

SOCIAL SCIENCES

Students in the social sciences examine the basic nature and evolution of human society around the world and over time. Through interdisciplinary study in anthropology, political science, psychology, and sociology, and by employing a full range of research methods and comparative perspectives, students in the Social Sciences degree programs gain essential analytical, interpretive, communication, and research skills that can be applied to complex problems and issues.

Degrees Offered

- Social Sciences, BPhil (<https://catalogs.northwestern.edu/sps/undergraduate/social-sciences/social-sciences-bphil/>)
- Social Sciences, BS (<https://catalogs.northwestern.edu/sps/undergraduate/social-sciences/social-sciences-bsss/>)
- Social Sciences, BSGS (<https://catalogs.northwestern.edu/sps/undergraduate/social-sciences/social-sciences-bsgs/>)

Social Sciences Courses

ANTHRO 211-CN Culture and Society (1 Unit)

Introduction to the comparative study of culture, exploring different types of social organization and their economic and political correlates in the context of contemporary globalization. Carries social science credit.

ANTHRO 211-PP Culture and Society (1 Unit)

NPEP course.

ANTHRO 213-CN Human Origins (1 Unit)

Emergence of the human species through the process of organic evolution, emphasizing genetics, the fossil record, and comparison with our nearest living relatives. Carries science credit.

ANTHRO 214-CN Archaeology: Unearthing History (1 Unit)

The evolution of culture from its earliest beginnings through the development of urbanism and the state. Principles of archaeological research. Carries social science credit.

ANTHRO 214-PP Archaeology: Unearthing History (1 Unit)

NPEP course.

ANTHRO 215-CN The Study of Culture Through Language (1 Unit)

The scope of linguistic anthropology, from the study of language as an end in itself to the investigation of cultures through the medium of human languages. Carries social science credit.

ANTHRO 389-0 Ethnographic Methods and Analysis (1 Unit)

Descriptive, naturalistic study of the culture of human social groups. Data gathering through observation and interview. Data analysis for ethnographic reporting.

Prerequisites: ANTHRO 211-0 or consent of the instructor.

Advanced Expression Social Behavioral Sciences Distro Area Social and Behavioral Science Foundational Discipl

ANTHRO 398-0 Senior Seminar (1 Unit) Supervised group discussion of research during preparation of the senior thesis project. *Advanced Expression*

POLI_SCI 201-A Introduction to Political Theory (1 Unit)

Examination of texts in political theory. Topics vary but often include justice, the Greek polis, the modern state, individualism, representative democracy.

POLI_SCI 220-CN American Government and Politics (1 Unit)

The structure and process of American politics from competing perspectives. Analysis of representation, voting, interest groups, parties, leadership, and policymaking institutions.

POLI_SCI 230-PP Introduction to Law in the Political Arena (1 Unit)
NPEP course.

POLI_SCI 230-DL Introduction to Law in the Political Arena (1 Unit)
Roles of law in society and politics. Police and prisons, law and social change, courts and politics, legal reasoning, Supreme Court decision making, judicial discretion, legal strategies for making change.

POLI_SCI 240-CN Introduction to International Relations (1 Unit)
Introduction to the major theories, concepts, and problems of contemporary international relations. Security, political economy, and cooperation.

POLI_SCI 250-CN Introduction to Comparative Politics (1 Unit)
Emphasis may be on industrialized and/or developing states. Major issues include regime-society relations, political change and conflict, and policy making.

POLI_SCI 250-DL Introduction to Comparative Politics (1 Unit)
Emphasis may be on industrialized and/or developing states. Major issues include regime-society relations, political change and conflict, and policy making.

POLI_SCI 210-0 Introduction to Empirical Methods in Political Science (1 Unit) Tools political scientists use. How qualitative, quantitative, and experimental research designs help answer difficult descriptive and causal questions. *Empirical and Deductive Reasoning Foundational Distro Area*

POLI_SCI 222-CN Amer Government and Politics (1 Unit)
NPEP course.

POLI_SCI 320-CN The Presidency (1 Unit)

Structural foundations and historical development of the American presidency; predominant scholarly theories of presidential power and leadership; contemporary issues and debates.

POLI_SCI 324-CN Political Parties and Elections (1 Unit)

Role of political parties in a democratic society. Topics include nomination, national conventions, political funding, campaigns, party organization, and national, state, and local parties.

POLI_SCI 328-CN Public Policy (1 Unit)

The role of government in regulating economic and social behavior; theories of public policy making; sources and effects of public policy.

POLI_SCI 329-PP U.S. Environmental Politics (1 Unit)
NPEP course.

