

This is Interdisciplinary Social Science Academic Calendar 2022-2023

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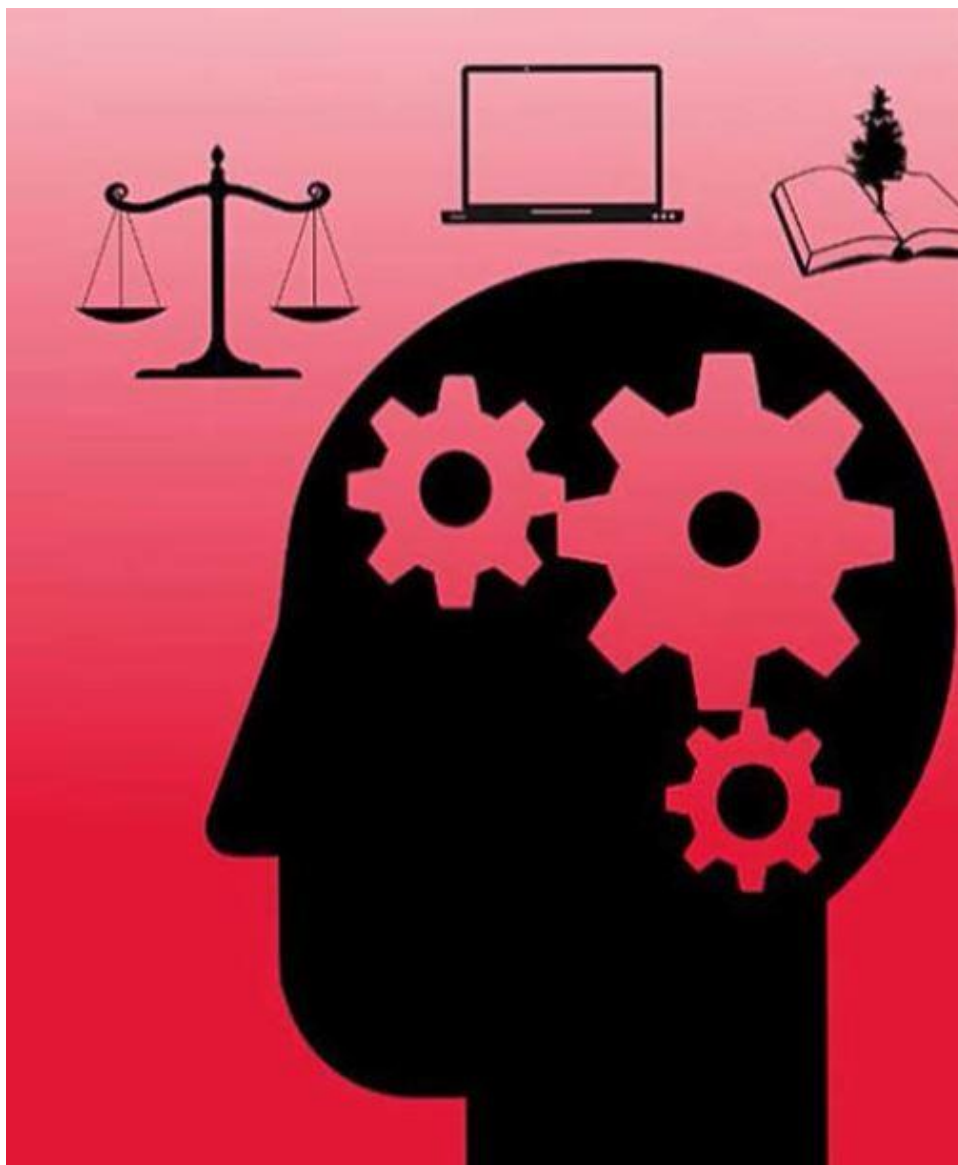


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Interdisciplinary Social Science (ISS): An Overview

- I. Our program challenges students to grapple with defining what it means to do **interdisciplinary** research and to develop their own interdisciplinary approaches to social inquiry.
- II. We help students think **critically** about a broad range of historical and contemporary issues related to social and political thought, social justice and diversity, sustainability and the environment, social exclusion and identity, diaspora and global development.
- III. An ISS major allows students to develop **transferable skills** for a range of different careers, as well as further studies at the graduate level. These skills include oral and written communication, research, analysis, critical thinking, problem-solving and time management.

Guide to Completing an ISS Major

Degree Options

[View or download the ISS Degree Options & Requirements checklists.](#)

1. **BA Program (90 Credits)**
 - ✓ General Education: 21 Credits
 - ✓ ISS: 30 Credits
 - ✓ Outside the major: 18 Credits
 - ✓ Free Choice: 21 Credits
2. **Honours BA (120 Credits)**
 - ✓ General Education: 21 Credits
 - ✓ ISS: 42 Credits
 - ✓ Outside the major: 18 Credits
 - ✓ Free Choice: 39 Credits
3. **Honours Double Major (120 Credits)**
 - ✓ General Education: 21 Credits
 - ✓ ISS: 42 Credits
 - ✓ Second Major: 42 (or 48) Credits
 - ✓ Free Choice: 15 (or 9) Credits
4. **Honours Major/Minor (120 Credits)**
 - ✓ General Education: 21 Credits
 - ✓ ISS: 42 Credits
 - ✓ Minor outside ISS: See program specific criteria.
 - ✓ Free Choice: 15-27 Credits

ISS Majors at a Glance

BA at a Glance (90 credits)

[Visit the ISS Courses webpage for a complete list of ISS courses.](#)

First Year

Recommended to take Self, Culture and Society (AP/SOSC 1140 9.0).

