

SOCIAL SCIENCES PRE-MAJOR

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The following guide to course selection is intended for students who are considering pursuing an Associate in Arts degree and as a way for students to deepen their knowledge of social sciences, as well as their overall understanding of individuals, societies and cultures. The following list of courses will allow students to complete their general education requirements, as well as begin to pursue their interests in the social sciences.

This Pre-major is also designed for students who have not decided upon a specific four-year college or university. Once a transfer school is selected, students are strongly encouraged to consult the Office of Advising, Transitions, and Student Success and the transfer institution's catalog to select courses that will meet both Oakton and transfer institution requirements.

While completing the pre-major, students can also complete the requirements for one or more of Oakton's concentrations. When registering for courses, students are advised to select Women, Gender and Sexuality Studies (WGSS), Global Studies (GS), Peace and Social Justice Studies (PSJ) and Environmental Studies (ESC) designated course sections. Students meeting the Concentration requirements will have a notation added to their transcript. The completion of one of the concentrations appears on your transcript similar to a "minor" at a four-year institution.

Courses that fulfill the concentration requirements are marked with the respective concentration abbreviations (above). Additionally, some course sections are designated to a specific concentration on a semester-by-semester basis. Students interested in completing a concentration should check the course schedule.

For more information on course selection or program-specific advising, contact the department co-chair. Part time students should also consult the Office of Advising, Transitions, and Student Success for part-time pre-major recommendations. **General Education courses should be selected from the list of IAI General Education Courses.**

First Year		Hours
Semester One		
EGL 101	Composition I	3
SSC 101	The Individual in Modern Society	3
Select one of the following:		4
MAT 125	General Education Mathematics	
MAT 131	Elementary Statistics	
Select one of the following:		3-4
HUM 122	Contemporary Culture and the Arts	
HUM 127	Introduction to Philosophy	
HUM 140	Introduction to Women's and Gender Studies (WGSS) ¹	
HUM 142	Women and Creativity ¹	
PHL 105	Logic	
PHL 106	Ethics (PSJ)	
PHL 204	Environmental Ethics (ESC) ²	
Modern Language course (202 ² or higher) ³		
or other Humanities course		

Select one of the following:		3
ART 112	Art History: Renaissance to Modern	
ART 113	Art History: Modern Art (Twentieth Century)	
ART 114	Art History: Art of the Non-Western World ²	
MUS 236	Music Literature and History	
or other Fine Arts course		
Hours		16-17
Semester Two		
EGL 102	Composition II	3
SPE 103	Effective Speech	3
SSC 105	Introduction to Ethnic Studies ¹	3
Select one Science course with lab:		4
One science course must be from the Life Sciences (LS) and one science course must be from the Physical Sciences (PS)		
BIO 101	Introduction to Life Science (LS)	
BIO 106	Introduction to Environmental Science (LS/ESC) ²	
BIO 121	General College Biology I (LS)	
EAS 100	Introduction to Earth Science (PS)	
EAS 101	Physical Geology (PS)	
EAS 102	Historical Geology (PS)	
Hours		13
Second Year		
Semester One		
SSC 201	Introduction to Global Studies (GS, PSJ) ²	3
Select one Science course without lab:		3
One science course must be from the Life Sciences (LS) and one science course must be from the Physical Sciences (PS)		
BIO 104	Human Genetics (LS)	
BIO 109	Plants and Society (LS) ²	
EAS 105	Introduction to Weather and Climate (PS)	
EAS 205	Environmental Geology (PS)	
Select one of the following:		3
ANT 102	Introduction to Social and Cultural Anthropology ⁴	
ANT 104	Introduction to Physical Anthropology	
ECO 201	Principles of Macroeconomics	
ECO 202	Principles of Microeconomics	
HIS 112	United States History from 1877	
HIS 140	History of Contemporary Non-Western Civilizations ²	
PSC 101	American Government	
or other Social and Behavioral Science course		
Select one of the following:		3
PSY 202	Social Psychology ¹	
SOC 101	Introduction to Sociology ¹	
SOC 103	Social Problems ⁴	
SOC 104	Sociology of Marriage and Family ¹	
SOC 230	Sociology of Sex and Gender ¹	
SOC 232	Sociology of Race and Ethnicity ¹	
or other Social and Behavioral Science course		
Select one of the following:		3
EGL 113	Introduction to Drama	
EGL 115	Introduction to Fiction	
EGL 129	Introduction to Literature	
EGL 131	Multicultural Literature in the U.S. ¹	
EGL 132	LGBTQ+ Literature ¹	
EGL 133	Women and Literature ¹	
EGL 134	Introduction to African-American Literature ¹	
EGL 222	American Literature II (from The Civil War To The Present) ¹	
or other Humanities or Fine Arts course		
Hours		15
Semester Two		
Select one of the following:		3
SSC 205	Latin American Civilization and Culture ²	

SSC 206	Contemporary China And Japan	
PHL 204	Environmental Ethics (ESC) ²	
Now that you have completed the required general education courses as well as the Social Science courses to prepare you for a future major in Social Sciences, you choose electives in order to reach 60 total credits. We recommend you choose one to three courses from Social and Behavioral Sciences and/or one to three courses from Humanities/Fine Arts from those listed in the previous semesters that you have not yet taken or from other IAI General Education courses.		13
Hours		16
Total Hours		60-61

¹ Course fulfills the U.S. Diversity Studies requirement. At least one U.S. Diversity Studies course is required for degree completion.

² Course fulfills the Global Studies requirement. At least one Global Studies course is required for degree completion.

³ Any Modern Language Intermediate II course can meet the Humanities and Global Studies requirements. Transfer institutions may have a language requirement.

⁴ Course fulfills both the Global Studies and U.S. Diversity Studies requirements.

Note: Pre-major is a recommended sequence and selection of courses. For degree requirements see Associate in Arts (A.A.) page.