

SOCIAL SCIENCE (MINOR)

Program Description

Social scientists study human interactions among individuals, families, communities, nations, and the built and natural environments. Using a range of analytical, interpretive, and experimental tools from anthropology, economics, epidemiology, political science, psychology and sociology, social scientists seek to understand conflict and cooperation, epidemics of disease and poverty, social organization and social change, kinship and belonging, human development, systems of exchange, and other enduring questions at the center of our shared humanity.

Students who complete the Social Science major at NYU Shanghai will be prepared to pursue careers and advanced study in fields as diverse as anthropology, business, development, economics, education, environmental studies, journalism, law, psychology, political science, public health, public service, sociology, and social policy. The major offers students a unique opportunity to explore broad areas of social science research and thought, while also allowing a concentration in one of multiple tracks within the major. The Social Science major encourages interdisciplinary inquiry into the complex problems of our contemporary world and the cross-disciplinary exchange that is at the heart of many of the most interesting advances in social science research today.

Social Science majors at NYU Shanghai develop competence in a variety of research tools in two methods courses and complete two interdisciplinary core courses unique to the major. Social Science majors select two foundational courses in the social science disciplines, and three focus courses in one track to deepen their intellectual specialization (tracks include: anthropology, environmental studies, global public health, international relations, political economy, political science, psychology, sociology, or urban studies)¹. China – its peoples and politics – is an important focus for teaching and learning in the major, but the Social Science Area is purposefully global in perspective and heterogeneous in the methodological and analytical scope of its course offerings. Social Science majors complete an independent research project as a senior year capstone.

Program Requirements

Course	Title	Credits
Select one Social Science Methods course		4
Select three courses from the Social Science Foundations, Core, or Focus courses.		12
Total Credits		16

Social Science Methods Courses

Code	Title	Credits
BUSF-SHU 101	Statistics for Business and Economics	4
BUSF-SHU 310	Data Science for Social and Information Networks	4
ECON-SHU 216	Introduction to Game Theory	4
ECON-SHU 301	Econometrics	4
ECON-SHU 416	Game Theory: Advanced Applications	4
GCHN-SHU 133	Visualizing Global China	4
HIST-SHU 103	Oral History: Method and Practice	4
MATH-SHU 235	Probability and Statistics	4
SOCS-SHU 141	Methods of Social Research	4
SOCS-SHU 175	Qualitative Methods in Social Sciences	4

SOCS-SHU 190	Introduction to the Computational Social Science Methods	4
SOCS-SHU 205	Fundamentals of Spatial Analytics	4
SOCS-SHU 206	Mapping and Spatial Analysis	4
SOCS-SHU 210	Statistics for the Behavioral & Social Sciences	4
SOCS-SHU 213	Applied Social Network Analysis	4
SOCS-SHU 215	Pixelizing Societies from Space: Remote Sensing Perspectives	4
SOCS-SHU 218	Data Management for Quantitative Social Science	4
SOCS-SHU 240	Survey Research Methods	4
SOCS-SHU 247	Computational Urban Science	4
SOCS-SHU 318	Ethnographic Methods	4
SOCS-SHU 350	Empirical Research Practice	4

Social Science Foundational, Core, and Focus Courses

Code	Title	Credits
ART-SHU 250	Visual Culture and Social Art Practice: Collaborations and Community Interactions	4
BPEP-SHU 9042	The Political Economy of East Asia	4
BUSF-SHU 228	Sustainable Finance: Climate-Conscious and Long-Term Investing	3
CENG-SHU 352	Emerging Technologies for Smart Cities	4
ECON-SHU 1	Principles of Macroeconomics	4
ECON-SHU 3	Microeconomics	4
ECON-SHU 10	Intermediate Microeconomics	4
ECON-SHU 202	Intermediate Macroeconomics	4
ECON-SHU 218	International Trade and the Chinese Economy	4
ECON-SHU 222	Cooperation, Coordination, Collective Action	4
ECON-SHU 225	Advanced Economic Theory	4
ECON-SHU 238	History of Modern Economic Growth: Exploring China From a Comparative Perspective	4
ECON-SHU 239	China's Economic Transition	4
ECON-SHU 251	Economics of Global Business	4
ECON-SHU 255	Political Economy: Foundations and Recent Applications	4
ECON-SHU 335	Development Economics	4
ECON-SHU 353	Public Economics	4
ECON-SHU 368	Financial Economics	4
ECON-SHU 416	Game Theory: Advanced Applications	4
GCHN-SHU 123	Contemporary Chinese Political Thought	4
GCHN-SHU 126	The Media in China	4
GCHN-SHU 216	Psychology and Modernity in China	4
GCHN-SHU 226	Queer China	4
GCHN-SHU 243	China and the Environment	4
GCHN-SHU 246	Youth and Consumer Culture in China	4
GCHN-SHU 248	Animals and Chinese Religion	4
GCHN-SHU 250	Geographies of China	4
GCHN-SHU 277	Medicine in China	4
GCHN-SHU 311	Global Connections: Shanghai	4
HIST-SHU 130	Arab-Islamic Influence on the West	4
HIST-SHU 188	Empires in World History	4
HIST-SHU 205	History of Modern Medicine	4
HIST-SHU 230	Life beyond Earth: Extraterrestrials since 1897	4

