

# SOCIAL SCIENCES, INTERDISCIPLINARY

Degree: Bachelor of Arts  
 Specializations: Children and Society, Diversity Studies, Nature and Society  
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 College: Arts and Sciences  
 Semester Hours Required for Degree: 120

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The Interdisciplinary Social Sciences program, leading to the B.A. degree, is for students wishing to pursue careers in field that focus on solutions to some of society's most pressing problems. Specializations available are Children and Society, Diversity Studies, and Nature and Society. Courses in these specializations draw from multiple disciplines. Each specialization features a capstone experience in the senior year, allowing students to reflect on the importance of an interdisciplinary perspective.

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## PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS

In addition to general University requirements, students seeking the B.A. in Interdisciplinary Social Sciences must meet the requirements listed below.

Consult with your academic advisor for courses which may satisfy both the General Studies requirement and common prerequisites.

### General Studies (36 sh)

For additional information see the General Studies section of this *Catalog*.

### Common Prerequisites (6 sh)

State mandated common prerequisites must be completed prior to graduation, but are not required for admission to the program.

Two introductory courses in social science. Recommend 1000/2000 level courses required in specializations.

### Lower Division Electives (18-24 sh)

Sufficient 1000/2000 level electives to complete at least 60 semester hours in the lower division. Current UWF students may use elective courses at any level (1000-4999) to meet this elective requirement.

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## CHILDREN AND SOCIETY SPECIALIZATION

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The Interdisciplinary Children and Society program is for students desiring a focused yet broad exposure to the

complex and interconnected issues surrounding today's youth and their families. This program allows students to explore a variety of topics related to the educational and social development of children. Students also have the opportunity to discover the range of challenges and difficulties faced by children. Similarly, the program offers students a chance to identify early warning signs that children are "in trouble" and determine the best courses of action to help children to succeed in a complex world.

With careful selection of courses in consultation with an academic advisor, students in the Children and Society program may also complete the state-approved Professional Education minor.

### Major (27-37 sh)

*Students pursuing the Professional Education Minor as part of of this degree program must consult closely with their academic advisor to ensure all requirements are met with minimum hours.*

#### Core courses (21 sh)

CCJ 3024	American Criminal Justice System .....	3
CCJ 4501	Juvenile Justice.....	3
EDF 3234	Applied Foundations of Education .....	3
EDG 3323C	General Methods for Teaching K-12 Students .....	3
SOW 3650	Introduction to Child Welfare.....	3

*Choose one:*

SOW 4111	Adolescents at Risk .....	3
SOW 4242	Families and Family Treatment.....	3

*Choose one:*

DEP 3103	Child Development.....	3
DEP 4305	Psychology of Adolescents .....	3
EEC 3704	Right From the Start: Education of the Developing Young Child .....	3

#### Research/Internship/Capstone Experience (6-16 sh)

*Choose one:*

CCJ 4940	Criminal Justice Internship.....	3
PLA 4941	Legal Studies Internship .....	3
Student Teaching/Practicum/Teaching Internship* .....		3-12

*\* For students choosing the Professional Education minor, consult advisor to choose specific courses from ARE4940, EDE3942, EDG4940, EDM3942, ESE4940, HLP4940, MUE4940 or both EDG4941 and EDG4942. Advisor may approve other related courses.*

*Choose one:*

CCJ 4700	Research Design in Criminal Justice .....	3
SOW 4403	Social Work Research Foundations.....	3
Education Content Area* .....		3-4

*\* For students choosing the Professional Education minor, consult advisor to choose specific courses from Art (ARE4316C), Music (4 sh of MUE3210, MUE3311, MUE4330), Physical Education (4 sh of PET4442, PET4720, PET4730, PET4710), Language Arts (LAE 3324 or LAE 4335), Mathematics (MAE 4320 or MAE 4330), Science (SCE 4320 or SCE 4362), Social Science (SSE 4324 or SSE 4384), or other approved courses.*

### Major-Related (15-21 sh)

*Choose 11-21 sh from courses not taken as part of the core:*

CCJ 3014	Criminology .....	3
CCJ 4141	Restorative Justice.....	3
CJC 4167	Alternative Punishments .....	3
CJE 4110	Police in a Free Society .....	3
DEP 4305	Psychology of Adolescents .....	3
EEC 3731	Health/Nutrition/Safety .....	3
EEC 4408	Home/School/Community Partnerships.....	3

PLA 3020	Law and Society .....	3
PLA 3240	Alternative Dispute Resolution.....	3
PLA 3800	Family Law.....	3
SOW 3314	Case Management .....	3
SOW 4111	Adolescents at Risk .....	3
SOW 4242	Families and Family Treatment .....	3

May choose one of:

EAB 4704	Introduction to Behavior Modification.....	3
EEX 4660	Advanced Behavior Management for Students with Exceptionalities .....	3

May choose one of:

EDE 4302	Instruction, Management, and Assessment..	3
EDM 4310	Instruction, Management, and Assessment..	3
ESE 4322	Instruction, Management, and Assessment: Secondary Education.....	3

**Upper Division Electives (2-18 sh)**

The remainder of the program will be comprised of electives that students can select without limitation. However, students will be advised to select additional 3000/4000 level courses to total at least 48sh at the 3000/4000 level if necessary. If students do not require additional 3000/4000 level courses, they may take 1000/2000 level courses at UWF.

