

SOCIAL SCIENCES (BA)

Department Website (<https://www.sps.nyu.edu/homepage/academics/bachelors-degrees/ba-in-social-sciences.html>)

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Program Description

Central to an NYU School of Professional Studies Division of Applied Undergraduate Studies (DAUS) education is a strong foundation in the liberal arts. An academic requirement that all DAUS students must fulfill, the 32 to 34 credits of liberal arts core courses provide critical information and develop a broad range of competencies that afford the basis for more specialized and professionally oriented study. The curriculum is enriched by NYU's access to the exceptional cultural, economic, political, creative, technical, and business resources of New York City.

The Bachelor of Arts in the Social Sciences allows students to engage in, learn from, and lead dynamic intellectual explorations and shared experiences. You will learn to communicate complex ideas effectively through core courses that will help you to develop precise and persuasive writing skills. The core curriculum provides broad conceptual understanding and critical insights—in science, history, culture, and the arts—that strengthen creative and analytical thinking and reasoning abilities. The knowledge and the skills that you will acquire will provide the context and the methodological approaches essential to understanding and to solving the real-world challenges that you will face in almost all professional arenas.

Concentrations

The Bachelor of Arts in Social Sciences offers concentrations in:

- Anthropology
- Economics (online or on-site)
- History
- International Studies
- Media Studies
- Organizational Behavior and Change (online or on-site)
- Politics
- Psychology
- Sociology
- Sustainability
- Urbanism

Each concentration provides a comprehensive exploration of subject matter that is deeply relevant to work and life.

Division of Applied Undergraduate Studies (DAUS) Admissions

Admission to undergraduate programs in the NYU School of Professional Studies Division of Applied Undergraduate Studies (DAUS) requires completion of a high school diploma or GED. Admissions decisions are made through a holistic review process. Visit the SPS Admissions website (<https://www.sps.nyu.edu/homepage/admissions/admissions-criteria-and-deadlines/undergraduate-programs.html>) for detailed application requirements and deadlines.

Program Requirements

The program requires the completion of 128 credits, comprised of the following:

Course	Title	Credits
Writing		
The following courses may be required based on a writing placement8-10 assessment, and should be successfully completed within the first three semesters		
EXWR1-UC 7501	Introduction to Creative and Expository Writing	
EXWR1-UC 7502	Writing Workshop I	
EXWR1-UC 7503	Writing Workshop II	
Critical Thinking		
Students are required to take the following course.		
HUMN1-UC 6401 Critical Thinking		4
Quantitative Reasoning		
Students, in close consultation with their adviser, select Math 1 and Math II or one of the following other courses based on a math placement assessment:		
MATH1-UC 1101 & MATH1-UC 1141	Math I and Math II	
MATH1-UC 1105	Mathematical Reasoning	
MATH1-UC 1171	Precalculus	
MATH1-UC 1174	Calculus W/Applications to Business & Economics	
Scientific Issues		
Select one of the following:		
SCNC1-UC 2001	Human Biology	
SCNC1-UC 3203	Environmental Sustainability	
Historical Perspectives		
Select one of the following:		
HIST1-UC 5804	Renaissance to Revolutn	
HIST1-UC 5820	The American Experience	
HIST1-UC 5821	Classical & Medieval World	
HIST1-UC 5822	Contemporary World	
Global Perspectives		
Select one of the following:		
ANTH1-UC 5011	World Cultures: Africa	
ANTH1-UC 5012	World Cultures: Middle East	
ANTH1-UC 5013	World Cultures: Asia	