POLI_SCI 341-CN International Political Economy (1 Unit)

Introduction to the politics of international economic relations. Roots and evolution of the international political economy. Fundamental controversies about international trade, finance, and development.

POLI_SCI 345-CN National Security (1 Unit)

Basic issues in national security, focusing primarily on the United States. Topics include the nature of "national interest," major actors in national security policy making and military strategy, and the influence and role of the defense establishment.

POLI_SCI 345-PP National Security (1 Unit)
NPEP course.

POLI_SCI 348-CN Globalization (1 Unit)

Analysis of changes in the world economy and their implications for politics, economics, and society. Politics of multinational production,

finance, and trade in the context of governance problems in a globalizing world.

POLI_SCI 350-PP Social Movements (1 Unit)

NPEP course.

POLI_SCI 374-CN Politics of Capitalism (1 Unit)

Effects of politics on the economy and vice versa, especially in advanced industrial economies. The welfare state, varieties of capitalism, and neoliberalism.

POLI_SCI 374-PP Politics of Capitalism (1 Unit)

NPEP course.

POLI_SCI 378-CN America and the World (1 Unit)

Key debates and developments in the history and politics of American foreign relations. Domestic politics and foreign policy, political culture, interventionism, legal globalization, international institutions.

POLI_SCI 383-PP War and Change in International Politics (1 Unit)

NPEP course.

POLI_SCI 390-CN Special Topics (1 Unit)

Topics vary. May be repeated for credit with different topic.

POLI_SCI 390-PP Special Topics in Political Science (1 Unit)

NPEP course.

POLI_SCI 395-CN Political Research Seminar (1 Unit)

Students research and complete a term paper on a topic of choice. Topics vary. May be repeated for credit with different topic.

POLI_SCI 395-PP Political Research Seminar (1 Unit)

NPEP course.

POLI_SCI 399-CN Independent Study (1 Unit)

POLI_SCI 399-PP Independent Study (1 Unit)

PSYCH 110-CN Introduction to Psychology (1 Unit)

A survey course reviewing primary psychological research and theories of human behavior. Carries social science credit.

PSYCH 110-DL Introduction to Psychology (1 Unit)

A survey course reviewing primary psychological research and theories of human behavior. Carries social science credit.

PSYCH 201-CN Statistical Methods in Psychology (1 Unit)

Measurement; descriptive statistics; probability and sampling; T-test, ANOVA, correlation, and regression. May not be audited. Carries social science or science credit.

Prerequisite: PSYCH 110-CN and high school algebra.

SOC_SCI 211-DL Human Culture in Global Perspective (1 Unit)

Cultural anthropology's key concepts and practices are explored globally, analyzing social constructs and applying multidisciplinary perspectives to understand and communicate cultural phenomena.

SOC_SCI 320-DL Social and Public Policy (1 Unit)

Social and public policy formulation and implementation. Impact of policy on communities. Challenges, opportunities, and ethical considerations of policymaking. Exploration of policy areas such as education, healthcare, housing, criminal justice, and social welfare, and the role of various stakeholders, including government agencies, non-profit organizations, advocacy groups, and the private sector, in shaping social and public policies.

SOC_SCI 322-DL Identity and U.S. Policy (1 Unit)

Interplay between identity categories and policymaking in United States history. Through a multidisciplinary approach, incorporating perspectives from history, sociology, and political science, examination of the influence of identity on and by policy decisions. Key policy developments that have

impacted groups defined by identity categories like ethnicity, nationality, class, gender, disability, and sexual orientation.

SOC_SCI 330-DL Human Rights and Social Institutions: A Global Perspective (1 Unit)

Exploration of human rights in social institutions from an international perspective. Topics include historical developments, theoretical frameworks, and global case studies. Examination of human rights issues in education, healthcare, government, and cultural contexts.

SOC_SCI 331-DL Social Justice Movements (1 Unit)

Theory and practice of social justice movements. Topics include power, activism, differences, protest, and unity. Multidisciplinary approach to historical and contemporary movements, strategies, and societal impact.

SOC_SCI 334-DL Social Justice, Human Rights, and the Commercial Sector (1 Unit)

Human rights in U.S. commercial organizations, including challenges, implications, and responsibilities. Use of theory, law, case studies, and practical applications to develop comprehensive understanding, analyze issues, evaluate ethics, and develop strategies for social justice in the corporate sphere.

SOC_SCI 335-DL Social Entrepreneurship and the Non-profit Sector (1 Unit)

Social change through social entrepreneurship. Diverse aspects of nonprofit work; case studies. Simulation of a social justice nonprofit design.

