# 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 351-0: Special Topics in Human Development in Context (Adolescent Stress)
- SESP 310-0: Methods for Causal Inference
- SESP 320-0: Race and Education
- SESP 322-0: Crafting Child Policy
- SESP 325-0: Race, Adolescence, and School Discipline
- SOC_POL 304-0: Social Policy & the Human Services
- SOC_POL 305-0: Law and Social Policy
- SOC_POL 310-0: Legal Aspects of Education
- SOC_POL 313-0: Race, Inequality, and the Political Analysis of Public Policy
- SOC_POL 351-0: Special Topics in Social Policy (Intersectionality, Measurement, and Public Policy)
- SOC_POL 351-0: Special Topics in Social Policy (Quantitative Tools)
- SOC_POL 351-0: Special Topics in Social Policy (Women in American Political 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)

1 course for the Economics cluster 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
- 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.

### Experiential Learning—4 units

1 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

### 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

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### SESP Core (8 units)

#### Course | Title
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SESP 200-0 | Understanding Knowledge
SESP 201-0 | Human Development: Childhood and Adolescence

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### Field Research Methods

SESP 201-0: Human Development: Adulthood and Aging
SESP 272-0: Field Research Methods

### Introduction to Statistics and Research Methodology

SESP 210-0

### Experiential Learning: Practicum

SESP 272-0: Field Research Methods

### Practicum in Human Development - Washington, D.C.

SESP 272-0

### Practicum in Human Development - San Francisco

SESP 272-0

### Experiential Learning: Practicum

SESP 272-0

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

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### Understanding Knowledge

SESP 200-0

### Human Development: Childhood and Adolescence

SESP 201-0

### Panel Discussion on Social Policy

SESP 202-0

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plans with their advisers; they may be able to pursue a second major or a minor using elective credits.