



# ACADEMIC MAP TO BACHELOR OF GENERAL STUDIES SOCIAL SCIENCE CONCENTRATION

2026-2027



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YEAR 1	SEMESTER 1		Milestones	Grade	Credits	Min. Grade
	ENGL 1010 – Composition & Rhetoric I				3	C
	MATH 1020 – College Algebra				3	
	HIST 1010 or 2010				3	
	PSYC 1010 or SOC 1010				3	
	Academic or Minor Elective				3	
	UNIV 1000 – The University Experience				1	

Semester Credits \_\_\_\_\_

SEMESTER 2		Milestones	Grade	Credits	Min. Grade
ENGL 1020 – Composition & Rhetoric II				3	C
MATH 1060 – Finite Mathematics				3	
FA 1040 – Exploring the Arts				3	
GEOG 1010 or PSCI 2010				3	
Academic or Minor Elective				3	

Semester Credits \_\_\_\_\_

Total Credits \_\_\_\_\_

YEAR 2	SEMESTER 1		Milestones	Grade	Credits	Min. Grade
	ENGL 2110 – Introduction to Literature				3	
	SCI 1010 – Basic Concepts of Physical Science				3	
	COMM 1010 or 2500				3	
	Academic or Minor Elective				3	
	Concentration or Minor Elective				3	

SEMESTER 2		Milestones	Grade	Credits	Min. Grade
SCI 1020 – Basic Concepts of Biological Science				3	
Computer course				3	
Multicultural course				3	
Concentration or Minor Elective				3	
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Semester Credits \_\_\_\_\_

Total Credits \_\_\_\_\_

Declare concentration and minor by Sophomore Year

Semester Credits \_\_\_\_\_

Total Credits \_\_\_\_\_

If changing major- must meet with advisor to declare new major by fourth semester

YEAR 3	SEMESTER 1		Milestones	Grade	Credits	Min. Grade
	Foreign Language course				3	
	SCI 2010 or 2020 – Basic Concepts of Physical or Biological Science II				3	
	Concentration or Minor Elective				3	
	Upper-level Academic Elective				3	
	Upper-level Concentration Elective				3	

SEMESTER 2		Milestones	Grade	Credits	Min. Grade
Concentration or Minor Elective				3	
Academic or Minor Elective				3	
Upper-level Concentration Elective				3	
Upper-level Concentration Elective				3	
Upper-level Concentration Elective				3	

Semester Credits \_\_\_\_\_

Total Credits \_\_\_\_\_

Must have at least 15 hours in 3000/4000 level coursework

Semester Credits \_\_\_\_\_

Total Credits \_\_\_\_\_

YEAR 4	SEMESTER 1		Milestones	Grade	Credits	Min. Grade
	Upper-level Concentration Elective				3	
	Upper-level Academic Elective				3	
	Upper-level Academic Elective				3	
	Upper-level Academic Elective				3	
	Upper-level Academic Elective				3	

SEMESTER 2		Milestones	Grade	Credits	Min. Grade
IDS 4020- Perspectives/Senior Seminar				3	
IDS 4030- Career Readiness/Senior Seminar				3	
Upper-level Academic Elective				3	
Upper-level Academic Elective				3	
Upper-level Academic Elective				3	

Semester Credits \_\_\_\_\_

Total Credits 120

Apply for graduation

Semester Credits \_\_\_\_\_

Total Credits \_\_\_\_\_

**Must maintain a 2.0 GPA within Major and Concentration to graduate.**

**SOCIAL SCIENCE CONCENTRATION SUBJECTS:**

addiction studies (AS), anthropology (ANTH), criminal justice (CJ), economics (ECON), education (EDUC), educational psychology (EPSY), geography (GEOG), history (HIST), pre-law and paralegal studies (PLPS), philosophy (PHIL), political science (PSCI), psychology (PSYC), sociology (SOC), social studies (SST), social work (SOWK), special education (SPED), unified public safety administration (UPSA)

Required for Graduation

See Advisor for more options

Milestone

Concentration Electives

Academic Electives



**YOU'VE FINISHED!**

**GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS**

Advisor Approved Minor

120 total hours | 45 hours advanced level coursework | 36 hours Social Science concentration group

Courses taken outside of a student's degree program are not eligible for Title IV federal financial aid (grants and loans). However, elective courses are eligible for Title IV aid if they are required and included in the student's program of study. Once a student has completed all required elective credits, any additional elective courses taken beyond the program's requirements will not be eligible for Title IV funding.