SOC_SCI 389-DL Qualitative Research in Social Sciences (1 Unit)

Evaluation and design of research using qualitative methods. Introduction to four qualitative data collection strategies: field observation, semi-structured interviewing, focus groups, and content analysis.

SOCIOLOGICAL 110-CN Introduction to Sociology (1 Unit)

Broad overview of a wide range of social issues and ways of sociological thinking. Characteristics of group life. Interrelations of society, culture, and personality; major social institutions and processes.

SOCIOLOGICAL 111-CN Introduction to Sociology (1 Unit)

NPEP course.

SOCIOLOGICAL 201-CN Social Inequality: Race, Class, and Power (1 Unit)

Origins and functions of stratification. Class, prestige, and esteem. Interaction of racial and cultural groups. Inequality in workplaces, neighborhoods, schools, families, media, and other settings.

SOCIOLOGICAL 201-DL Social Inequality (1 Unit)

Origins and functions of stratification. Class, prestige, and esteem. Interaction of racial and cultural groups. Inequality in workplaces, neighborhoods, schools, families, media, and other settings.

SOCIOLOGICAL 202-CN Social Problems (1 Unit)

Emergence of social problems. How the media, politicians, lawmakers, and others define social issues. How lives and self-images are shaped when people are connected to a social problem.

SOCIOLOGICAL 207-CN Cities in Society (1 Unit)

Introduction to issues of cities and metropolitan areas, including spatial, economic, and political trends; private and public decision making; class, race, and gender; and possible solutions to inequalities and planning challenges.

SOCIOLOGICAL 210-PP Families and Society (1 Unit)

NPEP course.

SOCIOLOGICAL 215-CN Economy and Society (1 Unit)

Introduction to sociological approaches to economic life. Topics include property rights, illegal markets, money, economic inequalities, direct sales, and boycotts.

SOCIOL 216-CN Gender and Society (1 Unit)

How our society creates ideas of what gender and gender-appropriate behaviors are. How these ideas are linked to sexuality and relationships, and how they become part of political conflict.

SOCIOL 220-CN Health, Biomedicine, Culture (1 Unit)

Provides a broad introduction to controversies surrounding health and biomedicine by analyzing culture, politics, values, and social institutions.

SOCIOL 225-CN Sociological Analysis (1 Unit)

NPEP course.

SOCIOL 226-CN Sociological Analysis (1 Unit)

Logic and methods of social research, qualitative and quantitative analysis of social data, and ethical, political, and policy issues in social research. Foundation for further work in social research.

SOCIOL 226-DL Sociological Analysis (1 Unit)

Logic and methods of social research, qualitative and quantitative analysis of social data, and ethical, political, and policy issues in social research. Foundation for further work in social research.

SOCIOL 288-DL Institutions and Society (1 Unit)

Institutions in a broad societal context. How institutional frameworks apply to government, family, education, and the environment.

SOCIOL 302-CN Sociology of Organizations (1 Unit)

Structure and function of formal organizations, especially in business and government. Stratification, social control, and conflict. Discretion, rules, and information in achieving goals. Modes of participation. Development of informal norms.

SOCIOL 302-DL Sociology of Organizations (1 Unit)

Structure and function of formal organizations, especially in business and government. Stratification, social control, and conflict. Discretion, rules, and information in achieving goals. Modes of participation. Development of informal norms.

SOCIOL 303-DL Analysis and Interpretation of Social Data (1 Unit)

Introduction to quantitative methods: the interpretation of descriptive statistics, relationships between variables, multiple regression, and the logic of inferential statistics.

SOCIOL 306-CN Sociological Theory (1 Unit)

Sociological perspectives developed by classic theorists. Elucidation and testing of sociological principles in contemporary research.

SOCIOL 309-CN Political Sociology (1 Unit)

Selected topics in political economy and sociology: revolutions, the development of the modern state, third world development, international conflict, politics of memory and civil society.

SOCIOL 318-CN Sociology of Law (1 Unit)

Course description: NPEP course.

SOCIOL 318-DL Sociology of Law (1 Unit)

Sociological analysis of legal institutions such as courts, the police, and lawyers. Law, inequality, and social change.

SOCIOL 329-PP Field Research and Methods of Data Collection (1 Unit)

NPEP course.

SOCIOL 355-CN Medical Sociology (1 Unit)

Social construction of health and illness; inequalities in distribution of illness and health care; organization of health care work and occupations.

SOCIOL 376-CN Topics in Sociological Analysis: (1 Unit)

Topics vary. May be repeated for credit with different topic.

SOCIOL 376-PP Topics in Sociological Analysis (1 Unit)

NPEP course.

SOCIOL 399-CN Independent Study (1 Unit)

SOCIOL 399-PP Independent Study (1 Unit)