Social Science

New Major Information Session

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Overview

1. Social Science
2. Major Requirements
3. Minor Requirements
Social Science

- Anthropology
- Economics
- Political Science
- Psychology
- Sociology
Major Requirements
10 Courses

- 2 Foundational
- 2 Methods
- 2 Core
- 3 Focus
- Capstone
2 Foundational Courses (100-200 level)

These courses provide an introduction to the foundational knowledge and building blocks of analytic methods in a range of social sciences. Typical coursework: A mix of lectures, discussion, assignments, shorter essays, quizzes, and/or exams.

*Microeconomics (ECON-SHU 150)*
*Introduction to Macroeconomics (ECON-SHU 1)*
*Economics of Global Business (ECON-SHU 251)*
*Introduction to Comparative Politics (SOCS-SHU 150)*
*Introduction to International Relations (SOCS-SHU 160)*
*Introduction to Psychology (PSYC-SHU 101)*
2 Methods

2 Methods Courses (100-300 level)
These courses equip students with tools to both critically consume and create advanced social scientific research.

Causal Inference in the Social Sciences (ECON-SHU 213)
Statistics for the Social and Behavioral Sciences (MATH-SHU 20, formerly 130)
Econometrics (ECON-SHU 301)
Methods of Social Research (SOCS-SHU 141)
Mathematical Choice Theory (MATH-SHU 245)
Mathematics for Economists (ECON-SHU 201)
2 Core Courses (200-400 level) (prereq: GPS I)

The core courses are multidisciplinary courses that will create unexpected connections between the social science disciplines. The courses will give students an understanding of the history and philosophy of social science as well as its current challenges. They may also take advantage of our unique location in China. Students must take one course from each of the two core categories.

- **Classic Problems in Social Science**
  
  *Introduction to Social-Scientific Thinking*

- **New Challenges in Social Science**
  
  *Complexity* (SOCS-SHU 301)
  
  *Researching Chinese Politics and Society* (GCHN-SHU 270)

*Complexity is a Technology Enhanced Education (TEE) Distributed Course, which means NYU Shanghai students may enroll in it from anywhere in the GNU.*
3 Focus
Two Options

1. Social Science Discipline
2. Self-Designed Track
3 Focus Courses (200-400 levels) – two must be 300 level or higher
These courses give students an in-depth look at one specific topic or one field. In consultation with their advisor, students may focus on one topic from the perspective of multiple fields, or they may focus on a particular social science discipline.

*Intermediate Microeconomics (ECON-SHU 10)*
*Intermediate Macroeconomics (ECON-SHU 202)*
*History of Economic Thought (ECON-SHU 203)*
*Ethics and Economics (ECON-SHU 204)*
*Poverty and Income Distribution (ECON-SHU 205)*
*Economics of Energy and the Environment (ECON-SHU 206)*
*Urban Economics (ECON-SHU 207)*
*Financial Crises (ECON-SHU 209)*
*Contemporary Chinese Economic Issues (ECON-SHU 212)*
*Economic Development (ECON-SHU 255)*
*Public Economics (ECON-SHU 353)*
3 Focus

Modern Chinese Governance (GCHN-SHU 240)
Chinese Revolutions (GCHN-SHU 241)
Chinese Environmental Studies (GCHN-SHU 243)
20th-Century East Asia-US Relations (GCHN-252)

Media and Participation (INTM-SHU 225)
Global Media - China (INTM-SHU 280)

Poverty and Inequality Around the Globe (SOCS-SHU 226)
Capitalism, Socialism, Communism: Theory and Practice (SOCS-SHU 229)
Law, Culture, and Politics in China (SOCS-SHU 251)
Chinese Environmental Government (SOCS-SHU 450)
1 Capstone Course (400 level)
Students will participate in an advanced seminar course during one semester of their senior year. During this course they will conduct an independent research project using the methods, theories, and data with which they have become familiar over the course of completing this major. The capstone project must be completed in Shanghai.
Adjustments for Current Students

- Statistics course may be replaced by other statistics courses!
- Core courses: No need to fill the 2 categories, just take 4 from those listed in addendum
- All categories: You may apply for consideration of GNU courses
Minor Requirements

- Four classes!