The social science major is a self-designed degree program that integrates course work in three of seven disciplines: anthropology, criminal justice, economics, history, political science, psychology and sociology. The program prepares students for positions in human service organizations as well as for graduate work in social science disciplines, law or business.

Social science majors at Pitt-Bradford design their own program based upon personal interests and career goals. The flexibility of the program is especially attractive to working adults because it allows students the opportunity to successfully balance work and academics. Students have the opportunity to receive hands-on experience by taking part in an internship and/or directed research project.

**Required Skills:**
- Research
- Communication (Oral and Written)
- Critical Thinking
- Flexibility
- Interact Well with Diverse Groups
- Analytical
- Problem Solving

**Possible Employers:**
- Business & Industry
- Non-Profit Organization
- School System
- Social Service Agencies
- College/University
- State and Federal Government
- Museum

**Employment Opportunities:**
- Psychologist
- Marriage/Family Counselor
- Addictions Counselor
- Adoption Worker
- Therapist
- Social Service Agency Planner
- Human Resource Director
- Sociologist
- Teacher
- Social Worker
- Market Researcher
- Case Manager
- Social Science Analyst
- Parole Officer
- Lobbyist
- Politician
- Law Office Assistant
- Forensic Scientist
- Community Planner
- Archaeologist
- Cultural Anthropologist
- Historian
- Travel Agent
- Paleontologist
- Ethnologist
- Museum

**PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS:**
- Consortium of Social Science Associations
- National Association of Social Workers
- National Council for the Social Studies
- Society for Human Resource Management

**FIND OUT MORE ABOUT CAREERS IN SOCIAL SCIENCES AT:**
- The Riley Guide
- HNet
- Occupational Outlook Handbook
- Career Services

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GENERAL EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS

COMPETENCIES
(Minimum grade of C- required in all competencies)
☐ FS 0102 Freshman Seminar
   (if transferring in fewer than 18 credits)

Writing
☐ ENG 0101 English Composition I
☐ ENG 0102 English Composition II

Mathematics
☐ MATH 0098 College Algebra II or Higher

THE HUMAN EXPERIENCE
☐ Students new to Pitt-Bradford beginning fall 2013 are
   required to complete two courses designated as “Global”
   This replaces the previous Non-Western requirement

ARTS & LETTERS
(ONE course MUST be literature;
ONE course MUST be a creative, fine or performing Arts course)
☐ Literature
☐ Arts
☐ Literature, Arts, Language

BEHAVIORAL, ECONOMIC, & POLITICAL SCIENCES
(Two different categories must be represented)
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☐

HISTORY, CULTURES, & PHILOSOPHICAL INQUIRY
(ONE course MUST be History, and ONE course must be Cultures
or Philosophical Inquiry)
☐ HIST
☐

PHYSICAL, LIFE, & COMPUTATIONAL SCIENCES
(ONE course must be a Physical Science, ONE must be a Life
Science and ONE must include a lab)
☐ Physical Science
☐ Life Science
☐ Physical, Life, or Computational Science
☐ Lab

PHYSICAL EDUCATION
☐ PEDC

REQUIRED MAJOR COURSES

The social sciences major consists of 15 courses (45 credits),
14 of which are distributed in three of seven areas of
concentration: anthropology, economics, history, political
science, psychology, criminal justice and sociology.

Five courses (15 credits) must be at the 1300 level or above.

AREA I (six courses, 18 credits)
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Area II (four courses, 12 credits)
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Area III (four courses, 12 credits)
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☐ ANTH 1451, ECON 1451, HIST 1451, PS 1451, or
   SOC 1451 Capstone

According to your Degree Progress Report in MY.PITT.EDU
upon successful completion of the current term:

You will have EARNED ________ credit hours

You NEED ________ for 120 credit hours required for graduation.

You will have earned ________ credit hours of Upper Level course work.

You NEED ________ for the 30 credit hours required for graduation.

NOTE: This guide is unofficial. Completing the requirements on this sheet
does NOT guarantee degree completion. Official degree completion
information can be found in MY.PITT.EDU. Contact your Faculty
Advisor and/or the Registrar’s Office with questions or concerns.