

# SOCIAL POLICY MAJOR

Students must also complete the Undergraduate Registration Requirement (<https://catalogs.northwestern.edu/undergraduate/requirements-policies/undergraduate-registration-requirement/>) and the degree requirements of their home school.

## Concentration Program—16 units \*

\* 8 of the 16 units need to be at the 300-level

Course	Title
<b>Required Courses (9 units)</b>	
SOC_POL 312-0	Social Policymaking and Implementation
ECON 202-0	Introduction to Microeconomics
POLI_SCI 220-0	American Government and Politics
or POLI_SCI 240-0	Introduction to International Relations
or POLI_SCI 250-0	Introduction to Comparative Politics
1 course from Contexts and Disciplinary Understandings *	
LRN_SCI 224-0	Holocaust Education Design
LRN_SCI 230-0	Introduction to Teaching and Learning
LRN_SCI 309-0	Inclusive Making
SOC_POL 303-0	Social Opportunity and Educational Policy
SOC_POL 338-0	Child & Family Policy: Poverty and Education Policy in Sociohistorical Context
SOC_POL 351-0	Special Topics in Social Policy (Religion and Policy)
SOC_POL 351-0	Special Topics in Social Policy (NEW COURSE: History and Evolution of the Modern High School)
SESP 323-0	Holocaust Memory, Memorial and Museums
SESP 351-0	Special Topics (Anthropology of Education)
SESP 360-0	Magic Monsters & the Holocaust
TEACH_ED/LRN_SCI 302-0	Social, Cultural, and Linguistic Contexts of Education
TEACH_ED 309-0	Designing and Supporting Discourse-Rich Environments for Learning
BLK_ST 213-0	History of the Black World
BLK_ST 214-0	Comparative Race and Ethnic Studies
BLK_ST 215-0	Introduction to Black Social & Political Life
BLK_ST 218-0	Asian/Black Historical Relations in the U.S.
ASIAN_AM 214-0	Asian American History
LATINO 218-0	Latino History
ANTHRO 221-0	Social and Health Inequalities
GBL_HLTH 323-0	Global Health from Policy to Practice
1 course for the Contemporary Issues cluster from: *	
HDC 330-0	Adolescent Stress: Sources and Solutions
LRN_SCI 230-0	Introduction to Teaching and Learning
SOC_POL 313-0	Race, Inequality, and the Political Analysis of Public Policy
SOC_POL 315-0	Global Human Trafficking
SOC_POL 335-0	Women and American Political Leadership
SOC_POL 336-0	Contemporary Issues in Social Policy
SOC_POL 337-0	The Social Side of College: Understanding the Lives of Undergraduate Students
SOC_POL 339-0	Impacts of Education Policy on the Classroom
SOC_POL 351-0	Special Topics in Social Policy (Global Education)
SESP 322-0	Crafting Child Policy
SESP 195-1	Civic Engagement 1- Participatory Policymaking