HIST-SHU 265	The Emergence of the Modern Middle East and North Africa	4	SOCS-SHU 219	Family and Society	4
HIST-SHU 310	The Birth of Psychology	4	SOCS-SHU 220	Law and Society in the U.S.	4
HIST-SHU 325	The New Cold War History	4	SOCS-SHU 222	International Political Economy	4
HUMN-SHU 182	Contemporary East Asian Media Culture	4	SOCS-SHU 223	Discrimination and Societal Analysis	4
HUMN-SHU 184	Urban Geography	4	SOCS-SHU 224	Climate Change and Society	4
HUMN-SHU 212	Paper City: Examining Urban Bureaucracies Ethnographically	4	SOCS-SHU 227	Inequality and Society	4
IMBX-SHU 261	Global Media and International Law	4	SOCS-SHU 228	Merchants, Chiefs, and Spirits	4
NEUR-SHU 120	Brain and Behavior	4	SOCS-SHU 229	Capitalism, Socialism, Communism: Theory and Practice	4
NEUR-SHU 131	Neural Bases of Speech and Language	4	SOCS-SHU 230	Science in Environmental Policy	4
NEUR-SHU 222	Perception	4	SOCS-SHU 232	International Law and Institutions	4
PSYC-SHU 101	Introduction to Psychology	4	SOCS-SHU 234	Image as Evidence	4
PSYC-SHU 201	Social Psychology	4	SOCS-SHU 236	The Chinese Family	4
PSYC-SHU 210	Psychotherapy Theories & Research	4	SOCS-SHU 237	China Meets Europe	4
PSYC-SHU 220	Cognitive Psychology	4	SOCS-SHU 241	Cultures of Business and Work	4
PSYC-SHU 234	Developmental Psychology	4	SOCS-SHU 242	Globalization and the Rise of China	4
PSYC-SHU 238	Abnormal Psychology	4	SOCS-SHU 244	Anthropology of Mental Illness	4
PSYC-SHU 300	Psychology of Justice	4	SOCS-SHU 245	Ethnographic Thinking	4
PSYC-SHU 317	Psychology of Sexual Orientation and Gender Diversity	4	SOCS-SHU 247	Computational Urban Science	4
PSYC-SHU 329	Parenting and Culture	4	SOCS-SHU 250	Why Is It So Hard to Do Good?	4
PSYC-SHU 337	Adolescent Development	4	SOCS-SHU 252	Ethics and Global Governance	4
PSYC-SHU 344	Psychology of Human-Machine Communication and Relationships	4	SOCS-SHU 253	Nature in Social Thought	4
PSYC-SHU 349	Cultures of Psychology	4	SOCS-SHU 254	Ethnographies of Change in China	4
PSYC-SHU 352	Psychology of Human Sexuality	4	SOCS-SHU 260	Contemporary Challenges in Global Health	4
PSYC-SHU 360	Evolutionary Psychology	4	SOCS-SHU 262	Digital Health, Digital Interventions	4
PSYC-SHU 365	Emotional Development	4	SOCS-SHU 265	Population and Society	4
PSYC-SHU 382	Psychotherapy Skills Practice	4	SOCS-SHU 270	Social Change in Contemporary China	4
SOCS-SHU 101T	Topics in Psychology: Human Nature and Genocide: A case study in critical social psychology	4	SOCS-SHU 272	The U.S. Constitution: Is It relevant to China?	4
SOCS-SHU 110	Introduction to Sociology	4	SOCS-SHU 275	US-China Relations	4
SOCS-SHU 130	Introduction to Political Theory	4	SOCS-SHU 278	Finding Sociology in Chinese Cities: Shanghai and Hong Kong	4
SOCS-SHU 133	Urbanization in China	4	SOCS-SHU 280	Population Issues in Asia	4
SOCS-SHU 135	Environment and Society	4	SOCS-SHU 289	From Soil to Society: Exploring Earth Systems and Human Factors	4
SOCS-SHU 136	Human Society and Culture	4	SOCS-SHU 291	Language and Politics	4
SOCS-SHU 145	Foundations of Public Policy	4	SOCS-SHU 294	Infectious Diseases: From Pathogen to Pandemic	4
SOCS-SHU 150	Introduction to Comparative Politics	4	SOCS-SHU 303	Aviation and Society	4
SOCS-SHU 160	Introduction to International Politics	4	SOCS-SHU 306	Pestilence: Critical Perspectives in Global Health	4
SOCS-SHU 170	Introduction to Global Health	4	SOCS-SHU 315	From Theory to Practice: Program Development & Evaluation	4
SOCS-SHU 190	Introduction to the Computational Social Science Methods	4	SOCS-SHU 316	Politics of Healing and Wellbeing	4
SOCS-SHU 199	Global Transportation	4	SOCS-SHU 326	Poverty and Inequality Around the Globe	4
SOCS-SHU 201	Planning Global Cities	4	SOCS-SHU 328	Sexuality in the Digital Age	4
SOCS-SHU 203	Global Urbanism	4	SOCS-SHU 330	Urban Political Ecology	4
SOCS-SHU 204	Environmental System Science	4	SOCS-SHU 331	Politics in China	4
SOCS-SHU 207	Urban and Architectural Design in China	4	SOCS-SHU 332	Global Mental Health	4
SOCS-SHU 208	Cities at Crossroads: Environmental Challenges and Opportunities in Cities	4	SOCS-SHU 333	Global Environmental Politics	4
SOCS-SHU 211	Land and Law in China and the United States	4	SOCS-SHU 334	Legal Psychology	4
SOCS-SHU 213	Applied Social Network Analysis	4	SOCS-SHU 339	Comparative Revolutions	4
			SOCS-SHU 340	Comparative Constitutions	4
			SOCS-SHU 341	Cross-Strait Relations	4
			SOCS-SHU 345	Organizations and Society	4
			SOCS-SHU 352	Society on Trial - Significant Legal Trials in History	4

