# Social Policy Major

Students must also complete the Undergraduate Registration Requirement ([https://catalogs.northwestern.edu/undergraduate/requirements-policies/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

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<td>SESP 202-0</td>
<td>Introduction to Community Development</td>
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<td>SOC_POL 304-0</td>
<td>Social Policy &amp; the Human Services</td>
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<td>Social Policymaking and Implementation</td>
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<tr>
<td>ECON 202-0</td>
<td>Introduction to Microeconomics</td>
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<td>POLI_SCI 220-0</td>
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1 course chosen from:

- SOC_POL 305-0  Law and Social Policy
- SOC_POL 307-0  Educational Policy
- SOC_POL 311-0  Social Policy and the United States Health Care System
- SOC_POL 332-0  Economics of Education Policy

1 course chosen from:

- SOC_POL 330-0  Economics of Social Policy
- SOC_POL 331-0  Economics of Inequality and Discrimination
- SOC_POL 332-0  Economics of Education Policy

### Concentration Courses (9 units)

Must be selected from an approved list of courses in SOC POL, other SESP concentrations, and disciplines such as African American studies, communication studies, economics, political science, and sociology. Must include at least 5 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.

1 SOC_POL 332-0 Economics of Education Policy cannot be double counted.

## SESP Core (8 units)

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<td>SESP 201-0</td>
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1 inequality and diversity issues course, chosen from:

- LRN_SCI 202-0  Culture, Language, & Identity
- LOC 214-0     Culture and Cognition
- SESP 317-0    Gender and the Life Course
- SESP 320-0    Race and Education
- TEACH_ED 302-0 Social Contexts of Education

or an approved equivalent

### Research methods—2 units

- SESP 210-0 Introduction to Statistics and Research Methodology
- SESP 372-0 Methods of Observing Human Behavior

### Practicum—4 units

- SESP 382-0 Practicum in Human Development; Learning Sciences
- SESP 383-0 Practicum in Human Development - Washington, D.C.
- SESP 386-0 Practicum: Human Development & Psychological Svcs.
- SESP 387-0 Practicum: Learning & Organizational Change

1 Practicum course must be in concentration field.

This 4-unit course may be taken either for 1 quarter during the junior year or for nine weeks during the Summer Session before or after the 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.

## 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.