

Social Science

Bachelor of Arts—Social Science

Student Learning Outcomes

- Acquire and interpret scholarly information and data to reach informed, reasoned, and balanced conclusions.
- Synthesize information effectively in oral and written form.
- Demonstrate comprehension of how the core social science disciplines—anthropology, history, political science, and psychology—approach the analysis of human social behavior.
- Apply concepts and methods to an original professional study in social sciences.

Accreditation

This degree was approved by the NSHE Board of Regents in 2016. Submission to, and accreditation by, the Northwest Commission on Colleges and Universities will follow thereafter.

Mission Statement

The mission of the Bachelor of Arts in Social Science (BASS) is to fulfill and extend the mission and philosophy of Great Basin College. The BASS provides a broad interdisciplinary knowledge base and professional experience. This course of study is designed to instill abilities in critical thinking, writing, presentation, and research skills as well as build an interdisciplinary knowledge base.

Professional Skills and Career Paths

Upon completion of the BASS program, students will have developed professional skills that can be applied to many career paths, including the ability to research, communicate, and problem solve. This skill set is valued by employers in both the private, public, and non-profit sectors. Graduates of the program might also pursue graduate study in Anthropology, History, Political Science, or Psychology, and other academic paths.

Admission to the Program

Students must complete and submit the application form for the BASS to be formally admitted to the program. Applications are accepted and reviewed on a continuous basis; applications received prior to July 1 will be assigned to the current catalog year. Applications received on or after July 1 will be assigned to the following catalog year. The application form is available on the GBC Website and at the Social Science Department at the Elko Campus (DCIT 105). Transfer students must provide official transcripts from all other accredited institutions attended

prior to acceptance, in order to complete the application process. Admission is complete when the student receives the acceptance letter from the BASS program supervisor.

Successful applicants to the program will have:

- Completed an AA or AS degree (consisting of at least 60 credits) from an accredited institution of higher learning. Students may apply to the BA program in the semester prior to receiving their associate degree.

Advisement

Each student admitted to the BASS program will have a faculty member assigned as advisor by the program supervisor. Students are required to meet with their advisor each semester to ensure progress toward the degree. Advisor assignment is provided in the letter of acceptance to the program. To obtain the name of your advisor, please contact the program administrative assistant at 775.753.2244. Students currently pursuing an AA or AS degree with an interest in the BASS are encouraged to follow the Associate of Arts-Social Science pattern of study published within this catalog. Please contact the program supervisor for additional information.

- Students must maintain a GPA of 2.0 to remain in good standing in the program
- To graduate, students are required to have a cumulative GPA of 2.0 for all upper-division courses applied to the degree. This includes courses taken at GBC and those transferred from other institutions
- Students must make progress toward the degree with no lapses of enrollment exceeding three semesters
- Students must comply with policies of student conduct and academic honesty stated by their instructors, the GBC Social Science Department, Great Basin College, and NSHE
- Students not meeting the above criteria may be dismissed from the program

Students are expected to conduct themselves in a professional and ethical manner. Students must comply with Student Conduct and Academic Honesty policies as described in the GBC Catalog, BASS handbook, NSHE Code and by their instructors. Incidents of student misconduct and/or academic dishonesty will be reported to the Vice President for Academic and Student Affairs and the BASS program supervisor.

BA in Social Science Requirements

(beyond Associate of Arts or Associate of Science degree)

Prerequisite Requirements

Lower-division prerequisites, required to complete degree.

ANTH 101	Introduction to Cultural Anthropology, or
ANTH 201	Peoples and Cultures of the World, or
ANTH 202	Archaeology
HIST	Any lower-division History
PSC 101	Introduction to American Politics, or
PSC 210	American Public Policy
PSY 101	General Psychology, or
PSY 208	Psychology of Human Relations

General Education Requirements

(In addition to General Education requirements for AA or AS)

Credits

Integrative Seminar	
INT 349	Integrative Social Science Seminar3

Integrative Seminar Outside of Major	
INT 359 or 3693

Total Credits..... 6

Program Requirements

IMPORTANT NOTICE: Social science upper-division courses are offered on a rotating schedule. One upper-division course in history and one course in psychology will be offered every fall semester. One upper-division course in anthropology and one course in political science will be offered every spring semester. See the schedule in the BASS handbook or ask your advisor. This is critical for the timely completion for your degree.

Anthropology (Choose two)6

ANTH 400A	Indians of North America
ANTH 400B	Indians of the Great Basin
ANTH 439	Selected Topics in Cultural Anthropology
ANTH 440B	Archaeology of the Great Basin
ANTH 459	Selected Topics in Archaeology

History (Choose two)6

HIST 417C	The West as National Experience
HIST 441	American Environmental History
HIST 458	Roman Civilization
HIST 478B	Islamic and Middle Eastern History Since 1750
HIST 498	Advanced Historical Studies

Political Science (Choose two)6

PSC 401F	Public Opinion and Political Behavior
PSC 401Z	Special Topics in American Government
PSC 403C	Environmental Policy
PSC 403K	Problems in American Public Policy

Psychology (Choose two)6

PSY 412	Motivation and Emotion
PSY 435	Personality
PSY 460	Social Psychology

Additional Social Science6

Upper-division ANTH, CRJ, HIST, PSC, PSY, and/or SW. May include a second INT 349 with different topic.

Written Communications3

Any Upper-division ENG

INT 301 Integrative Research Methodology3

INT 496 Capstone in Integrative Studies3

Total Credits..... 39

Program Electives

Choose five electives from the following prefixes:
 ACC, AGSC, ANTH, ART, AST, BIOL, BUS, CADD, CHEM, CIT, COM, CRJ, CS, ECON, ENG (200 or higher), ENV, FIS, FREN, GER, GRC, GEOG, GEOL, GIS (205), HDFS, HUM, HIST, INT, IS, MATH, MGT, MKT, MUS, NRES, PHIL, PHYS, PSC, PSY, SPAN, SOC, STAT, SUR, SW, THTR, WMST

Total Credit 15

Minimum Total Credits: 60

(beyond associate degree)

All students must satisfy the ENG 102 and U.S. and Nevada Constitutions requirements if not completed as part of their associate's degree.

SUGGESTED COURSE SEQUENCE	
BA—Social Science	
FALL—1st Semester	Credits
ADDITIONAL SOCIAL SCIENCE	3
ELECTIVE	3
INT 301	3
UPPER-DIVISION HIST	3
UPPER-DIVISION PSY	3
TOTAL	15
SPRING—2nd Semester	Credits
ADDITIONAL SOCIAL SCIENCE	3
INT 359 or 369	3
UPPER-DIVISION ENG	3
UPPER-DIVISION ANTH	3
UPPER-DIVISION PSC	3
TOTAL	15
FALL—3rd Semester	Credits
INT 349	3
UPPER-DIVISION HIST	3
UPPER-DIVISION PSY	3
ELECTIVES	6
TOTAL	15
SPRING—4th Semester	Credits
INT 496	3
UPPER-DIVISION ANTH	3
UPPER-DIVISION PSC	3
ELECTIVES	6
TOTAL	15

Years 1-2: Completion of the Associate of Arts Pattern of Study in Social Science or other associate degree and required lower-division social science courses. See the Associate of Arts Pattern of Study in Social Science page for the catalog description.

Total minimum credits required for Bachelor of Arts in Social Science: 120