ANTH1-UC 5014	World Cultures: Latin America & The Caribbean	MEST1-UC 6033	The Language of Contemporary Images
Literary and Artistic Expressions			
Select one of the following:	4	A student's chosen concentration determines which particular combination of the following courses will make up the methods and theory curriculum of their social sciences major. Select two of the following courses:	
ARTS1-UC 5438	History of Music	ECON1-UC 341	Intermed Microeconomics
ARTH1-UC 5443	Visual Expressions in Society	ECON1-UC 342	Intermed Macroeconomics
LITR1-UC 6201	Contemporary Global Literature	MATH1-UC 1172	Statistical Methods
Foundation Courses: Social Sciences			
Prior to beginning a concentration, students must complete a series of foundation courses within their major. A student's chosen concentration determines which particular combination of the following required courses and elected humanities and social sciences courses will make up the foundation curriculum of their social sciences major. Students select four of the following courses:	16	MEST1-UC 6042	Theory of Media & Cultural Studies
ANTH1-UC 5003	Cultural Anthropology	ORBC1-UC 2205	Current Issues in Organizational Behavior
BUSN1-UC 504	Business Organization & Management	SOCS1-UC 7241	Social Sciences Research Methods
ECON1-UC 6607	The Global Economy	Major Requirements	
ECON1-UC 6608	History of Economic Thought	Select 20 credits of upper division social science courses in consultation with advisors:	20
INST1-UC 2000	Introduction to International Studies	ANTH1-UC 5090	Sp Tpcs in Anthropology
MEST1-UC 6028	Understanding Media	ECON1-UC 390	Sp Tpcs in Economics:
MEST1-UC 6033	The Language of Contemporary Images	HIST1-UC 5890	Sp Topics in History
ORBC1-UC 1301	Organizational Behavior	INST1-UC 7961	Sp Tpcs Intrnatnl Std
POLS1-UC 6602	Political Thought	MEST1-UC 6090	Sp Tpcs in Media Stud:
POLS1-UC 6604	American Politics	ORBC1-UC 2290	Sp Tpcs in Organizational Behavior & Communication
PSYC1-UC 6801	Intro to Psychology	POLS1-UC 6690	Sp Tpcs in Politics
SOCY1-UC 7200	Intro to Sociology	PSYC1-UC 6890	Special Topics in Psych:
SOCS1-UC 2201	Oral Communications	SOCY1-UC 7290	Sp Tpcs in Sociology
Foundation Courses: Humanities		SUST1-UC 7990	Special Topics in Sustainability
Prior to beginning a concentration, students must complete a series of foundation courses within their major. A student's chosen concentration determines which particular combination of the following required courses and elected humanities and social sciences courses will make up the foundation curriculum of their social sciences major. Students select one of the following courses:	4	URBN1-UC 7990	Special Topics in Urbanism
ARTH1-UC 5430	History of Art I: Earliest to Middle Ages	Free Electives	
ARTH1-UC 5431	History of Art II: Renaissance to Modern	Students select 26-28 credits from DAUS course offerings in consultation with their advisor. Students who take 10 credits of writing courses select 26 elective credits; those with 8 credits of writing courses select 28 elective credits.	26-28
CWRG1-UC 5240	Foundations of The Creative Process	Graduation Project	
HUMN1-UC 6403	Foundations of Philosophical Thought	A student's chosen concentration determines which particular course will fulfill the graduation project requirement of their social science major. Select one of the following courses in consultation with advisor:	4
LITR1-UC 6241	Introduction to Literature	LAIN1-UC 7992	Liberal Arts Senior Project: Internship
		SOCS1-UC 7991	Senior Project Seminar: Social Sciences
Concentrations (Optional)			

Students may select 16 credits in one of the following 11 concentrations within their major in consultation with their advisors. Students who do not select a concentration must complete 16 credits in two or more of these concentrations:

Anthropology	
Economics	
History	
International Studies	
Media Studies	
Organizational Behavior and Change	
Politics	
Psychology	
Sociology	
Sustainability	
Urbanism	

Total Credits 128

Concentrations

Anthropology

Course	Title	Credits
ANTH1-UC 5047	Anthropology of Religion	4
ANTH1-UC 5061	Sex, Gender & Language	4
ANTH1-UC 6669	Transnationalism, Immigration & Identity	4
ANTH1-UC 6672	Globalization & World Culture	4

Total Credits 16

Economics

Online and On-site Study Options

Course	Title	Credits
Select four (4) courses from the following categories:		16
International Economics		
ECON1-UC 364 American Economic History		
ECON1-UC 373 Comparative Economics		
Business and Economics		
ECON1-UC 350 Finance & Investments		
ECON1-UC 378 Intro to Econometrics (Economics Concentration Category: Issues in Sustainability)		

Issues in Sustainability

ECON1-UC 351 Economics & Gender
ECON1-UC 362 Environmental Economics
ECON1-UC 363 Urban Economics (Historical Perspectives)

Institutions and Policy

ECON1-UC 360 Law & Economics
ECON1-UC 371 Labor Economics

Total Credits 16

History

Course	Title	Credits
Select four (4) courses from any of the following categories:		16
Pre-Modern World		
HIST1-UC 5871 Knights & Chivalry		

