• B.A. - INTERDISCIPLINARY SOCIAL SCIENCES (ISS) (CIP = 45.0101)

TOTAL DEGREE HOURS: 120

http://iss.usf.edu/major_requirements/

The ISS program is designed to provide an interdisciplinary integration of the social sciences for students who are interested in a broad educational experience. ISS offers a wide choice of courses, and an opportunity to design a quality program geared toward individual needs and interests.

STATE MANDATED COMMON COURSE PREREQUISITES

Students wishing to transfer to USF should complete an A.A. degree at a Florida College System institution. Some courses required for the major may also meet General Education requirements thereby transferring maximum hours to the university.

If a student wishes to transfer without an A.A. degree and has fewer than 60 semester hours of acceptable credit, the student must meet the university's entering freshman requirements including ACT or SAT test scores, GPA, and course requirements.

Transfer students are also required to comply with the immunization, foreign language, and continuous enrollment policies of the university.

Students should complete the following prerequisite courses at the lower level prior to entering the university. If these courses are not taken at a Florida college System institution, they must be completed before the degree is granted.

• XXX XXXX (6 credit hours) Two introductory courses in a Social Sciences discipline.

REQUIREMENTS FOR THE MAJOR IN INTERDISCIPLINARY SOCIAL SCIENCES

TOTAL MAJOR HOURS: 30-3342

Major requirements for the B.A. Degree:

Students in the ISS majors complete a total of 42 credit hours of major coursework in three categories:

Major Core Requirements (9 credit hours)

Diversity and Global Context Courses (4-9 credit hours)

Two Concentrations Areas (24-29 credit hours)

Note: A minimum of 30 of the 42 hours must be at the 3000 level or above.

Major Core (18-9 hours)

Required core courses for the major are:

• ISS 3010 Introduction to the Social Sciences
• ISS 4935 Seminar in the Social Sciences
• STA 2122 Social Sciences Statistics

One course in each of the following areas:

• African American Studies
• International Studies
• Women’s Studies

Note: A minimum grade of C- or higher is required in each of the major core courses.

Two of these courses, ISS 3010 Introduction to the Social Sciences and ISS 4935 Seminar in the Social Sciences, introduce and employ the interdisciplinary social science perspective. These courses involve students in the study of human life and experience; the various concepts, theories and methods used in the social sciences; and the application of these concepts and methods to contemporary issues and questions of contemporary local and global significance. STA 2122 Social Science Statistics is the third core course required for majors in Interdisciplinary Social Sciences and teaches students to use quantitative reasoning to address social science issues of local and global concern.

Diversity and Global Context Courses (4-9 credit hours):

The remainder of the 42 hours of major coursework will be selected from courses in the following categories:

• Africana Studies
• Disability Studies

SYO 4430 Disability and Society (PR: SYG 2000), ASL 3514 Deaf Culture, or Special Topics courses in other departments such as Women’s and Gender Studies or Communication, approved by an advisor.
• International Studies
• Women’s and Gender Studies
• Upper-Level Courses (3000-4000) with an ISS prefix

NOTE: If one or more of the student’s areas of concentration require(s) more than 12 hours of coursework, fewer than 9 hours of coursework will be required in the Diversity and Global Context category.

Concentrations (12-15 hours in each of two areas of Concentration)

ISS students choose two concentration areas and complete at least twelve credit hours in each Concentration. Concentrations must be selected from the areas of study listed below:

- Africana Studies
- Aging Sciences
- American Studies
- Anthropology
- Communication Sciences and Disorders
- Criminology
- Deaf Studies
- Economics
- Environmental Science and Policy
- Geography
- History
- Humanities and Cultural Studies
- Information Studies
- International Studies
- Interpreter Training
- Language, Speech, and Hearing
- Latin American, Caribbean, and Latino Studies
- Mass Communications
- Multidisciplinary Behavioral Sciences
- Political Science
- Psychology
- Public Administration
- Public Health
- Religious Studies
- Sociology
- Women’s and Gender Studies.

GPA Requirements

Students must maintain a minimum grade point average of 2.0 in ISS to graduate.

Grading Requirement

No more than two grades of "D" are acceptable in the ISS major.

No transfer courses with grades of "D" are acceptable for credit in the ISS major.

A minimum grade of C- or higher is required in each of the major core courses.

Other Requirements

ISS majors must satisfy two semesters of a foreign language in order to graduate. American Sign Language (ASL) satisfies the Foreign Language EXIT requirement.

Research Opportunities

All ISS majors participate in a Senior Research Project as part of the requirements for ISS 4935 Seminar in the Social Sciences. Other research opportunities may be provided in courses related to the student’s areas of concentration or courses selected in the Diversity and Global Context category. ISS advisors can assist students in selecting courses that provide these research opportunities.

