

DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SCIENCE

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The Department of Social Science provides a wide variety of courses in Appalachian studies, history, political science, and psychology. Though each is unique in their respective focuses and emphases, the social sciences have a common concern with human behavior. The social sciences share the belief that human behavior, culture, and society—the total human experience—can and should be studied using the methods of science.

The Department of Social Science is committed to offering high quality classroom instruction, providing professional and caring advising and demonstrating strong commitment to the values of a higher education community. While the faculty are justifiably proud of what they as an academic unit are doing well, they also fully realize that a contemporary education entails more than classroom work. Thus, the Department of Social Science offers a variety of opportunities and experiences that go beyond the formal classroom experience. In addition to course work, students are encouraged to be active and engaged civility, individuals demonstrating leadership in campus and community activities. The Department promotes and supports students interested in internships, work experience, and other career-oriented opportunities.

The Department sponsors student organizations such as the Psychology Club and Pi Gamma Mu (The International Honor Society in Social Sciences.)

The Department of Social Science is an academic department strongly committed to effective instruction, quality advising, social activism, and expanding career opportunities for our students.

For additional information about the Department of Social Science, its programs, faculty, and organizations call (304) 462-6270.

Degree Programs

Bachelor of Arts in History and Political Science with majors in:

- Appalachian Studies
- History and Political Science

Bachelor of Science in Behavioral Science:

- Psychology

Bachelor of Arts in Education:

- Social Studies (5-Adult) or Social Studies (5-9)

Minors:

- Geography
- Global Studies
- Political Science
- Psychology
- Social Justice

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BACHELOR OF ARTS HISTORY AND POLITICAL SCIENCE APPALACHIAN STUDIES

GSU 100 The First Year Experience 0 hour

All degree seeking students are required to take GSU 100 during their first semester.

General Education Requirements 30 hours

Students must complete HIST 201 and POSC 203 as part of the General Education requirements.

History and Political Science Core 33 hours

CSCI 101	Computing Concepts	3
GEOG 203	World Regional Geography (OR)	
SOCS 225	Introduction to Global Studies	3
HIST 201	History of World Cultures I	
HIST 202	History of World Cultures II	3
HIST 207	United States History to 1877	3
HIST 208	United States History since 1877	3
HIST 293	Fields and Careers in History and Political Science	3
HIST 493	Senior Project (OR)	
POSC 493	Senior Project	3
MATH 256	Probability and Statistics I	3
POSC 203	American National Government	
POSC 204	State and Local Government	3
POSC 304	Comparative Government	
POSC 401	International Relations	3

Appalachian Studies Major 33 hours

APST 101	Introduction to Appalachian Studies	3
APST 303	Appalachian Music Traditions	3
APST 317	Black Appalachia	3
APST 497	Internship II	3
ENGL 350	Appalachian Literature	3
HIST 303	West Virginia History	3
NPLM 301	Nonprofit Leadership & Management	3
POSC 340	Politics of West Virginia	3
POSC 390	Public Administration	3
Restricted Electives (select two of the following)		6
MUSC 306	Recording and Engineering	
NPLM 302	Grant Writing	
NRMT 351	Flora of West Virginia	
PSYC 330	Social Psychology	

General Electives 24 hours

Total minimum hours required for degree 120 hours

GATEWAY ASSESSMENT - HIST 293

CAPSTONE ASSESSMENT - HIST 493 OR POSC 493

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HISTORY AND POLITICAL SCIENCE
APPALACHIAN STUDIES
SUGGESTED PLAN OF STUDY

FIRST YEAR

APST 101	3	CART 101	3
CSCI 101	3	ENGL 102	3
ENGL 101	3	ENVR 101, SCNC 101, 102 (OR) 103	4
GSU 100	0	HIST 202	3
HIST 201	3	POSC 204	3
MATH 106 or higher	3	Total Hours - Spring Semester	16
Total Hours - Fall Semester	15		

SECOND YEAR

ECON 201, 202, GEOG 203, PSYC 201 (OR) SOCS 225	3	ART 200 (OR) MUSC 200	2
HIST 207	3	ECON 201, 202, GEOG 203, PSYC 201 (OR) SOCS 225	3
MATH 256	3	HIST 208	3
POSC 203	3	NPLM 301	3
ELECTIVES	3	ELECTIVES	3
Total Hours - Fall Semester	15	Total Hours - Spring Semester	14

THIRD YEAR

APST 303	3	APST 317 (OR) POSC 340	3
ENGL 203, 204, 205 (OR) 206	3	MUSC 306, NPLM 302, NRMT 351 (OR) PSYC 330	3
HIST 293	3	POSC 390	3
HIST 303	3	ELECTIVES	6
POSC 304 (OR) POSC 401	3	Total Hours - Spring Semester	15
Total Hours - Fall Semester	15		