Second Year

Must take the 6-credit core course Interdisciplinary Approaches to Social Inquiry (AP/SOSC 2000 6.0) AND 12 credits at the 2000 level from the [ISS Courses list](#).

Third Year

Must take 12 credits at the 3000 level from the [ISS Courses list](#).

Honours BA at a Glance (120 credits)

[Visit the ISS Courses webpage for a complete list of ISS courses.](#)

First Year

Recommended to take **Self, Culture and Society** (AP/SOSC 1140 9.0).

Second Year

Must take the 6-credit core course **Interdisciplinary Approaches to Social Inquiry** (AP/SOSC 2000 6.0) AND 6 credits at the 2000 level from the [ISS Courses list](#).

Third Year

Must take a 6-credit Theory List course AND 12 credits at the 3000 level from the [ISS Courses list](#).

How to access the Theory List:

- a. [Visit the ISS Academic Calendar](#).
- b. Click the Degree Requirements button.
- c. Click the Program-Specific Degree Requirements Button.
- d. Scroll down to the Theory List.

Fourth Year

Must take a 6-credit Honour Seminar from the list below AND 6 credits at the 4000 level from the [ISS Courses list](#).

Honours Seminars (choose one):

- **Topics in Social Science Research** (AP/SOSC 4000 6.0)
- **Critical Issues in Tourism Studies** (AP/SOSC 4001 6.0)
- **Human Zoos: Spectacle and the Politics of Spectatorship** (AP/SOSC 4002 6.0)
- **Social and Political Thought Seminar** (AP/SOSC 4511 6.0)

First-Year Program of Study

1. Recommended: AP/SOSC 1140 9.0 Self, Culture and Society (General Education)
2. 1000-level 6.0 credit General Education course in Humanities (HUMA)
3. 1000-level 6.0 credit General Education course in Natural Science (NATS)
4. 1000-level 6.0 credit Elective (course outside of major) AND 3.0 credit course (free choice)

Total credits for the year: 30

Completed credits for General Education requirement: 21

Second-Year Program of Study

1. AP/SOSC 2000 6.0 Interdisciplinary Approaches to Social Inquiry
2. 12 credits at 2000-level or above from the [ISS Courses list](#).
3. 12 credits Elective (course outside of major) at 2000-level (or above)

Total credits for the year: 30 (18 ISS credits)

Third-Year Program of Study

1. 12 credits at a 3000-level from the [ISS Courses list](#). At least 6 credits must come from the Theory List for ISS Honours majors.
2. 6 credits at 3000-level – Free Choice (for ISS BA 90 or BA Hons. 120 single-majors only)
3. 12 credits at any level – Free Choice (for ISS BA 90 or BA Hons. 120 single-majors only). Double-major or major/minor students should contact their Student Advisor.

Total credits for the year: 30 (12 ISS credits for single-majors)

Completed by this year: At least 18 credits outside the ISS major.

Fourth-Year Program of Study

1. 6 credits 4000-level Honours Seminar
2. 6-credit course from the Additional 4000-level Courses list. This can also be another ISS Honours Seminar.

How to access the Additional 4000-level Courses List:

- a. [Visit the ISS Academic Calendar](#).
 - b. Click the Degree Requirements button.
 - c. Click the Program-Specific Degree Requirements Button.
 - d. Scroll down to the Additional 4000-level Courses list.
3. 6-credit 4000-level – Free Choice (for ISS BA 90 or BA Hons. 120 ISS single-majors only. Double-major or major/minor students should contact their Student Advisor).
 4. 12 credits to fulfill Free Choice requirements – (Honours ISS single-majors only. Double-major or major/minor students should contact their Student Advisor).

Total credits for the year: 30 (12 ISS credits)

Completed: 120 credits over 4 years, including:

- a. At least 18 credits at the 4000 level
- b. AND at least 18 additional credits at 3000 or 4000 level

Other Resources

Grade Requirements

In order to maintain good standing in the ISS program, students must maintain:

- ✓ an overall GPA of 4.0 (C) or above.

After first year, students must maintain an overall GPA of 5.0 (C+) or above in the subsequent years of study in order to graduate in the Honours Program.

Students who fail to meet these grade requirements will be removed from the ISS Program.

Scale for Calculating Grade Point Average (GPA)

Grade	Point Value	Definition
A+	9	Exceptional
A	8	Excellent
B+	7	Very Good
B	6	Good
C+	5	Competent
C	4	Fairly Competent
D+	3	Passing
D	2	Barely Passing
E	1	Marginally Failing
F	0	Failing

[Visit the GPA Calculator webpage](#) for the handy GPA Calculator then the Reverse GPA Calculator.

Advising

Students in need of academic advising or advice can book an appointment with the ISS Program Coordinator and/or an academic advisor in the Department of Social Science.

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