All undergraduate students in any degree program can participate in undergraduate research. There are a number of options to receive academic credit for a mentored research experience and to have the experience show on the official transcript. Students who wish to enroll in an undergraduate research course should consult with their academic advisor to understand how the credit will apply towards the degree requirements. If no credit is needed, students may be eligible to enroll in the 0-credit IDS 2912, IDS 4914 or IDH 4910 courses. These courses will not impact degree credits or GPA but will show on an official transcript and document the experience. The Office for Undergraduate Research will assist students in understanding the various course options.

Advising Information

Upon declaration of the major, students should meet with an advisor to declare concentrations, particularly before too many courses are completed in the College of Arts and Sciences. No student should assume that courses already completed will automatically count toward the ISS degree.

INTERDISCIPLINARY SOCIAL SCIENCES CONCENTRATIONS

AMERICAN STUDIES (AMS)

http://iss.usf.edu/concentrations/

REQUIREMENTS FOR THE CONCENTRATION IN AMERICAN STUDIES

TOTAL CONCENTRATION HOURS: 12

Concentration Core (12 hours)

- AMS 2030 Introduction to American Studies or AMS 2270 Twentieth-Century American Culture
- AMS 22702312 Twentieth/Nineteenth-Century American Culture
- 60 credit hours of AMS Upper-Level Major Electives
ANTHROPOLOGY (ANT)

REQUIREMENTS FOR THE CONCENTRATION IN ANTHROPOLOGY
TOTAL CONCENTRATION HOURS: 12

Concentration Core (12 hours)
- One of the Following:
  - ANT 2000 Introduction to Anthropology
  - ANT 2410 Cultural Anthropology
  - ANT 2511 Biological Anthropology (CR: ANT 2511L)
  - ANT 33013101 Archaeology
  - ANT 3610 Linguistic Anthropology
- 9 credit hours of ANT Upper-Level Electives

ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCE AND POLICY (ESP)

REQUIREMENTS FOR THE CONCENTRATION IN ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCE AND POLICY
TOTAL CONCENTRATION HOURS: 13

Concentration Core (13 hours)
- EVR 2001 Introduction to Environmental Science
- EVR 2001L Environmental Science Lab
- EVR 2861 Introduction to Environmental Policy
- PHI 3640 Environmental Ethics
- GEO 4372 Global Conservation
- POS 3697 Environmental Law
- EVR 4033 Environmental Regulation

AGING SCIENCES GERONTOLOGY (XXX)

REQUIREMENTS FOR THE CONCENTRATION IN AGING SCIENCES GERONTOLOGY
TOTAL CONCENTRATION HOURS: 12

Concentration Core (12 hours)
- GEY 2000 Introduction to Aging Sciences
- 9 credit hours of GEY Upper-Level Electives

HUMANITIES AND CULTURAL STUDIES (HCS)

REQUIREMENTS FOR THE CONCENTRATION IN HUMANITIES AND CULTURAL STUDIES
TOTAL CONCENTRATION HOURS: 12

Concentration Core (12 hours)
- HUM 2210 Studies in Culture: The Classical through Medieval Periods OR HUM 2230 European Humanities: Renaissance 20th Century
- HUM 4331 Humanities Pro-Seminar
- 3 hours Lower-Level Major Electives or Approved Equivalents 2000
- 9 credit hours of HUM Upper-Level Major Electives

INFORMATION STUDIES (IFS)

http://iss.usf.edu/concentrations/
REQUIREMENTS FOR THE CONCENTRATION IN INFORMATION STUDIES

TOTAL CONCENTRATION HOURS: 12

Concentration Core (12 hours)
• LIS 2937 Selected Topics in Library/Information Science or Approved Lower-Level LIS Elective 2000
• LIS 3361 World Wide Web Page Design and Management
• 6 credit additional hours of LIS Upper-Level LIS Electives

Latin American, Caribbean, and Latino Studies (LAS)

http://iss.usf.edu/concentrations/

REQUIREMENTS FOR THE CONCENTRATION IN LATIN AMERICAN, CARIBBEAN, AND LATINO STUDIES

TOTAL CONCENTRATION HOURS: 12

Concentration Core (12 hours)
• 12 hours Upper-Level Major Electives 3000-4000
• 12 credit hours of Upper-Level Coursework relating to Latin America, the Caribbean, or the Latino/a diaspora selected from at least four of the following areas:
  1. Anthropology/Sociology/Philosophy
  2. Political Science/International Studies
  3. Geography/History
  4. Education/Social Work
  5. Global Studies/Public Health

Note: Coursework must be approved by an advisor and at least fifty percent of the graded assignments in the selected course must be related to Latin America, the Caribbean, or the Latino/a diaspora.