FOURTH YEAR

ENGL 350	3	APST 317 (OR) POSC 340	3
MUSC 306, NPLM 302, NRMT 351 (OR) PSYC 330	3	ASPT 497	3
POSC 304 (OR) POSC 401	3	HIST 493 (OR) POSC 493	3
ELECTIVES	6	ELECTIVES	6
Total Hours - Fall Semester	15	Total Hours - Spring Semester	15

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BACHELOR OF ARTS HISTORY AND POLITICAL SCIENCE HISTORY AND POLITICAL SCIENCE

GSU 100 The First Year Experience 0 hour

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General Education Requirements 30 hours

Students must complete HIST 201 and POSC 203 as part of the General Education requirements.

History and Political Science Core 33 hours

CSCI	101	Computing Concepts	3
GEOG	203	World Regional Geography (OR)	
SOCS	225	Introduction to Global Studies	3
HIST	201	History of World Cultures I	
HIST	202	History of World Cultures II	3
HIST	207	United States History to 1877	3
HIST	208	United States History since 1877	3
HIST	293	Fields and Careers in History and Political Science	3
HIST	493	Senior Project (OR)	
POSC	493	Senior Project	3
HIST Electives (300-499 level)			9
MATH	256	Probability and Statistics I	3
POSC	203	American National Government	
POSC	204	State and Local Government	3
POSC	304	Comparative Government	
POSC	401	International Relations	3
POSC Electives (300-499)			6

History and Political Science Major 33 hours

HIST	351	European History Seminar	3
HIST	352	World History Seminar	3
HIST	353	American History Seminar	3
HIST	354	Concepts and Methods Seminar	3
HIST	450	Historiography	3
SOCS	293	Introduction to Research Methods	3

General Electives 24 hours

Total minimum hours required for degree 120 hours

GATEWAY ASSESSMENT - HIST 293

CAPSTONE ASSESSMENT - HIST 493 OR POSC 493

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HISTORY AND POLITICAL SCIENCE HISTORY AND POLITICAL SCIENCE SUGGESTED PLAN OF STUDY

FIRST YEAR

CSCI 101	3	CART 101	3
ENGL 101	3	ENGL 102	3
GSU 100	0	ENVR 101, SCNC 101, 102, (OR) 103	4
HIST 201	3	HIST 202	3
MATH 106 or higher	3	POSC 204	3
POSC 203	3	Total Hours - Spring Semester	16
Total Hours - Fall Semester	15		

SECOND YEAR

GEOG 203 (OR) SOCS 225	3	ART 200 (OR) MUSC 200	2
HIST 207	3	ECON 201, 202, GEOG 203, PSYC 201 (OR) SOCS 225	3
MATH 256	3	HIST 208	3
ELECTIVES	6	POSC ELECTIVE (upper level)	3
Total Hours - Fall Semester	15	ELECTIVES	3
		Total Hours - Spring Semester	14

THIRD YEAR

ENGL 203, 204, 205 (OR) 206	3	HIST 351 (OR) 353	3
HIST 293	3	HIST ELECTIVE (300-499 level)	3
HIST 352 (OR) 353	3	POSC ELECTIVE (300-499 level)	3
POSC 304 (OR) POSC 401	3	SOCS 293	3
ELECTIVES	3	ELECTIVES	3
Total Hours - Fall Semester	15	Total Hours - Spring Semester	15

FOURTH YEAR

HIST 352 (OR) HIST 353	3	HIST 351 (OR) 353	3
HIST 450	3	HIST 493 (OR) POSC 493	3
POSC 304 (OR) POSC 401	3	HIST ELECTIVE (Upper Level)	3
HIST ELECTIVES (Upper Level)	3	ELECTIVES	6
ELECTIVES	3	Total Hours - Spring Semester	15
Total Hours - Fall Semester	15		

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BACHELOR OF SCIENCE BEHAVIORAL SCIENCE PSYCHOLOGY

GSU 100 The First Year Experience 0 hour

All degree seeking students are required to take GSU 100 during their first semester.

General Education Requirements 30 hours

Students must complete PSYC 201 as part of the General Education requirements.