HIST1-UC 5830	The Middle Ages in Film
Modern World	
ANTH1-UC 6669	Transnationalism, Immigration & Identity
US History	
HIST1-UC 5815	History of the City of New York
POLS1-UC 6653	U.S. Foreign Policy

Total Credits 16

International Studies

Course	Title	Credits
Select four (4) courses from any of the following categories:		
International Relations		
POLS1-UC 6661	International Law	
POLS1-UC 6662	International Organizations	
POLS1-UC 6673	International Human Rights	
Politics & Economics		
ECON1-UC 362	Environmental Economics	
ECON1-UC 373	Comparative Economics	
INST1-UC 2010	Interrogating Political Globalization	
POLS1-UC 6653	U.S. Foreign Policy	
Anthropology/Sociology		
ANTH1-UC 6672	Globalization & World Culture	
ANTH1-UC 6669	Transnationalism, Immigration & Identity	
ANTH1-UC 7902	Culture, Tourism & Development	

Total Credits 16

Media Studies

Students must take a minimum of twelve (12) credits from the Media Theory category. The remaining credits can be selected from the Media Practice Category, or an additional 4-credit course from the Media Theory category.

Course	Title	Credits
Media Theory		
Select a minimum of three (3) courses from the following:		
MEST1-UC 6005 Global Perspectives in Media		
MEST1-UC 6006 Cultural Identities in The Media		
MEST1-UC 6010 Children's Culture and Media		
MEST1-UC 6011 Hip Hop Culture		

MEST1-UC 6012	Social Media	ORBC1-UC 2248	Talent Management and Performance Effectiveness
MEST1-UC 6020	World Cinema	ORBC1-UC 2249	Corporate Culture & Organizational Learning
MEST1-UC 6030	Documentary Cinema	ORBC1-UC 2251	Mindfulness, Spirituality and Meaning in the Workplace
MEST1-UC 6032	Reality TV	ORBC1-UC 2252	Career Management and Transitions
MEST1-UC 6050	Digital Storytelling	ORBC1-UC 2253	Green Design and the Future of Organizations
MEST1-UC 6060	Video Games and Culture	Total Credits	
		16	

Media Practices

Students may select one course from the following list of courses, or take an additional course from the list above

DGCM1-UC 2235	Motion Design I: Time and Space
DGCM1-UC 2271	Interactive Design I: Building A Website
FILV1-UC 2201	Digital Filmmaking I
LRMS1-UC 920	Consumer Behavior
LRMS1-UC 941	Fundamentals of Advertising, Media, and Public Relations
LRMS1-UC 948	Integrated Marketing Campaigns

Total Credits	16
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Organizational Behavior and Change

Online and On-site Study Options

Course	Title	Credits
Organizational Behavior and Change Concentration Category: Communication and Workplace Dynamics		
Select up to two courses from the following, by advisement:		
ORBC1-UC 2220	Managing Diversity in the Global Workplace	8

ORBC1-UC 2242	Business Writing
ORBC1-UC 2246	Gender Issues in Organizations

Course	Title	Credits
Organizational Behavior and Change Concentration Category: Leadership and Organizational Strategy		
Select up to two courses from the following, by advisement:		

LRMS1-UC 573	Business Ethics
ORBC1-UC 2221	Leadership Strategies for The Global Workplace
ORBC1-UC 2222	Leadership: Theory & Practice

Course	Title	Credits
Organizational Behavior and Change Concentration Category: Managing Organizations and Change		
Select up to two courses from the following, by advisement:		
ORBC1-UC 2209	Organizational Change (Students select up to two courses in consultation with their advisor from the following:)	8

Politics

Course	Title	Credits
Select four (4) courses from the following categories, by advisement: 16		
American Government and Politics		
POLS1-UC 6607	Public Opinion and Political Behavior	
POLS1-UC 6653	U.S. Foreign Policy	
POLS1-UC 6691	Current Political Issues:	
International Relations		
POLS1-UC 6661	International Law	
POLS1-UC 6662	International Organizations	
POLS1-UC 6673	International Human Rights	
POLS1-UC 6674	International Political Economy	
Total Credits		16

