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
Graduates of social science programs at GBC have gone on to careers in archaeology, education, counseling, human resources, higher education student services, business management, law, and environmental consultation, to name a few. Others have moved forward in their existing careers with federal agencies, non-profits groups, and industry. Social science graduates have also successfully entered graduate programs in anthropology, history, political science, psychology, education, social work, library science, sociology, and law. A social science degree prepares a student for many career paths and postgraduate education.

Admission to the Program
Students who have an Associate of Arts, Associate of Science or an Associate of Applied Science (with any major or emphasis) are encouraged to apply for the 2+2 BASS online 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.

Formal admission will be pending until transcripts indicate the completion of the associate degree. Admission is complete when the student receives the acceptance letter from the BASS program supervisor.

Applications must be received by the 5PM deadline, April 1st for the upcoming fall semester or November 1st for the upcoming spring semester.

Successful applicants to the program will have:

- Completed an AA, AS, or AAS 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.
- A minimum GPA of 2.5 for the associates degree
- A grade of C- or higher in ENG 102

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 775.327.2234. 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

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
(beyond those required for AAS)
Students entering with an AAS must also complete GBC's General Education requirements for
Oral Communications 3
Fine Arts 3
Mathematical Reasoning 3
Scientific Reasoning 3-4
Scientific Interpretation of Data 3-4
Humanities 3
(see General Education grid on p. 81)

Integrative Seminar ..... **Credits**
INT 349 Integrative Social Science Seminar 3

Integrative Seminar Outside of Major
INT 359 or 369 3

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 406 Art in Small-Scale Societies
- ANTH 439 Selected Topics in Cultural Anthropology
- ANTH 440B Archaeology of the Great Basin
- ANTH 458 Origins of Inequality: A Cross-Culture Perspective
- 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 Science 6
Upper-division ANTH, CRJ, ECON, HIST, PSC, PSY, and/or SW. May include a second INT 349 with different topic.
Written Communications 3
Any Upper-division ENG

INT 301 Integrative Research Methodology 3
INT 496 Capstone in Integrative Studies 3
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.

See the following page for suggested course sequence.

SUGGESTED 4 YEAR PLAN OF STUDY
(Refer to page 93)
BA—Social Science

FALL—1st Semester	Credits
AMERICAN CONSTITUTIONS AND INSTITUTIONS*	3
ANTH 101, ANTH 201, or ANTH 202	3
ENG 101	3
MATHEMATICAL REASONING*	3
ORAL COMMUNICATIONS*	3
TOTAL	**15**

SPRING—2nd Semester	Credits
ANY LOWER-DIVISION HISTORY	3
ENG 102	3
HUMANITIES*	3
PSC 101 OR PSC 210	3
TECHNOLOGY PROFICIENCY*	3
TOTAL	**15**

FALL—3rd Semester	Credits
FINE ARTS*	3
PROGRAM ELECTIVE**	3
PSY 101 or PSY 208	3
STRUCTURE OF SOCIETIES*	3
SCIENTIFIC REASONING*	3
TOTAL	**15**

SPRING—4th Semester	Credits
FOUNDATIONS: HUMANITIES/FINE ARTS*	3
PROGRAM ELECTIVE**	6
SCIENTIFIC DATA INTERPRETATION	3
FOUNDATIONS: SOCIAL SCIENCE*	3
TOTAL	**15**

FALL—5th Semester	Credits
ADDITIONAL SOCIAL SCIENCE*	3
ELECTIVE*	3
INT 301	3
UPPER-DIVISION HIST*	3
UPPER-DIVISION PSY*	3
TOTAL	**15**

SPRING—6th 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—7th Semester	Credits
INT 349	3
UPPER-DIVISION HIST*	3
UPPER-DIVISION PSY*	3
ELECTIVES*	6
TOTAL	**15**

SPRING—8th Semester	Credits
INT 496	3
UPPER-DIVISION ANTH*	3
UPPER-DIVISION PSC*	3
ELECTIVES*	6
TOTAL	**15**

Minimum Credits: 120

***Select from page 84**

****Choose with an advisor**

Years 1-2: Completion of the Associate of Arts in Social Science pattern of study or other associate degree and required lower-division social science courses. See the Associate of Arts in Social Science pattern of study on page 223 for the catalog description.