Psychology Major 63 hours

CSCI	101	Computing Concepts	3
MATH	256	Probability and Statistics I	3
PSYC	201	General Psychology	
PSYC	250	Lifespan Development	3
PSYC	310	Abnormal Psychology	3
PSYC	330	Social Psychology	3
PSYC	342	Multicultural Psychology	3
PSYC	450	Perception and Cognition	3
PSYC	493	Senior Seminar	3
PSYC	Electives (300-499)		15
SOCS	293	Research Methods in Psychology	3
SOCS	490	Advanced Research Methodology	3
Restricted Electives			
Select from the following (6 hours must be 300-499 level):			18
CRJU	111	Introduction to Criminal Justice System	3
CRJU	360	Criminology	3
CRJU	403	Criminal Profiling	3
PSYC	105	Interviewing and Counseling	3
PSYC	220	Psychology and Law	3
PSYC	304	Couples and Family Relationships	3
PSYC	315	Psychology of Religion & Spirituality	3
PSYC	320	Victimology	3
PSYC	352	Child and Adolescent Psychology	3
PSYC	353	Death and Dying	3
PSYC	360	Psychology of Human Sexuality	3
PSYC	361	Emotion	3
PSYC	380	Drugs and Human Behavior	3
PSYC	391	Applied Behavior Analysis	
PSYC	420	Theories of Personality	3
PSYC	460	Clinical Applications/Tests and Measurements	3

General Electives 27 hours

Total minimum hours required for degree 120 hours

GATEWAY ASSESSMENT - SOCS 293

CAPSTONE ASSESSMENT - PSYC 493

Suggested Courses for a Career in:

Clinical Psychology

PSYC	105	Interviewing and Counseling
PSYC	304	Couples and Family Relationships
PSYC	315	Psychology of Religion & Spirituality
PSYC	360	Psychology of Human Sexuality
PSYC	380	Drugs and Human Behavior
PSYC	420	Theories of Personality
PSYC	460	Clinical Applications/Tests and Measurements

Development Psychology

PSYC	304	Couples and Family Relationships
PSYC	315	Psychology of Religion & Spirituality
PSYC	352	Child and Adolescent Psychology
PSYC	353	Death and Dying
PSYC	360	Psychology of Human Sexuality
PSYC	361	Emotion
PSYC	391	Applied Behavior Analysis
PSYC	420	Theories of Personality

Forensic Psychology

CRJU	111	Introduction to Criminal Justice System
CRJU	360	Criminology
CRJU	403	Criminal Profiling
PSYC	220	Psychology and Law
PSYC	320	Victimology
PSYC	352	Child and Adolescent Psychology
PSYC	380	Drugs and Human Behavior

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BEHAVIORAL SCIENCE
PSYCHOLOGY
SUGGESTED PLAN OF STUDY

FIRST YEAR

CART 101	3	CSCI 101	3
ENGL 101	3	ENGL 102	3
HIST 201, 202, 207, 208 (OR) POSC 203	3	PSYC 250	3
GSU 100	0	RESTRICTED ELECTIVE	3
MATH 106 or higher	3	GENERAL ELECTIVES	3
PSYC 201	3	Total Hours - Spring Semester	15
Total Hours - Fall Semester	15		

SECOND YEAR

ART 200 (OR) MUSC 200	2	ENGL 203, 204, 205 (OR) 206	3
ENVR 101, SCNC 101, 102, (OR) 103	4	PSYC 310	3
PSYC 342	3	PSYC 330	3
PSYC ELECTIVE (300-499 level)	3	SOCS 293	3
RESTRICTED ELECTIVE	3	RESTRICTED ELECTIVE	3
Total Hours - Fall Semester	15	Total Hours - Spring Semester	15

THIRD YEAR

MATH 256	3	HIST 201, 202, 207, 208 (OR) POSC 203	3
PSYC UPPER LEVEL	3	PSYC 450	3
RESTRICTED ELECTIVE	3	SOCS 490	3
ELECTIVES	6	ELECTIVES	6
Total Hours Spring Semester	15	Total Hours - Spring Semester	15

FOURTH YEAR

PSYC 493	3	PSYC UPPER LEVEL	6
PSYC UPPER LEVEL	3	RESTRICTED ELECTIVE	3
RESTRICTED ELECTIVE	3	ELECTIVES	6
ELECTIVES	6	Total Hours - Spring Semester	15
Total Hours - Fall Semester	15		

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BACHELOR OF ARTS EDUCATION SOCIAL STUDIES (5-Adult)

GSU 100 The First Year Experience 0 hour

All degree seeking students are required to take GSU 100 during their first semester.

General Education Requirements 30 hours

Students must take CART 101, GEOG 203, HIST 207, and POSC 203 as part of the General Education requirements.