Psychology

Course	Title	Credits
Select four (4) courses from the following categories, by advisement: 16		
Biological Foundations and Cognitive Processes		
PSYC1-UC 6874	Cognitive Psychology	
PSYC1-UC 6873	Perception	
PSYC1-UC 6872	Physiological Psychology	
PSYC1-UC 6870	Psychology of Language	
Social, Personality, Clinical, and Developmental Psychology		
PSYC1-UC 6846	Abnormal Psychology	
PSYC1-UC 6850	Clinical Psychology	
PSYC1-UC 6848	Developmental Psychology	
PSYC1-UC 6849	Personality	
PSYC1-UC 6847	Social Psychology	

Applied and Advanced Topics in Psychology

PSYC1-UC 6852	Forensic Psychology
PSYC1-UC 6851	Psychology of Emotion
PSYC1-UC 6843	Psychology of Women

Total Credits 16**Sociology**

Course	Title	Credits
Select four (4) courses from the following categories:		16
Society and the Individual		
SOCY1-UC 7268	Sexuality & Society	
SOCY1-UC 7250	Inequality in Society: Race, Class, and Gender	
SOCY1-UC 7254	Social Deviance and Crime	
Social Structures & Processes		
ANTH1-UC 6669	Transnationalism, Immigration & Identity	
ANTH1-UC 6672	Globalization & World Culture	

Total Credits 16**Sustainability**

Course	Title	Credits
Select four (4) courses from the following:		16
BUSN1-UC 376	Sustainable Management Principles	
BUSN1-UC 377	Sustainable Development in Emerging Economies	
DGCM1-UC 2234	Engaged and Sustainable Media	
ECON1-UC 362	Environmental Economics	
ORBC1-UC 2253	Green Design and the Future of Organizations	
ORBC1-UC 2224	Corporate Social Responsibility	
REAL1-UC 1050	NYC: The Future Metropolis	
REAL1-UC 1030	Affordable and Sustainable Housing	

Total Credits 16**Urbanism**

Course	Title	Credits
Select four (4) courses from the following:		16
ARTH1-UC 5422	New York City Architecture	
ECON1-UC 363	Urban Economics	
HEAL1-UC 2690	International Health Issues	

REAL1-UC 1030 Affordable and Sustainable Housing

Total Credits 16**Sample Plan of Study**

Course	Title	Credits
1st Semester/Term		
EXWR1-UC 7502	Writing Workshop I	4
Quantitative Reasoning		4
Historical Perspectives		4
SOCY1-UC 7200	Intro to Sociology	4
Credits		16
2nd Semester/Term		
EXWR1-UC 7503	Writing Workshop II	4
Scientific Issues		4
Literary & Artistic Expressions		4
Free Elective		4
Credits		16
3rd Semester/Term		
HUMN1-UC 6401	Critical Thinking	4
Foundation: Social Sciences		4
Foundation: Humanities		4
Sociology Concentration Course: Social Structures & Processes		4
Credits		16
4th Semester/Term		
SOCY1-UC 7201 or SOCY1-UC 7202	Contemporary Social Theory or History of Social Thought	4
Foundation: Social Sciences		4
Foundation: Social Sciences		4
Sociology Concentration Course: Society & the Individual		4
Credits		16
5th Semester/Term		
SOCS1-UC 7241	Social Sciences Research Methods	4
Sociology Concentration Course: Society & the Individual		4
Sociology Concentration Course: Social Structures & Processes		4
Sociology Major Requirement Course		4
Credits		16
6th Semester/Term		
Sociology Major Requirement Course		4
Sociology Major Requirement Course		4
Sociology Major Requirement Course		4
Free Elective		4
Credits		16
7th Semester/Term		
Sociology Major Requirement Course		4
Global Perspectives		4
Free Elective		4
Free Elective		4
Credits		16
8th Semester/Term		
Free Elective		4
Free Elective		4
Free Elective		4
Graduation Project		4
Credits		16
Total Credits		128

Learning Outcomes

Upon successful completion of the program, graduates will have the skills and abilities to:

1. Explain key theories, perspectives, and approaches to selected Social Science disciplines.
2. Apply theories appropriate to continuing and current issues in the Social Sciences.
3. Conduct critical inquiries supported by evidence appropriate to the Social Sciences.
4. Identify, evaluate, and compare different scholarly interpretations and arguments.
5. Use empirical evidence to evaluate the arguments and conclusions of scholars and researchers in selected Social Science disciplines.

Policies

NYU Policies

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

School of Professional Studies Policies

Additional academic policies can be found on the School of Professional Studies academic policy page (<https://bulletins.nyu.edu/undergraduate/professional-studies/academic-policies/>).