

DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SCIENCES

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The Department of Social Sciences 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 Sciences 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 Sciences 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 Sciences, its programs, faculty, and organizations call (304) 462-6270.

Degree Programs:

Bachelor of Arts in History and Political Science:

- History and Political Science

Bachelor of Science in Psychology:

- Psychology

Bachelor of Arts in Education:

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

Minors:

- Global Studies
- History
- Political Science
- Psychology

Micro Credentials:

- Appalachian Studies
- Social Justice

**BACHELOR OF ARTS
HISTORY AND POLITICAL SCIENCE
HISTORY AND POLITICAL SCIENCE**

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 Major **69 hours**

APST	101	Intro to Appalachian Studies	3
CSCI	101	Computing Concepts	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	352	World History Seminar	3
HIST	353	American History Seminar	3
HIST	450	Historiography	3
HIST	493	Senior Project	3
HIST Electives (300-499 level)			12
MATH	256	Probability and Statistics I	3
POSC	203	American National Government	
POSC	204	State and Local Government	3
POSC	304	Comparative Government	3
POSC	401	International Relations	3
POSC Electives (300-499 level)			6
SOCS	225	Introduction to Global Studies	3
SOCS	293	Introduction to Research Methods	3
Restricted Elective:			3
Any course at the 300-499 level			

General Electives **21 hours**

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

GATEWAY ASSESSMENT - HIST 293

CAPSTONE ASSESSMENT - HIST 493

**BA: 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

APST 101 (OR) HIST 293	3	ART 200 (OR) MUSC 200	2
HIST 207	3	ECON 201, 202, GEOG 203, (OR) PSYC 201.....	3
MATH 256.....	3	HIST 208	3
SOCS 225	3	POSC 304 (OR)	
GENERAL ELECTIVES	3	POSC ELECTIVES (300-499 level).....	3
Total Hours - Fall Semester	15	GENERAL ELECTIVES	3
		Total Hours - Spring Semester	14

THIRD YEAR

APST 101 (OR) HIST 293.....	3	HIST 352	3
ENGL 203, 204, 205 (OR) 206	3	HIST 493 (OR) SOCS 293	3
HIST 353 (OR) HIST 450	3	HIST ELECTIVE (300-499 level)	3
POSC 401 (OR) POSC ELECTIVES	3	POSC 304 (OR)	
GENERAL ELECTIVES	3	POSC ELECTIVES (300-499 level).....	3
Total Hours - Fall Semester	15	RESTRICTED ELECTIVES.....	3
		Total Hours - Spring Semester	15

FOURTH YEAR

HIST 353 (OR) HIST 450	3	HIST 493 (OR) SOCS 293	3
HIST ELECTIVES (300-499 Level)	3	HIST ELECTIVE (300-499 Level)	6
POSC 401 (OR) POSC ELECTIVES	3	GENERAL ELECTIVES	6
GENERAL ELECTIVES	6	Total Hours - Spring Semester	15
Total Hours - Fall Semester	15		

**BACHELOR OF SCIENCE
PSYCHOLOGY
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

PSYC	201	General Psychology	
PSYC	250	Lifespan Development	3
PSYC	280	Computer Applications in Psychology	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 level)		15
SOCS	250	Behavioral Statistics (OR)	
MATH	256	Probability and Statistics I	3
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	3
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

**BS: PSYCHOLOGY
SUGGESTED PLAN OF STUDY**

FIRST YEAR

CART 101	3	ENGL 102.....	3
ENGL 101.....	3	MATH 256 (OR) SOCS 250.....	3
GSU 100	0	PSYC 250	3
HIST 201, 202, 207, 208 (OR) POSC 203	3	GENERAL ELECTIVES	3
MATH 106 or higher	3	RESTRICTED 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 280	3
PSYC ELECTIVES (300-499 level).....	3	PSYC 310	3
RESTRICTED ELECTIVES.....	3	PSYC 330	3
SOCS 293	3	PSYC 342	3
Total Hours - Fall Semester	15	Total Hours - Spring Semester	15

THIRD YEAR

PSYC 450	3	HIST 201, 202, 207, 208 (OR) POSC 203	3
PSYC UPPER LEVEL (300-499).....	3	SOCS 490	3
GENERAL ELECTIVES	6	GENERAL ELECTIVES	6
RESTRICTED ELECTIVES.....	3	RESTRICTED ELECTIVES.....	3
Total Hours Spring Semester	15	Total Hours - Spring Semester	15

FOURTH YEAR

PSYC 493	3	PSYC UPPER LEVEL (300-499).....	6
PSYC UPPER LEVEL (300-499).....	3	GENERAL ELECTIVES	6
GENERAL ELECTIVES	6	RESTRICTED ELECTIVES.....	3
RESTRICTED ELECTIVES.....	3	Total Hours - Spring Semester	15
Total Hours - Fall Semester	15		

**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	352	World History Seminar (OR)	
HIST	353	American History Seminar (OR)	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	3
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

Residency 18 hours

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

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General Elective

3 hours

Total minimum hours required for degree

120 hours

In order to be officially and fully admitted to Teacher Education, ALL teacher candidates must meet and pass all sections of PRAXIS I (CORE) – Reading, Writing, and Math OR meet the WVDE approved exemptions for CORE. It is critical that teacher candidates check their Degree Works audit and speak with their academic advisors to see if they meet CORE exemptions.

GATEWAY ASSESSMENT - ADMISSION TO TEACHER EDUCATION

CAPSTONE ASSESSMENT - EDUCATION 493

**BA: EDUCATION
SOCIAL STUDIES (5-Adult)
SUGGESTED PLAN OF STUDY**

FIRST YEAR

ART 200 (OR) MUSC 200	2		
CART 101	3	CSCI 267	3
EDUC 203	3	HIST 202	3
ENGL 101	3	PED 201	1
GSU 100	0	POSC 203.....	3
HIST 207	3	SCNC 101, 102 (OR) 103.....	4
MATH 106 or higher	3	Total Hours - Spring Semester	14
Total Hours - Fall Semester	17		

SECOND YEAR

ECON 201 (OR) HIST 303.....	3	ECON 202	3
EDSP 220	3	GEOG 203 (OR) POSC 390.....	3
EDUC 205	3	HIST 208	3
ENGL 102	3	PSYC 330 (OR) PSYC 342.....	3
HIST 201	3	POSC 304 (OR) PSYC 201	3
SOCS 225	3	Total Hours - Spring Semester	15
Total Hours - Fall Semester	18		

THIRD YEAR

ECON 201 (OR) HIST 303	3	EDUC 412	2
EDUC 310	3	ENGL 203, 204, 205 (OR) 206	3
EDUC 346	3	GEOG 203 (OR) POSC 390	3
HIST 353.....	3	HIST 352.....	3
PSYC 201 (OR) POSC 401	3	POSC 204	3
Total Hours - Fall Semester	15	POSC 304 (OR) GENERAL ELECTIVES.....	3
		Total Hours - Spring Semester	17

**Attempt PRAXIS II Exam(s) prior to
Residency I**

FOURTH YEAR

EDSP 334	3	EDUC 480*	11
EDUC 470	6	EDUC 493	1
READ 317	3	Total Hours - Spring Semester	12
Total Hours - Fall Semester	12		

***RESIDENTS MAY NOT ENROLL IN ANY
OTHER COURSES (except EDUC 493) WHILE
IN RESIDENCY II. PRAXIS II exam(s) must be
passed before entering Residency II.**

**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	