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**DIVERSITY STUDIES  
SPECIALIZATION**

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In the Diversity Studies interdisciplinary specialization, students acquire a fundamental understanding of the theories of diversity, in-depth knowledge of the history and social issues of diverse groups, and the knowledge and tools to analyze diverse cultures. Diversity Studies also provides students with an intellectual framework in which the analysis of diversity can be creatively and critically applied to their personal, familial, professional, and civic roles. This specialization, which also requires the completion of a related approved minor, combines academics and social services, preparing individuals to work in non-profit organizations, businesses, community agencies, human resources, institutional planning, public administration, educational development, or communication. It also prepares students to become effective leaders in promoting institutions, relationships, politics, and services that value diversity and work toward eliminating racial, ethnic, national, and other stereotypes.

**Major (12 sh)**

ANT 3212	Peoples and Cultures of the World.....	3
HIS 3313	Issues in Gender & Diversity .....	3
HUM 4911	Interdisciplinary Humanities Capstone .	3
SYD 3810	Introduction to Women's Studies .....	3

**Major-Related (30-36 sh)**

Choose six: (18 hours):

AMH 4570	Afro-American Experience .....	3
AMH 4575	Civil Rights.....	3
AML 3604	African American Literature .....	3
ANT 3277	Conflict Resolution in Cross-Cultural Perspective .....	3
ANT 3312	North American Indians .....	3
ANT 3352	African Cultures .....	3
ANT 3363	Japanese Culture.....	3
ANT 4307	Cultures of Latin America .....	3
ANT 4321	Cultures of Mexico .....	3
ANT 4451	Race, Ethnicity, and Culture .....	3
ARH 4590	Perspectives in Ancient and Non-Western Art .....	3

CCJ 3678	Race, Gender, Ethnicity, and Crime.....	3
CPO 3513	Politics of the Far East - Japan and China.....	3
CPO 4531	Politics and Culture of India .....	3
GEA 4405	Geography of Latin America .....	3
GEA 4635	Geography of the Middle East.....	3
GEB 2411	Diversity in the Workplace.....	3
GEO 3421	Cultural Geography .....	3
INP 4224	Psychology of Workforce Diversity.....	3
INR 3006	Conflict, Violence and Peace .....	3
ISC 5517/L	Buddhist Psychology/Lab.....	3
LAH 3200	Latin America since Independence .....	3
LAH 4470	Cuba and Central America .....	3
MAN 4102	Management of Diversity .....	3
MMC 3601	Minorities and the Mass Media .....	3
MMC 4300	Global Communication.....	3
PLA 3020	Law and Society .....	3
REL 3310	Philosophies of the East.....	3
REL 3607	The Jewish Tradition .....	3
SYG 3233	Introduction to Africana Studies .....	3
SYO 4530	Inequality in America.....	3

Required Minor (12-18 hours)

Students must complete a minor or its 15 sh equivalent in a field related to the student's career objectives.

**Upper Division Electives (12-18 sh)**

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**NATURE AND SOCIETY  
SPECIALIZATION**

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The mission of the Nature and Society stream is to prepare students for employment and/or further graduate study in fields associated with the environment and the human relationship with it. To this end, the "stream" acquaints students with a range of relevant problems, theoretical frameworks, and philosophical perspectives drawn from the sciences and humanities. Study in this "stream" promotes novel, meaningful, interdisciplinary research and active involvement in environmental work. It produces graduates who bring environmental awareness to bear on active citizenship.

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Students should note that courses taken for emphasis blocks may not be used to complete the requirements for additional majors or minors.

**Major (22-23 sh)**

ANT 3403	Cultural Ecology .....	3
GEO 2330	Environmental Science .....	3
GEO 4333	Seminar in Environmental Issues.....	3
PHI 3640	Environmental Ethics .....	3

Choose one:

GEO 1200/L	Physical Geography/Lab .....	4
GLY 2010/L	Physical Geology/Lab .....	4

Choose one:

GEO 3372	Conservation of Natural Resources .....	3
GLY 3031C	Environmental Geology .....	4

Choose one:

EVR 4050	Environmental Field Research .....	3
EVR 4941	Practicum in Environmental Studies.....	3

### **Capstone Experience**

During the senior year each student will enroll in a practicum or field research. Under the instructor's guidance, the student will be assigned an internship with a government agency. A research topic based on the student's goals and the instructor's guidance will be assigned, and will culminate with a senior research paper presented to an interdisciplinary committee.

NOTE: Some of the courses listed above have prerequisites; be sure to consult individual course descriptions in the *Catalog* for more information.

### **Major-Related (30 sh)**

Choose four:

EVR 3894	Environmental Writing .....	3
EVR 4023	Coastal & Marine Environments .....	3
EVR 4035	Environmental Law .....	3
EVR 4037	Environmental Auditing.....	3
EVR 4412	Environmental Aspects of Urban Growth .....	3
EVR 4823	Environmental Impact Assessment .....	3
EVR 4870	Land-Use Management.....	3

Choose three:

PHI 3400	Philosophy of Science .....	3
PHI 3670	Ethics.....	3
PHM 3032	Environmental Humanities.....	3
REL 3310	Philosophies of the East .....	3
REL 4420	Contemporary Theology .....	3
REL 4441	Current Religious Issues .....	3
REL 4493	Science, Religion and Nature .....	3

Choose three:

AMH 4580	History of North American Indians.....	3
ANT 3212	People and Cultures of the World.....	3
ANT 3312	North American Indians .....	3
ANT 3620	Language and Culture .....	3
INR 3016	International Political Issues .....	3
INR 3073	Issues in International Politics .....	3
JOU 3314	Environmental Reporting .....	3
PUP 4004	Public Policy .....	3

### **Upper Division Electives (7-8 sh)**

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