SOCIAL POLICY MAJOR

Students must also complete the Undergraduate Registration Requirement (https://catalogs.northwestern.edu/undergraduate/requirements-policies/undergraduate-registration-requirement/) and the degree requirements of their home school.

Concentration Program—16 units *

* 8 of the 16 units need to be at the 300-level

Course | Title
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SOC_POL 312-0 | Social Policymaking and Implementation
ECON 202-0 | Introduction to Microeconomics
POLI_SCI 220-0 | American Government and Politics

4 courses for the Policy Across Settings cluster from:

HDC 330-0 | Adolescent Stress: Sources and Solutions
SESP 204-0 | Designing for Social Change
SESP 310-0 | Causal Methods for Evaluating Policy
SESP 320-0 | Race and Education
SESP 322-0 | Crafting Child Policy
SESP 324-0 | Pedagogies for History and Injustice: Holocaust Education Design
SESP 325-0 | Race, Adolescence, and School Discipline
SESP 351-0 | Special Topics (Public Learning through the Arts: Magic, Monsters, and the Holocaust)
SOC_POL 313-0 | Race, Inequality, and the Political Analysis of Public Policy
SOC_POL 315-0 | Global Human Trafficking
SOC_POL 334-0 | Quantitative Tools for Policy Analysis
SOC_POL 335-0 | Women and American Political Leadership
SOC_POL 351-0 | Special Topics in Social Policy (Intersectionality, Measurement, and Public Leadership)
SOC_POL 351-0 | Special Topics in Social Policy (Social Opportunity and Education Policy)
SOC_POL 351-0 | Special Topics in Social Policy (Urban Education Policy and Practice)
SOC_POL 351-0 | Special Topics in Social Policy (Global Education)
SOC_POL 351-0 | Special Topics in Social Policy (Social Side of College: Understanding the Lived Experiences of Undergraduates)

1 course for the Economic Analysis of Policy cluster from:

SOC_POL 330-0/ ECON 333-0 | Economics of Social Policy
SOC_POL 331-0 | Economics of Inequality and Discrimination
SOC_POL 332-0 | Economics of Education Policy
SOC_POL 333-0 | Economics of Health, Human Capital, and Happiness

Concentration Extension Courses (8 units)

Must be selected from an approved list of courses in SOC POL, other SESP concentrations, and disciplines such as communication studies, economics, ethnic studies, political science, and sociology. Must include at least 3 courses at the 300 level. Up to 3 units of SESP 390-0 Research Apprenticeship or SESP 399-0 Independent Study and 3 units of SESP 398-0 Honors Thesis may be counted toward this requirement.

SESP Core (8 units)

Course | Title
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Seminar | Understanding Knowledge
Human Development | Human Development: Childhood and Adolescence
OR | Human Development: Adulthood and Aging
OR | The Art and Science of Aging
Methodologies | Introduction to Statistics and Research Methodology
Experiential Learning | Field Research Methods

SESP 392-0 | Experiential Learning: Practicum
SESP 389-0 | Practicum in Human Development - San Francisco

1 PSYCH 110-0 Introduction to Psychology is a prerequisite for PSYCH 244-0.

2 Practicum course must be in concentration field. This 4-unit course may be taken either for 1 quarter during junior year or for nine weeks during the Summer Session before or after junior year; no fifth unit may be taken concurrently without special permission. At least 2 quarters before registering for the course, students must consult the SESP practicum director regarding procedures and site-placement application materials. For Summer Session practicums, consultation should be scheduled at least 3 quarters in advance.

Overlay Requirements*

* Overlay requirements are fulfilled by courses taken for the concentration

Course | Title
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Global Engagement | 1 quarter of study abroad or 3 quarters of foreign language or equivalent.
Heterogeneities, Systems, and Inequalities | 1 course counted towards the concentration: HDC 305-0, LOC 214-0, LOC 214- BR, LOC 251-0 (Identities, Intersection, and Organizations), LRN_SCI 202-0, LRN_SCI 214-0, LRN_SCI 302-0, LRN_SCI 309-0, SESP 251-0 (Finding Your Path: Future Possibilities and Social Change) and (Community Research Methods: Educational Justice), SESP 317-0, SESP 320-0, SESP 323-0, SESP 324-0, SESP 325-0, SESP 351-0 (Computing, Ethics, and Society or Public Learning Through the Arts), SOC_POL 313-0, SOC_POL 315-0, SOC_POL 331-0, SOC_POL 333-0, SOC_POL 351-0 (Intersectional Identities and Public Policy or Urban Education Policy and Practice) TEACH_ED 302-0, TEACH_ED 341-0 (Cognition and Culture in Teaching and Learning)
Methods in Context | 1 course counted towards the concentration: HDC 330-0, HSC 351-0 (Mapping and Spatial Analysis for Social Issues), LOC 308-0, LOC 311-0, LRN_SCI 301-0, LRN_SCI 309-0, LRN_SCI 313-0, LRN_SCI 326, LRN_SCI 351-0 (Sports, Technology and Learning), LRN_SCI 372-0, SESP 204-0, SESP 251-0 (Demystifying Quantitative Data and Community Research Methods: Educational Justice), SESP 310-0, SESP 323-0, SESP 324-0, SESP 351-0 (Public Learning or The Life Story Interview), SOC_POL 330-0, SOC_POL 331-0, SOC_POL 332-0, SOC_POL 333-0, SOC_POL 334-0

1 SOC_POL 332-0 Economics of Education Policy cannot be double counted.
Distribution Requirements (10 units)

- 2 natural sciences courses
- 2 formal studies courses (mathematics, logic, etc.)
- 2 historical studies courses
- 2 ethics and values courses (philosophy, religion, etc.)
- 2 literature and fine arts courses

Selected courses from Weinberg College and professional schools across the University may be used to fulfill distribution requirements with the consent of the student's adviser and the SESP assistant dean for student affairs.

Electives (8 units)

Courses from any school across the University may be used to fulfill elective requirements. Students are encouraged to discuss their elective plans with their advisers; they may be able to pursue a second major or a minor using elective credits.