

SOCIAL AND BEHAVIORAL SCIENCES WITH A CONCENTRATION IN POLITICAL SCIENCE (AA)

To earn an A.A. in Social and Behavioral Sciences, you must complete at least 62 credit hours and complete all the Core requirements. In addition to completing Core requirements, you will choose an elective concentration in Political Science.

Related Programs

Major

- Social and Behavioral Sciences with a Concentration in Criminal Justice (AA) (<https://catalog.luc.edu/undergraduate/arrupe/social-behavioral-sciences-aa-criminal-justice-concentration/>)
- Social and Behavioral Sciences with a Concentration in Psychology (AA) (<https://catalog.luc.edu/undergraduate/arrupe/social-behavioral-sciences-aa-psychology-concentration/>)

Curriculum

Social and Behavioral Sciences Core Requirements

A.A. Social & Behavioral Sciences

Code	Title	Hours
A.1 GECC Core Requirements		
ACCOM 101 or ACCOM 103	Public Speaking & Critical Thinking Business and Professional Speaking	3
ACENG 110	Interpreting Literature	3
ACFNA 105 or ACFNA 100 or ACCOM 274	Western Art: Renaissance to Modern Art and Visual Culture Introduction to Cinema	3
ACHIS 101 or ACHIS 102 or ACHIS 104	Western Civilization to the 17th Century Western Civilization from the 17th Century Introduction to Global History since 1400	3
ACISC 101	Interdisciplinary Science: Scientific Basis of Environmental Issues	3
ACISC 102	Environmental Processes, Challenges, and Methods	4
ACPHI 130	Philosophy and Persons	3
ACPOL 101	American Government and Citizenship	3
ACSTA 103 or ACMAT 161	Introduction to Statistics Calculus I	4
ACWRI 105	College Writing I	3
ACWRI 110	College Writing II	3
Social and Behavioral Science Core Elective (p. 1)		3
A.2 Arrupe Core Requirement		
ACPHI 281	Ethics	3
ACTHE 101 or ACTHE 107	Introduction to Christian Theology Introduction to Religious Studies	3
ACUNI 101 or ACUNI 102	First Year Seminar Academic Success Strategies	1

Select one of the following:	3
ACPHI 205	The Person and Society
ACPHI 274	Logic
ACPHI 284	Society, Justice, and Health Care
A.3 Concentration and Electives	
SBSC students (who are not earning a pre-Nursing concentration) can concentrate in Political Science (2 courses), Criminal Justice (2 courses), or Psychology (3 courses). Remaining credit hours can be attained by completing any course listed in the Arrupe catalog granted the student meets the course's requisites.	
Pre-Major Requirement 1	3
Pre-Major Requirement 2	3
Select one of the following:	3
Pre-Major Requirement 3	
Elective 1	
Select one of the following:	3
Pre-Major Requirement 4	
Elective 2	
Elective 3	3
Total Hours	63

Social and Behavioral Science Core Elective (A.1)

Classes listed below fulfill the SBSC Core Elective Requirement. Note: the course you choose cannot count as fulfilling both the SBSC Core Elective Requirement (A.1) and the Concentration and Elective requirement (A.3). So, for instance, students concentrating in Psychology must count ACPSY 201 General Psychology as fulfilling part of their Concentration and Elective requirement and choose a different class from this list to fulfill their SBSC Core Elective Requirement.

Code	Title	Hours
ACECO 201	Microeconomics	3
ACECO 202	Macroeconomics	3
ACHIS 101	Western Civilization to the 17th Century	3
ACHIS 102	Western Civilization from the 17th Century	3
ACHIS 104	Introduction to Global History since 1400	3
ACHIS 201	US History to 1865	3
ACHIS 202	US History since 1865	3
ACHIS 220	Introduction to Mexican American History	3
ACPOL 202	International Relations	3
ACPOL 205	Power, Rap Music, and Urban America	3
ACPSY 201	General Psychology	3

Required Courses for this Concentration (Social and Behavioral Sciences)

Behavioral and Social Science Pre-Major Requirements

SBSC students can choose from the three concentrations listed below.

Code	Title	Hours
ACPOL 200	Introduction to Political Thought	3
ACPOL 202	International Relations	3
Elective 1		3
Elective 2		3
Elective 3		3
Total Hours		15

Talk with your advisor to identify which electives are the best fit for your plan of study.

Learning Outcomes

1. Communication: You will communicate effectively, using written, oral, and visual modes appropriate to your audience and purpose.
2. Quantitative Reasoning: You will understand, analyze, and evaluate numerical data and use it to draw or evaluate conclusions.
3. Critical Thinking: You will analyze, synthesize, and evaluate diverse information, ideas, and perspectives in a contextually appropriate manner. You will demonstrate an awareness of your own thinking and decision-making processes, and their importance in academic and non-academic settings.
4. Ethical Reasoning: You will demonstrate historically grounded awareness of ethical concepts and frameworks. You will evaluate, articulate, and apply ethical reasoning in decision-making, showing awareness of the intersectional² and historical nature of the relationships/situations being studied.
5. Social Justice: You will reflect on social, political, and historical events, contexts, and norms that lead to injustice, and then articulate responses that respect and promote the welfare of all beings in global and intersectional² communities.
6. Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion: You will connect academic knowledge to lived experience in order to identify and critique how diverse thinkers¹ contribute to knowledge in and outside academia.

¹ "Diverse thinkers" refers to the many dimensions of human identity and experience as defined in intersectionality, below.

² Intersectionality addresses multiple contexts, such as gender, sexuality, race, class, culture, religion, and disability, with attention to power structures that have privileged some identities over others.

In the Political Science concentration, you will:

- Develop competency and depth in understanding and interpreting the subject matter presented in introductory political science and international relations courses.