Religious Studies (REL)

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REQUIREMENTS FOR THE CONCENTRATION IN RELIGIOUS STUDIES

TOTAL CONCENTRATION HOURS: 12

Concentration Core (12 hours)
• REL 2300 Introduction to World Religions
• REL 3040 Introduction to Religious Studies
• 60 credit hours Upper-Level REL Electives, of which 6 credit hours must be Upper-Level

Language, Speech, and Hearing (SAH)
Communication Sciences and Disorders (XXX)

http://iss.usf.edu/concentrations/

REQUIREMENTS FOR THE CONCENTRATION IN COMMUNICATION SCIENCES AND DISORDERS

TOTAL CONCENTRATION HOURS: 12

Concentration Core (12 hours)
Students should choose four (4) courses from the following list of courses:
• SPA 3002 Introduction to Disorders of Speech and Language
  Communication Sciences and Disorders
• SPA 3004 Introduction to Language Development and Disorders
• SPA 3112 Applied Phonetics in Communication Disorders (CR: SPA 3112L)
• SPA 3030 Introduction to Hearing Science
• SPA 3011 Introduction to Speech Science (PR: SPA 3030, SPA 3112)
• SPA 3101 Anatomy and Physiology of the Speech and Hearing Mechanism
• SPA 3310 Introduction to Disorders of Hearing (PR: SPA 3030)
• SPA 3470 Culture and Diversity in CSD
• SPA 493001 Selected Topics in Research, Clinical and Professional Issues in CSD

SOCIOLGY (SOC)
http://iss.usf.edu/concentrations/
REQUIREMENTS FOR THE CONCENTRATION IN SOCIOLGY
TOTAL CONCENTRATION HOURS: 12

Concentration Core (12 hours)
• SYG 2000 Introduction to Sociology or Upper-Level Elective in Sociology 3000-4000
• SYA 3110 Classical Theory or SYA 3310 Qualitative Inquiry
• 3 credit hours of Sociology Upper-Level coursework

Students choosing this concentration may take SYA 4935 Senior Seminar in place of ISS 4935 Seminar in the Social Sciences

Concentration Core (12 hours)
• SYG 2000 Introduction to Sociology
• SYA 3110 Classical Theory
• SYA 3300 Research Methods or SYA 3310 Qualitative Inquiry
• 3 hours Upper-Level Major Electives 3000-4000

May take SYA 4935 Senior Seminar in place of ISS 4935 Seminar in the Social Sciences

COMMUNICATION (SPE)
http://iss.usf.edu/concentrations/
REQUIREMENTS FOR THE CONCENTRATION IN COMMUNICATION
TOTAL CONCENTRATION HOURS: 12

Concentration Core (12 hours)
• COM 2000 Introduction to Communication
• SPC 3544 Persuasion and Media or SPC 3301 Interpersonal Communication or ORI 3004 Communication as Performance or SPC 3710 Communication and Cultural Diversity
• 26 credit hours of COM, SPC or ORI Upper-Level Electives

DEAF STUDIES/INTERPRETER TRAINING (XXXTIS)
http://iss.usf.edu/concentrations/
REQUIREMENTS FOR THE CONCENTRATION IN DEAF STUDIES/INTERPRETER TRAINING
TOTAL CONCENTRATION HOURS: 42-14

Concentration Core (42-14 hours)
• INT 3004 Fundamentals of Interpreting
• INT 4250 Simultaneous Interpreting Monologic
• INT 4251 Simultaneous Interpreting Dialogues
• INT 4190 Senior Seminar in Interpreter Training
• ASL 2140C Basic American Sign Language
• ASL 2150C Intermediate American Sign Language
• ASL 3514 Deaf Culture
• SYO 4430 Disability and Society (PR: SYG 2000)
• or Upper-Level a 3000-or 4000-level ASL or INT coursework 3000-4000

**CANNOT COUNT GEY 4641 OR GEY 3625 FOR THIS COGNATE**
WOMEN’S AND GENDER STUDIES (WGS)
http://iss.usf.edu/concentrations/

REQUIREMENTS FOR THE CONCENTRATION IN WOMEN’S AND GENDER STUDIES
TOTAL CONCENTRATION HOURS: 12

Concentration Core (12 hours)
Students must select one from:
• WST 3311 Issues in Feminism or WST 3015 Introduction to Women’s Studies
• 9 credit hours of upper-level coursework offered by the Department of Women’s and Gender Studies

Concentration Core (12 hours)
Students must select one from:
• WST 3311 Issues in Feminism
• WST 4310 History of Feminism in the U.S.
• WST 3210 European Feminist History: Pre-18th Century
• WST 3220 European Feminist History: Enlightenment to the Present
• WST 4930 Selected Topics

And then complete:
• 9 hours Upper-level WST Electives 3000-4000

Note: The Public Health concentration requires 15 hours of coursework. Students who pursue a concentration in Public Health will be expected to take one less course in the areas of African American Studies, International Studies or Women’s Studies.

The completion of 42 approved hours of coursework from the College of Arts and Sciences (CAS) is required, with a minimum of 30 hours at the 3000 or above level.