SOCS-SHU 353	Urban Design Studio: Pocket Space in Shanghai	4
SOCS-SHU 360	The City and Society	4
SOCS-SHU 361	Education and Society	4
SOCS-SHU 370	China's Foreign Policy	4
SOCS-SHU 375	Health and Society	4
SOCS-SHU 378	Feminist Social Theory	4
SOCS-SHU 380	International Relations of the Asia-Pacific	4
SOCS-SHU 383	Children and the Legal System	4
SOCS-SHU 388	Chinese Social Stratification in Comparative Perspective	4
SOCS-SHU 391	International Investment in Developing Countries: China and Africa	4
SOCS-SHU 394	Slums, Suburbs, and Supertalls: Housing in the 21st Century	4
SOIM-SHU 9006	Law, Business, & Society	4

Policies

Minor Policies

Students may minor in subjects outside of their major. A minor in a secondary subject enables a student to acquire a useful understanding of concepts and analysis without the same degree of coverage as would be obtained in a major. A grade of C or better is required for a course to be counted toward a minor. If a student fails a course required for the minor, the course must be retaken at NYU; a course taken outside the University will not normally be allowed to substitute for a minor requirement. No course for the minor may be taken as pass/fail. Students may use Core Curriculum classes to fill minor requirements but at least 12 credits of the minor must be unique to the minor, meaning that it is not double-counted with any other major, minor, or core requirement.

Additionally, no single course may be used to meet more than two requirements.

NYU Policies

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

NYU Shanghai Policies

Additional academic policies can be found on the NYU Shanghai Academic Policies page (<https://bulletins.nyu.edu/undergraduate/shanghai/academic-policies/>).