Social and Behavioral Sciences
Bachelor of Arts in Social and Behavioral Sciences

Why Should I Major in Social and Behavioral Sciences at Seton Hall?

The social and behavioral sciences major at Seton Hall University encompass those disciplines related to the study of humanity in all its diversity. The program is distinguished by its emphasis on understanding behavior as a product of the interaction of individuals and their society and culture. This integrated perspective prepares students for careers in many professional and applied areas. Ongoing academic advising from the program's director ensures that students receive the guidance needed to tailor the program to their interests and goals.

For students interested in occupational therapy or athletic training, there are two accelerated dual-degree programs that are also connected with the Bachelor of Arts in Social and Behavioral Science. These unique programs allow students to earn a B.A. from the College of Arts and Sciences and a Master in Science in Athletic Training or Occupational Therapy from the School of Graduate Medical Education in five or six years. Students receive a broad-based undergraduate education that stresses critical thinking as applied to human behavior, and earn a practical graduate degree that is professional and career oriented.

The Curriculum:

The courses required for the Bachelor of Arts in Social and Behavioral Sciences include a diverse blend of the College of Arts and Sciences' core requirements and a minor in sociology, anthropology, social work, psychology, economics, political science, and criminal justice as well as additional courses in these disciplines and the research methods and senior seminar courses.

For information concerning the Athletic Training and Occupational Therapy dual-degree programs, contact the School of Graduate Medical Education at (973) 275-2800.

What Does It Take to Graduate?

The awarding of the B.A. in Social and Behavioral Science depends on completion of all College and program requirements. Social and behavioral sciences majors also need a minimum GPA of 2.0 to graduate.

Career Opportunities:

Co-op or internship courses are not required for this program, but they are recommended for the invaluable experience they provide. A bachelor's degree in social and behavioral sciences is an excellent foundation for graduate school. Opportunities for continued studies include professional degrees in education, law, medicine and management, among others.

How Do I Apply for Admission?

Send your application to Seton Hall University and include the $55 non-refundable application fee ($45 if applying online). Freshman applicants must submit official high school transcripts and any college or university transcripts where credit was attempted, plus the results of the SAT I or ACT assessments. Transfer students must submit transcripts from each college or university where credit was attempted. Those with fewer than 24 earned credits must complete the freshman requirements. Applications are available at admissions.shu.edu.

Can I Get Financial Aid?

Almost 90 percent of the students who entered Seton Hall last year received some form of financial aid, and 75 percent of these students received money directly from the University. The four types of financial aid include scholarships, grants and discounts, loans, and part-time jobs on campus. For further information, visit admissions.shu.edu/FinancialAid.htm or call (973) 761-9332.
Social and Behavioral Sciences Requirements:

Core Curriculum Requirements*
A. English Language (6 credits)
B. Communication (3 credits)
C. Mathematics (3 credits and prerequisites)
D. Natural Sciences (6 credits) and Behavioral Sciences (6 credits)
E. Western Civilization (6 credits), Foreign Language (6 credits) and American Civilization/African, Asian and Latino Civilizations/Foreign Literature/Advanced Language (6 credits)
F. Ethical Questions (3 credits)
G. Philosophy and Religious Studies (9 credits)

* Please see Undergraduate Catalogue

Social and Behavioral Science Major — 36 credit hours, including:

1. Completion of a minor in one of the following seven areas (18 or more credits):
   Sociology
   Anthropology
   Social Work
   Psychology
   Economics
   Political Science
   Criminal Justice

2. Completion of four additional courses in six areas other than the chosen minor. (12 credits)
3. Completion of a Social Science Research Methods course (3 credits)
4. Completion of a Senior Seminar course (3 credits).
5. Additional electives selected in consultation with the academic adviser.

NOTE: Students interested in learning about the dual-degree curriculum for the Athletic Training or Occupational Therapy programs should refer to the Seton Hall University Undergraduate Catalogue or contact the Social and Behavioral Science Program.

Degree Requirements: 130 total credit hours
Students can minor or double major in any of the College of Arts and Sciences disciplines.

For more information, call an admissions counselor at 1-800-THE-HALL, send an e-mail to thehall@shu.edu or visit admissions.shu.edu
To talk to a faculty adviser, contact Philip M. Kayal, Ph.D., director of the Social and Behavioral Science Program, at kayalphi@shu.edu or (973) 275-5814.

Seton Hall University is a major Catholic university. In a diverse and collaborative environment it focuses on academic and ethical development. Seton Hall students are prepared to be leaders in their professional and community lives in a global society and are challenged by outstanding faculty, an evolving technologically advanced setting and values-centered curricula.