SESP 195-2	Civic Engagement 2: Participatory Budgeting
SESP 195-3	Civic Engagement 3: Organizing, Gathering & Policy implementation
SESP 360-0	Magic Monsters & the Holocaust
LRN_SCI 351-0	Topics in Learning Sciences (Indigeneity, Race and Place in Education)
2 courses from Change in People and Organizations cluster	
HDC 205-0	Coming of Age and Growing Old in the 21st Century
HDC/SLAVIC 262-0	Life 101: Literature and Psychology
HDC 305-0	Identity and Motivation
HDC 307-0	Emotional Mysteries
HDC 330-0	Adolescent Stress: Sources and Solutions
HDC 335-0	The Myths and Facts of Adolescence
LOC/LRN_SCI 214-0	Culture and Cognition
or LOC 214-BR	Culture and Cognition: SESP Leadership Institute
LOC 306-0	Studies in Organizational Change
LOC/LRN_SCI 308-0	Redesigning Everyday Organizations
LOC 311-0	Tools for Organizational Analysis
LOC 312-0	Modern Organization and Innovations
LOC/HDC 315-0	Identities, Intersections, and Organizations
LRN_SCI 202-0	Culture, Language, & Identity
LRN_SCI 309-0	Inclusive Making
SESP 195-1	Civic Engagement 1- Participatory Policymaking
SESP 195-2	Civic Engagement 2: Participatory Budgeting
SESP 195-3	Civic Engagement 3: Organizing, Gathering & Policy implementation
SOC_POL 351-0	Special Topics in Social Policy (Organizational Perspectives on Education Policy)
TEACH_ED 329-0	Cognition and Culture in Teaching and Learning
2 courses from Methodological Understandings:	
SOC_POL/HDC 251-0	Special Topics (From Data to Decisions: Applying Child Policy Research Methods)
SOC_POL 330-0/ ECON 333-0	Economics of Social Policy
SOC_POL 331-0	Economics of Inequality and Discrimination
SOC_POL 332-0	Economics of Education Policy
SOC_POL 333-0	Economics of Health, Human Capital, and Happiness
SOC_POL 334-0	Quantitative Tools for Policy Analysis
SOC_POL 340-0	Intersectionality, Measurement and Public Policy
LOC/HDC 347-0	Mapping and Spatial Analysis for Social Issues
SESP 240-0	Introduction to Social Science Research
SESP 310-0	Causal Methods for Evaluating Policy
LRN_SCI 351-0	Topics in Learning Sciences (Indigenous Methods in Research)
LRN_SCI 351-0	Topics in Learning Sciences (Text Mining for Education, Organizations and Social Science Research)
LRN_SCI 351-0	Topics in Learning Sciences (Multimodal Storytelling on Migration for Learning Within and Across Communities)

### Concentration Extension Courses (7 units)

Must be selected from an approved list of courses in SOC POL, other SESP concentrations, and disciplines such as communication studies, economics, ethnic studies, political science, and sociology. Must include at least 4 courses at the 300 level. Up to 3 units of SESP 390-0 Research Apprenticeship or SESP 399-0 Independent Study and 3 units of SESP 398-0 Honors Thesis may be counted toward this requirement.

\* Students may substitute courses outside of this list with the approval of their SESP academic adviser.

## SESP Core (8 units)

Course	Title
<b>Seminar—1 unit</b>	
SESP 200-0	Understanding Knowledge
<b>Human Development—1 unit</b>	
SESP 201-0 or PSYCH 244-0	Human Development: Childhood and Adolescence <sup>1</sup> Developmental Psychology
OR	
SESP 203-0	Human Development: Adulthood and Aging
OR	
HDC 310-0	The Art and Science of Aging
OR	
HDC 205-0	Coming of Age and Growing Old in the 21st Century
OR	
HDC 335-0	The Myths and Facts of Adolescence
<b>Methodologies —2 units</b>	
SESP 210-0 or STAT 202-0 or STAT 210-0 or PSYCH 201-0 or SOCIOL 303-0	Introduction to Statistics and Research Methodology Introduction to Statistics and Data Science Introduction to Probability and Statistics Statistical Methods in Psychology Analysis and Interpretation of Social Data
SESP 272-0	Field Research Methods
<b>Experiential Learning—4 units <sup>2</sup></b>	
SESP 392-0 or SESP 392-SA	Experiential Learning: Practicum Experiential Learning: Practicum Study Abroad

<sup>1</sup> PSYCH 110-0 Introduction to Psychology is a prerequisite for PSYCH 244-0 and PSYCH 201-0.

<sup>2</sup> This 4-unit course may be taken either for 1 quarter during junior year or for nine weeks during the Summer Session before or after junior year; no fifth unit may be taken concurrently without special permission. At least 2 quarters before registering for the course, students must consult the SESP practicum director regarding procedures and site-placement application materials. For Summer Session practicums, consultation should be scheduled at least 3 quarters in advance.