Content Specialization Courses 42 hours

ECON	201	Principles of Microeconomics	3
ECON	202	Principles of Macroeconomics	3
GEOG	203	World Regional Geography	
HIST	201	History of World Cultures I	3
HIST	202	History of World Cultures II	3
HIST	207	United States History to 1877	
HIST	208	United States History since 1877	3
HIST	303	West Virginia History	3
HIST	351	European History Seminar	
HIST	352	World History Seminar (OR)	
HIST	353	American History Seminar (OR)	3
HIST	354	Concepts and Methods Seminar	3
POSC	203	American National Government	
POSC	204	State and Local Government	3
POSC	304	Comparative Government (OR)	
POSC	401	International Relations	3
POSC	390	Introduction to Public Administration	
PSYC	201	General Psychology	3
PSYC	330	Social Psychology (OR)	
PSYC	342	Multicultural Psychology	3
SOCS	225	Introduction to Global Studies	3

Professional Education Courses 27 hours

CART	101	Introduction to Public Speaking	
CSCI	267	Computer Skills for Education	3
EDSP	220	Introduction to Educating Exceptional and Culturally Diverse Students	3
EDSP	334	Strategies for Educating Exceptional and Culturally Diverse Students	3
EDUC	203	Foundations of Education	3
EDUC	205	Educational Psychology*	3
EDUC	310	Classroom Management and Teaching Strategies	3
EDUC	346	Teaching Social Studies in Middle and Adolescent Education (5-Adult)	3
EDUC	412	Curriculum and Assessment: Content (5-Adult)	2
PED	201	First Aid and Safety	1
READ	317	Teaching Reading in Middle and Adolescent Education	3

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Residency			18 hours
EDUC 470	Residency I	6	
EDUC 480	Residency II	11	
EDUC 493	Capstone Assessment	1	

General Elective **3 hours**

Total minimum hours required for degree **120 hours**

Education 203 and Education 205 are the only Professional Education courses which can be attempted without being admitted to a Program in Teacher Education.

*Before enrolling in Education 205 a student must have attempted PRAXIS I or be exempt from this requirement due to ACT or SAT score.

GATEWAY ASSESSMENT - ADMISSION TO TEACHER EDUCATION

CAPSTONE ASSESSMENT - EDUCATION 493

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SOCIAL STUDIES (5-Adult)
SUGGESTED PLAN OF STUDY

FIRST YEAR

ART 200 (OR) MUSC 200.....	2		
CART 101	3		
EDUC 203	3	CSCI 267	3
ENGL 101	3	HIST 202	3
GSU 100.....	0	PED 201.....	1
HIST 201	3	PSYC 201	3
MATH 106 or higher.....	3	SCNC 101, 102, (OR) 103.....	4
Total Hours - Fall Semester.....	17	Total Hours - Spring Semester	14

ATTEMPT PRAXIS CORE PRIOR TO
ENROLLING IN EDUC 205

SECOND YEAR

ECON 201	3	ECON 202	3
EDSP 220	3	GEOG 203	3
EDUC 205	3	HIST 208	3
ENGL 102	3	POSC 203	3
HIST 207	3	GENERAL ELECTIVES	3
PSYC 330 (OR) 342.....	3	Total Hours - Spring Semester	15
Total Hours - Fall Semester.....	18		

APPLY FOR ADMISSION TO TEACHER
EDUCATION

THIRD YEAR

EDSP 334	3	EDUC 412	2
EDUC 310	3	ENGL 203, 204, 205 (OR) 206	3
HIST 303	3	HIST 353	3
HIST 351, 352, 353, 354	3	POSC 204	3
POSC 401	3	POSC 304	3
Total Hours - Fall Semester.....	15	HIST 351, 352, 353, 354	3
		Total Hours - Spring Semester	17

PASS PRAXIS II EXAM

FOURTH YEAR

APPLY FOR STUDENT INTERNSHIP*		EDUC 480*	11
EDUC346	3	EDUC 493	1
EDUC 470	6	Total Hours - Spring Semester	12
READ 317	3	*Residents may not enroll in any other	
Total Hours - Fall Semester.....	12	courses.	

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BACHELOR OF ARTS EDUCATION MIDDLE SCHOOL SPECIALIZATION

This program can be combined with (5-adult) or (9-adult) specialization.

Students must take GEOG 203, HIST 207 and POSC 203 as part of the General Education requirements.

SOCIAL STUDIES (5-9)			21 hours
ECON	201	Principles of Microeconomics	3
ECON	202	Principles of Macroeconomics	3
GEOG	203	World Regional Geography	
HIST	201	History of World Cultures I	3
HIST	202	History of World Cultures II	3
HIST	207	United States History to 1877	
HIST	208	United States History since 1877	3
HIST	303	West Virginia History	3
POSC	203	American National Government	
EDUC	346*	Teaching Social Studies in Middle and Adolescent Education (5-Adult)	3

*Required methods course for Social Studies (5-9) specialization when combined with (5-Adult) or (9-Adult) specialization.

This program can be combined with Elementary Education (K-6) specialization only.

ELEMENTARY EDUCATION (K-6) AND SOCIAL STUDIES (5-9)			18 hours
ECON	201	Principles of Microeconomics	3
ECON	202	Principles of Macroeconomics	3
HIST	201	History of World Cultures I	3
HIST	202	History of World Cultures II	3
HIST	303	West Virginia History	3
POSC	203	American National Government	3