Bachelor of Social Sciences (BSocSc)

2015

These Program Rules should be read in conjunction with the University's policies (http://www.adelaide.edu.au/policies).

Overview

Students in this program will investigate, analyse and interpret the major social justice challenges facing an increasingly globalised world. The Bachelor of Social Sciences has a strong focus on applied social research, policy analysis, and writing in the key areas of the social sciences.

From a social justice standpoint, students will learn to recognise differing needs and develop a range of approaches and methods to understand and respond to the critical social problems and public issues in society. They will also build valuable qualitative and quantitative research skills and have the opportunity to design their own independent research projects.

This program mixes core learning in a broad range of relevant areas with practical research investigation. Students will be introduced to methods and tools to design and conduct social research, as well as develop approaches to analyse findings and advocate change. In the final year, students can apply for a merit based Internship that gives direct access to possible future employers who have a social justice focus and the opportunity to work on a research project together. Alternatively, students can strengthen their knowledge in social sciences methodologies to build more expertise in this area.

The Bachelor of Social Sciences is an AQF Level 7 qualification with a standard full-time duration of 3 years.

1. Academic Program Rules for Bachelor of Social Sciences

There shall be a Bachelor of Social Sciences.

2. Qualification Requirements

2.1 Academic Program

To qualify for the degree of Bachelor of Social Sciences, the student must complete satisfactorily a program of study consisting of the following requirements with a combined total of not less than 72 units.

Students must complete:

a. not more than 24 units at Level I

and

b. Core courses to the value of 30 units listed in Academic Program Rule 2.1.1, including ARTS 1007 The Enquiring Mind: Arts of Engagement

and

c. Social Sciences Closed elective courses to the value of 9 units as listed in Academic Program Rule 2.1.2
and
d. courses to the value of 33 units from the following:
i. Elective courses from Academic Program Rule 2.1.3

or

ii. Elective courses to the value of 9 units from Academic Program Rule 2.1.3

and

a major in Criminology comprising 24 units from Academic Program Rule 2.1.4

or

iii. Elective courses to the value of 12 units from Academic Program Rule 2.1.3

and

a minor in Psychology to the value of 21 units from Academic Program Rule 2.1.5.

2.1.1 Core Courses

ARTS 1007 The Enquiring Mind: Arts of Engagement (3 units)

GEOG 1101 Globalisation, Justice and a Crowded Planet (3 units)

GSSA 1001/EX Social Sciences in Australia (3 units)

POLIS 1101 Introduction to Australian Politics (3 units)

GEOG 2132 Social Science Techniques (3 units)

GSSA 2110 Social Research: Working Skills for Social Sci (3 units)

GSSA 2103 Politics, Policy & Citizenship (3 units)

GSSA 3018 Social Research Advanced: Real World Practice (6 units)

2.1.2 Social Sciences Closed Electives

Level I

Courses to the value of 3 units from the following:

ANTH 1104 Culture & Society: Foundations of Anthropology (3 units)

ANTH 1105 Anthropology of Everyday Life (3 units)

ASIA 1101 Introduction to Chinese Society and Culture (3 units)

ASIA 1102 Introduction to Japanese Society and Culture (3 units)

ASIA 1103 Asia and the World (3 units)
DEVT 1001 Introduction to Development Studies (3 units)
GEOG 1102 Footprints on a Fragile Planet (3 units)
GEOG 1103 Economy, Environment and Place (3 units)
GEOG 1104 Population and Environment in Australia (3 units)
GSSA 1003/EX Gender, Work and Society (3 units)
GSSA 1004/EX Introduction to Gender Studies (3 units)
HIST 1107 Indigenous Culture & History (3 units)
HIST 1108 Empires in World History (3 units)
HIST 1109 Revolutions that Changed the World (3 units)
PHIL 1101 Argument and Critical Thinking (3 units)
PHIL 1102 Mind and World (3 units)
PHIL 1103 Morality, Society and the Individual (3 units)
PHIL 1110 Logic I: Beginning Logic (3 units)
POLIS 1102 Global Politics (3 units)
POLIS 1103 Justice, Liberty, Democracy: Debates & Directions (3 units)
POLIS 1104 Comparative Politics of Rising Powers (3 units)

Advanced Level

ARTS 2001 Arts Internship* (6 units)

or

GEOG 2154 Applied Population Analysis (3 units)

plus

Courses to the value of 3 units from the following:

