



Division of Social Science

Getting Started in the Division of Social Science

Welcome!

I look forward to meeting you to help select classes for next term. Attached are a few recommended courses for the first term and a list of questions and answers about the different programs in the Division of Social Science to help you get started. As you navigate the virtual orientation process, please feel free to email, call, or video-chat about specific details of the different majors within Social Science.

Here are three videos that introduce some of us and our most popular areas of study:

History Video: <https://youtu.be/7WKgNTvQ-o0>

Sociology Video: <https://youtu.be/C9VdV0rAO8M>

Pre-Law Video: <https://youtu.be/LCODQ7mcVo4>

I look forward to meeting each of you!

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Recommended Classes For the First Term

History BSED

1. History 280 Practice and Method (For new History and Social Science majors, offered every Fall)
2. Any introductory history survey: World Civilizations before or after 1500 (HIST 105 or HIST 106) or U.S. History to 1877 or from 1877 (HIST 103 or HIST 104)
3. A social science course from one of these areas: Geography, Political Science, or Economics. Why? The BSED requires a support concentration of 4 courses in one area: Geography, Political Science, or Economics.
4. Recommended FYE: Great Minds Think Alike. Why? It includes ED 260 and the observation clinical ED 260L and Psychology 111, all which are required.

History BA

1. History 280 Practice and Method (For new History and Social Science majors, offered every Fall)
2. Any introductory history survey: World Civilizations before or after 1500 (HIST 105 or HIST 106) or U.S. History to 1877 or from 1877 (HIST 103 or HIST 104)
3. Any 200-level or 300-level history course, but take HIST 280 at the same time.
4. Recommended FYE: Any that interests you! If think you might change to the BSED take Great Minds Think Alike. Consider FYEs with a course in a related area, such as Sociology. If you are planning a very full schedule consider Balancing Instinct, which meets MSU's wellness requirement.

Social Science BSED

1. History 280 Practice and Method (For new History and Social Science majors, offered every Fall)
2. Any introductory history survey: World Civilizations before or after 1500 (HIST 105 or HIST 106) or U.S. History to 1877 or from 1877 (HIST 103 or HIST 104)
3. One course from: Geography, Political Science or Economics. (GEOG 110 or GEOG 289 Intro GIS; POLS 115; Econ 201)
4. Recommended FYE: Great Minds Think Alike. Why? It includes ED 260 and the observation clinical ED 260L and Psychology 111, all which are required.



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Recommended Classes for the First Term

Sociology BA

1. Sociology 110 (Introduction to Sociology)
2. Any 200-level sociology course, especially SOC 278 (Research Methods)
3. Recommended FYE: Making a Murder (includes Sociology 110)

Social Science BA

1. Soc 278 Research Methods or Hist 280 Practice and Methods
2. Intro Statistics (meets GE Math Requirement) Math 210
3. GEOG 289 Intro GIS
4. Recommended FYE: any that looks interesting!



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Questions and Answers

Q. What can I study in the Division of Social Science?

A. We offer majors in:

History BSED (preparation for secondary teaching)
History BA
Sociology BA
Social Science BSED (preparation for secondary teaching)
Social Science BA

And also minors/concentrations in:

Geography (including Graphic Information Systems / GIS mapping of data)
Economics
Philosophy
Political Science
Native American Studies

Q. What's the difference between the History BA and the BSED?

A. *Actually, the core history major is the same for BA students and for students planning a career in secondary teaching. BSED students take professional education sequence instead of a minor and select the concentration from Geography, Political Science or Government.*

BA: Gen Ed + History Major + Concentration + Minor

BSED: Gen Ed + History Major + Concentration + Professional Education Sequence

Q. What can I do with a History degree?

A. The BSED prepares graduates for careers teaching grades 5-12 in history, social studies, geography, economics, and government (political science). This degree meets the ND Educational Standards and Practices Board requirements and graduates are eligible for a ND teaching license. The BA prepares students for many careers and is ideal for students considering graduate or law school.

Learn more:

Careers for History Majors

<https://www.historians.org/teaching-and-learning/why-study-history/careers-for-history-majors>

History BA Overview

<https://www.minotstateu.edu/enroll/programs/history.shtml>

Q. What can I do with a Sociology degree?

A. Sociology prepares students for careers that study and work with human and social issues, including community work, analysis of data, social service areas, advertising, and law school.

Learn more:

Careers in Sociology

<https://www.minotstateu.edu/sociology/pages/careers.shtml>

Sociology BA Overview

<https://www.minotstateu.edu/enroll/programs/sociology.shtml>



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Q. How do I choose between the History BSED and the Social Science BSED?

A. The Social Science BSEd and the History BSEd are very similar: the main difference is that the Social Science BSEd has slightly fewer history courses and instead requires two additional areas of study in Geography, Political Science, and Economics, instead of just one area of concentration.

The choice of Social Science BSEd or History BSEd differs depending on each student, so please consult with Dr. Andreasen or Dr. Ringrose if unsure which to pick. Both can lead to the same licensure through ESPB, qualifying the graduate to teach all ND Social Studies subjects, grades 5-12.

Q. What is the Social Science BA?

A. The Social Science BA offers the opportunity for applied, hands-on study of how to understand social change by studying data, surveys, and human behavior. Students have the opportunity to design their own specific emphasis and capstone project, drawing on sociology, geography, or economics.

Learn More:

Social Science BA Overview

<https://www.minotstateu.edu/enroll/programs/social-science.shtml>