

SOCIAL AND CULTURAL ANALYSIS (BA)

Department Website (<http://as.nyu.edu/sca/>)

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Program Description

The Department of Social and Cultural Analysis (SCA) is interdisciplinary in nature, integrating topics from the humanities with methodologies from the social sciences. SCA houses the programs in Africana studies, American studies, Asian/Pacific/American studies, gender and sexuality studies, Latino studies, and metropolitan studies. Students who major in social and cultural analysis choose courses from these program areas in SCA and create an individualized concentration.

Students have the opportunity to combine cutting-edge scholarship with real world practice. The department's faculty and students explore the range of relationships between human collectivities on the one hand and institutions and structures of power on the other, taking into account how these relationships are affected by such modern global developments as intensified urbanization, increased transnational exchange, and proliferating diasporic populations.

Language and Linguistic Competency

The type of rigorous intercultural study promoted within the Department of Social and Cultural Analysis requires students to recognize the complex modes of communication at work both within and across different social groups. The department therefore strongly encourages its students to develop advanced skills in language and linguistics by any of the following means: taking elective courses in sociolinguistics; studying a language other than English beyond the minimum level required by the College of Arts and Science (especially one germane to the department's fields of study); pursuing community-based internship fieldwork necessitating the development and use of specific language skills; or undertaking study or research abroad in contexts entailing the exercise of key language or linguistic capabilities.

Honors Program

Majors who have completed 48 credits of graded work in CAS and have a 3.65 GPA or higher (both overall and in the major) are encouraged to register for SCA-UA 92 in the fall semester of their senior year. Upon successful completion of the seminar requirement, students will be eligible to register for SCA-UA 93 in the spring. Information about the honors program can be found at sca.as.nyu.edu/object/sca.related.honors (<http://sca.as.nyu.edu/object/sca.related.honors/>).

Admissions

New York University's Office of Undergraduate Admissions supports the application process for all undergraduate programs at NYU. For additional information about undergraduate admissions, including application requirements, see [How to Apply](https://www.nyu.edu/admissions/undergraduate-admissions/how-to-apply.html) (<https://www.nyu.edu/admissions/undergraduate-admissions/how-to-apply.html>).

Program Requirements

The major requirements (36 credits) must be completed with a grade of C or better.

Course	Title	Credits
General Education Requirements		
First-Year Seminar		4
EXPOS-UA 1	Writing The Essay:	4
Foreign Language ¹		16
Quantitative Reasoning		4
Physical Science		4
Life Science		4
Texts and Ideas		4
Cultures and Contexts		4
Societies and the Social Sciences		4
Expressive Culture		4
Major Requirements		
<i>Introductory Courses</i>		
SCA-UA 101	Social and Cultural Analysis 101	4
Select one of the following: ²		4
CORE-UA 529	Cultures & Contexts: Contemporary Latino Cultures ³	
CORE-UA 534	Cultures & Contexts: The Black Atlantic ³	
CORE-UA 539	Cultures & Contexts: Asian / Pacific / American Cultures ³	
SCA-UA 201	Approaches to American Studies	
SCA-UA 230	Intersect: Race, Gender, & Sexuality in U.S. Hist	
SCA-UA 401	Approaches to Gender & Sexuality Studies ⁴	
SCA-UA 601	Approaches to Metropolitan Studies ⁴	
<i>Research Course</i>		
SCA-UA 90	Advanced Research Seminar	4
Electives		
Select six designated social and cultural analysis electives ⁵		24
Other Elective Credits		40
Total Credits		128

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The foreign language requirement is satisfied upon successful completion through the Intermediate level of a language. This may be accomplished in fewer than 16 credits, but those credits must then be completed as elective credit.

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Linked to the student's area of focus (CORE-UA classes must be taught by SCA faculty).

3

Completion of this course satisfies the Core Cultures and Contexts requirement.

4

Completion of this course satisfies the Core Societies and Social Sciences requirement.

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Four of which must be taught by SCA faculty. SCA-UA 42 is no longer required, but is highly recommended and can count as an elective; one language course can count as an elective if taught by SCA faculty.

Sample Plan of Study

Course	Title	Credits
1st Semester/Term		
CORE-UA 529 or CORE-UA 534	Cultures & Contexts: Contemporary Latino Cultures or Cultures & Contexts: The Black Atlantic	4
Foreign Language		4
First-Year Seminar		4
Other Elective Credits		4
Credits		16
2nd Semester/Term		
SCA-UA 101	Social and Cultural Analysis 101	4
Foreign Language		4
Texts and Ideas		4
EXPOS-UA 1	Writing The Essay:	4
Credits		16
3rd Semester/Term		
Major Requirements		4
Quantitative Reasoning		4
Foreign Language		4
Other Elective Credits		4
Credits		16
4th Semester/Term		
Major Requirements		4
Quantitative Reasoning		4
Expressive Culture		4
Foreign Language		4
Credits		16
5th Semester/Term		
Major Requirements		4
Physical Science		4
Other Elective Credits		4
Other Elective Credits		4
Credits		16
6th Semester/Term		
Major Requirements		4
Major Requirements		4
Life Science		4
Other Elective Credits		4
Credits		16
7th Semester/Term		
Major Requirements		4
Other Elective Credits		4
Other Elective Credits		4
Other Elective Credits		4
Credits		16
8th Semester/Term		
SCA-UA 90	Advanced Research Seminar	4
Other Elective Credits		4
Other Elective Credits		4
Other Elective Credits		4
Credits		16
Total Credits		128

2. Familiarity with theories for the study of race, class, ethnicity, gender, sexuality, space, and nation.
3. Proficiency in written and oral communication.
4. The ability to produce original research on topics relevant to the major using textual/literary, archival, ethnographic, and/or quantitative research methods.
5. Engagement and familiarity with primary texts in Social and Cultural Analysis.

Policies

Double Counting of Courses

Majors

Majors may share (double count) two courses with a second major, with permission from the other department/program.

Minors

Minors may share (double count) one course with a major or a second minor, with permission from the other department/program.

NYU Policies

University-wide policies can be found on the New York University Policy pages (<https://bulletins.nyu.edu/nyu/policies/>).

College of Arts and Science Policies

A full list of relevant academic policies can be found on the CAS Academic Policies page (<https://bulletins.nyu.edu/undergraduate/arts-science/academic-policies/>).

Learning Outcomes

Upon completion of program requirements, students are expected to have developed:

1. Critical thinking tools for the analysis of social, cultural, and political formations.