## Overlay Requirements\*

\* Overlay requirements are fulfilled by courses taken for the concentration

Course	Title
<b>Global Engagement</b>	
1 quarter of study abroad or 3 quarters of foreign language or equivalent.	
<b>Heterogeneities, Systems, and Inequalities</b>	
1 course counted towards the concentration from the following list:	
HDC 305-0	Identity and Motivation
HDC/LOC 315-0	Identities, Intersections, and Organizations
LOC/LRN_SCI 214-0 or LOC 214-BR	Culture and Cognition Culture and Cognition: SESP Leadership Institute
LRN_SCI 224-0	Holocaust Education Design

LRN_SCI 309-0	Inclusive Making
LRN_SCI 351-0	Topics in Learning Sciences (Identity, Power, and the Historical Imaginary across Social Contexts)
LOC 334-0	Analysis of Global Teams
SESP 195-1	Civic Engagement 1- Participatory Policymaking
SESP 195-2	Civic Engagement 2: Participatory Budgeting
SESP 195-3	Civic Engagement 3: Organizing, Gathering & Policy implementation
SESP 251-0	Special Topics (Finding Your Path: Future Possibilities and Social Change)
SESP 323-0	Holocaust Memory, Memorial and Museums
SESP 360-0	Magic Monsters & the Holocaust
SOC_POL 313-0	Race, Inequality, and the Political Analysis of Public Policy
SOC_POL 331-0	Economics of Inequality and Discrimination
SOC_POL 337-0	The Social Side of College: Understanding the Lives of Undergraduate Students
SOC_POL 340-0	Intersectionality, Measurement and Public Policy
SESP 351-0	Special Topics (Anthropology of Education )
TEACH_ED 301-0	Schooling in America
TEACH_ED/LRN_SCI 302-0	Social, Cultural, and Linguistic Contexts of Education
TEACH_ED 329-0	Cognition and Culture in Teaching and Learning
<b>Methods in Context</b>	
1 course counted towards the concentration from the following list:	
HDC 330-0	Adolescent Stress: Sources and Solutions
HDC 347-0 or LOC 347-0	Mapping and Spatial Analysis for Social Issues Mapping and Spatial Analysis for Social Issues
LRN_SCI 224-0	Holocaust Education Design
LRN_SCI 301-0	Design of Learning Environments (All topics are suitable)
LRN_SCI 313-0	Tangible Interaction Design and Learning
LRN_SCI 326-0	Design of Technological Tools for Thinking and Learning
LRN_SCI 351-0	Topics in Learning Sciences (Multimodal Storytelling on Migration for Learning Within and Across Communities)
LRN_SCI 351-0	Topics in Learning Sciences (Transformative Computer Science Education)
LRN_SCI 351-0	Topics in Learning Sciences (Indigenous Methods in Research )
LRN_SCI 360-0	Sports, Technology and Learning
LRN_SCI 372-0	Designing and Constructing Models with Multi-agent Languages
LOC 311-0	Tools for Organizational Analysis
LOC 312-0	Modern Organization and Innovations
LOC 313-0	Learning and Thinking in Organizations
SESP 195-1	Civic Engagement 1- Participatory Policymaking
SESP 195-2	Civic Engagement 2: Participatory Budgeting
SESP 195-3	Civic Engagement 3: Organizing, Gathering & Policy implementation
SESP 240-0	Introduction to Social Science Research
SESP 310-0	Causal Methods for Evaluating Policy
SESP 323-0	Holocaust Memory, Memorial and Museums
SESP 360-0	Magic Monsters & the Holocaust
SESP 251-0	Special Topics (From Data to Decisions: Applying Child Policy Research Methods)
SOC_POL 313-0	Race, Inequality, and the Political Analysis of Public Policy
SOC_POL 331-0	Economics of Inequality and Discrimination

SOC_POL 332-0	Economics of Education Policy
SOC_POL 337-0	The Social Side of College: Understanding the Lives of Undergraduate Students

## Foundational Disciplines (10 units)

- 2 natural sciences (NS) courses
- 2 empirical and deductive reasoning (EDR) courses
- 2 historical studies (HS) courses
- 2 ethical and evaluative thinking (EET) courses
- 2 literature and arts (LA) courses

Selected courses from Weinberg College and professional schools across the University may be used to fulfill distribution requirements with the consent of the student's adviser and the SESP assistant dean for student affairs.

## Electives (8 units)

Courses from any school across the University may be used to fulfill elective requirements. Students are encouraged to discuss their elective plans with their advisers; they may be able to pursue a second major or a minor using elective credits.