

# SOCIAL SCIENCES

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## Introduction

Bureaucracy, technology, urbanization, and industrialization have radically transformed the way people live and what they believe. The disciplines of communication, economics, education, history, management, political science, psychology, and sociology provide the technique and knowledge to investigate the workings and development of modern society. A grasp of the complexity of human behavior and of the dynamics of societal change will enable students to come to terms with the bewildering prospects of living peacefully and comfortably in the modern world.

### Course Descriptions

**SOSC 18000: WKSP: 1 Hour(s)**

WORKSHOP ~

**SOSC 21000: RESEARCH METHODS IN SOC SCI:SM: 4 Hour(s)**

RESEARCH METHODS IN SOCIAL SCIENCES:SM ~ This course provides a broad introduction to the research methods, analysis techniques, and writing style used in the social sciences. Topics include the scientific method, ethical consideration, measurement approaches, reliability and validity, designing a research study, and basic descriptive and inferential statistics. Students will engage in hands-on experience in how social scientists conduct research, with an emphasis on methods, computational analyses, and the interpretation of data for a scientific and a lay audience. This course fulfills the Scientific Methods (SM) core requirement. Also listed as MGMT 21050.

Core: Experimental Scientific Method

**SOSC 28000: SEM:: 4 Hour(s)**

SEMINAR ~

**SOSC 28100: INDEPENDENT STUDY: 1-4 Hour(s)**

INDEPENDENT STUDY ~

**SOSC 38000: SEM:: 1-4 Hour(s)**

SEMINAR ~

**SOSC 38100: SPC TPC:: 1-4 Hour(s)**

SPECIAL TOPICS ~

**SOSC 48000: SENIOR SEMINAR: 1-4 Hour(s)**

SENIOR SEMINAR ~ Students in this course will examine and evaluate literature integrating their two disciplines of concentration within the Social Science major to address a research question. This project will culminate in a final written report and a public presentation.

Prerequisites: Senior standing and permission.

**SOSC 48100: INDEPENDENT RESEARCH: 1-4 Hour(s)**

INDEPENDENT RESEARCH ~

**SOSC 49800: INTERNSHIP: 4 Hour(s)**

INTERNSHIP ~

## Academic Offerings

- Social Sciences Major (<https://catalog.hiram.edu/undergraduate/academic-programs/social-sciences/social-sciences-major/>)