

# The Social Science Major Goals

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The purpose of a social science major is to prepare a learner to understand the broad implications of the various social science disciplines and to utilize that knowledge as a philosophical and theoretical foundation for personal, professional or educational growth. A learner who has successfully completed a social sciences major at Upper Iowa University will be expected to

1. Demonstrate an understanding of social science terms and theories. This characteristic is established through the successful completion of a combination of the following courses.

- Introductory level economics courses
- Introductory level world or American history courses
- Introductory level political science courses
- Introductory level psychology courses
- Introductory level sociology courses

2. Demonstrate an understanding of social science research methodology. This characteristic is established through the successful completion of a combination of the following courses.

- PSY/SOC 373            Research Methods
- Other social science Research Methods courses
- Upper division social science courses

3. Demonstrate an awareness of diversity and its impact on social issues. This characteristic is established through the successful completion of a combination of the following courses.

- SOC 240            Diverse Cultures in America
- SOC 220            Social Problems
- HIST 111           American Civilization II
- Other social science courses on diversity and social issues

4. Demonstrate an understanding of social issues. This characteristic is established through the successful completion of a combination of the following courses.

- SOC 220            Social Problems
- HIST 110           American Civilization I
- HIST 111           American Civilization II
- PS 412             American Constitutional Law II
- PSY 302            Substance Abuse
- PSY/SOC           Social Gerontology
- SOC 333            Criminology
- Other social science courses

5. Demonstrate an understanding of the application of social science research findings to practical, real world problems. This characteristic is established through the successful completion of a combination of the following courses.

PSY 240	Conflict Resolution
PSY/SOC 384	Social Welfare Programs and Policies
PSY/SOC 276	Methods in Human Services I
PSY/SOC 277	Methods in Human Services II
SOC 220	Social Problems
BA/SOC 390	Complex Organizations

Note: The courses listed are examples. Many social science courses can be used to meet the goals in the social science major. Consult your advisor for help choosing courses.