunities

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

Program Learning Outcomes

This program prepares students who are able to:

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

Requirements

Students must maintain at least a 2.0 grade-point average in major courses.

Code	Title	Units
ECON 250	Principles of Macroeconomics ¹	3
ECON 251	Principles of Microeconomics	3
EDLS 405	Diversity in the Classroom ²	3
HIST 120	World Civilizations to 1648 ³	3
HIST 121	World Civilizations Since 1648 ³	3
HIST 151	United States History to 1877 ³	3
HIST 152	United States History Since 1877 ³	3
HIST 210	World Geography	3
HIST 338	History of California	3
POLI 150	American Government ⁴	3
POLI 496	Senior Seminar: Religion and Politics ⁵	3
PSYC 290	Human Growth and Development ¹	3
RELG 200	World Religions ²	3
HIST 300	Writing 3: Introduction to Historical Studies ⁶	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 ¹	
SOC 120	Introduction to Sociology ¹	
Select one of the following:		4
EDLS 200	Introduction to Teaching as a Profession K-12 ⁴	
EDLS 202	Introduction to Teaching as a Profession (7-12) ⁴	
Select one of the following:		3
HIST 320	Modern Africa	
HIST 360	History of the Middle East I: Early and Medieval Islam	

Total Units

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- 1 **Meets the General Education Social Science requirement.**
- 2 **Meets the General Education Intercultural Competence requirement.**
- 3 **Meets the General Education Humanities: History requirement.**
- 4 **Meets the General Education Civic Knowledge and Engagement requirement.**
- 5 Meets the General Education Integrative and Applied learning requirement
- 6 **Meets the General Education Writing 3 requirement.**