ANTH 2040 Ethnography: Engaged Social Research (3 units)
ANTH 2052 Australia: Communities Connection Contestation (3 units)
ARTS 2100 Community Engagement Learning Project* (3 units)
ASIA 2025 Ecological Crisis and Economic Power in Asia (3 units)
DEV 2002 Rights and Development (3 units)
DEV 2101 Community, Gender and Critical Development (3 units)
GEOG 2129 Introductory Geographic Information Systems (3 units)
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GEOG 2140 Environmental Change (3 units)
GEOG 2153 Housing Policy and Practice in Australia (3 units)
GSSA 2018/EX Gender and Sexuality: Contemporary Perspectives (3 units)
GSSA 2019/EX Encountering Human Rights: Global Citizenship (3 units)
GSSA 2100/EX Consumption, Work and the Self (3 units)
GSSA 2102 Gender, Bodies and Health (3 units)
GSSA 2105/EX Gender and Race in a Postcolonial World (3 units)
GSSA 2107/EX Media and Social Change (3 units)
GSSA 2108/EX Life on Screen: Social Issues through Film (3 units)
GSSA 2109/EX Public Scandals & Moral Panics (3 units)
GSSA 3102 Gender and Popular Culture (3 units)

*This course may be studied if, upon negotiation with the Course Coordinator, a relevant placement can be arranged.

2.1.3 Electives

Elective courses to the value of 33 units from the Faculty of Arts, including courses from Academic Program Rule 2.1.2 not otherwise included. A maximum of 24 units of courses may be taken from other faculties of the University, that are available to the student.

2.1.4 Major

2.1.4.1 Criminology Major

A major comprising courses to the value of 24 units from Academic Program Rule 2.1.4.1, including 6 units at Level I and at least 18 units of Advanced Level courses, from the following:

Level I

GSSA 1010 Understanding Criminology (3 units)
LAW 1101 Introduction to Law* (3 units)

*Students enrolled in B Laws double degree complete PHIL 1101 instead of LAW 1101:

PHIL 1101 Argument and Critical Thinking (3 units)

Level II

GSSA 2112 Contemporary Perspectives in Criminology (3 units)
ANTH 2040 Ethnography: Engaged Social Research (3 units)

plus

Courses to the value of 3 units from the following:

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GSSA 2019/EX Encountering Human Rights: Global Citizenship (3 units)

GSSA 2109/EX Public Scandals & Moral Panics (3 units)

Level III

GSSA 2XXX Surveillance, Deviance and Crime (3 units)

ANTH 3100 Anthropology Today: Experience, Power, Practice (3 units)

plus

Courses to the value of 3 units from the following, not otherwise taken:

GSSA 2019/EX Encountering Human Rights: Global Citizenship (3 units)

GSSA 2109/EX Public Scandals & Moral Panics (3 units)

2.1.5 Minor

2.1.5.1 Psychology Minor

A minor comprising courses to the value of 21 units from Academic Program Rule 2.1.5.1 comprising 9 units at Level I and 12 units at Level II, from the following:

Level I

PSYCHOL 1000 Psychology IA (3 units)

PSYCHOL 1001 Psychology IB (3 units)

PSYCHOL 1004 Research Methods in Psychology (3 units)

Level II

PSYCHOL 2004 Doing Research in Psychology (3 units)

PSYCHOL 2005 Foundations of Health & Lifespan Development (3 units)

PSYCHOL 2006 Foundations of Perception & Cognition (3 units)

PSYCHOL 2007 Psychology in Society (3 units)

2.1.6 Repeating Courses

A student who has failed a course twice may not enrol in that course again except by special permission of the Faculty and then only under such conditions as the Faculty may prescribe.

2.2 Credit in Formal Double Degree Arrangements

Bachelor of Laws

Students who have passed courses in the degree of Bachelor of Laws at the University of Adelaide will be granted credit toward the Bachelor of Social Sciences up to a maximum of 24 units.

Concurrent Study

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Bachelor of Arts
Bachelor of Commerce
Bachelor of Computer Science
Bachelor of Development Studies
Bachelor of Economics
Bachelor of Environmental Policy and Management
Bachelor of Finance
Bachelor of International Studies
Bachelor of Mathematical and Computer Sciences
Bachelor of Media
Bachelor of Psychological Science
Bachelor of Social Sciences

A student who undertakes concurrently any two of the degrees listed above, may count a maximum of 24 units to both degrees, satisfying the requirements for the two degrees with a minimum total of 96 units (or 4 years) of study.

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