

SOCIAL SCIENCES

One of the important goals of a university education is to “liberate the powers of the individual by disciplining them” (William Theodore deBary). The Social Science program at UAS fulfills this aim by stressing the importance of method, concept, and theory in the study of human origins, development, thought, behavior, and institutions.

The Social Sciences at UAS include anthropology, geography, political science, history, psychology, and sociology. Each of these disciplines seeks a better understanding of human behavior through research, analysis, and interpretation of social phenomena.

The foundation of the Social Science Department’s approach to undergraduate education assessment is the student senior portfolio. Every full-time undergraduate maintains a portfolio of work that reflects the entire student career. Following a well-developed plan, students present their accomplishments and successes in a senior assessment portfolio. The assessment portfolio is formally reviewed the semester prior to graduation.

Occupational Endorsement

Behavioral Health Assistant

- Behavioral Health Assistant (<http://catalog.uas.alaska.edu/certificate-degree-programs/occupational-endorsements/behavioral-health-assistant-oe/>) (J, K, S, D)

Bachelor of Arts in Social Sciences (<http://catalog.uas.alaska.edu/certificate-degree-programs/bachelors-degrees/social-science-ba/>) (J, D¹)

with primary and secondary concentrations in:

- Anthropology (<http://catalog.uas.alaska.edu/certificate-degree-programs/bachelors-degrees/social-science-ba/#degreerequirementstext>)
- History (<http://catalog.uas.alaska.edu/certificate-degree-programs/bachelors-degrees/social-science-ba/#degreerequirementstext>)
- Political Science (<http://catalog.uas.alaska.edu/certificate-degree-programs/bachelors-degrees/social-science-ba/#degreerequirementstext>)
- Psychology (<http://catalog.uas.alaska.edu/certificate-degree-programs/bachelors-degrees/social-science-ba/#degreerequirementstext>)
- Sociology (<http://catalog.uas.alaska.edu/certificate-degree-programs/bachelors-degrees/social-science-ba/#degreerequirementstext>)

Minors

- Alaska Native Studies (<http://catalog.uas.alaska.edu/certificate-degree-programs/undergraduate-minor-options/alaska-native-studies-minor/>)
- Anthropology (<http://catalog.uas.alaska.edu/certificate-degree-programs/undergraduate-minor-options/anthropology-minor/>)

- History (<http://catalog.uas.alaska.edu/certificate-degree-programs/undergraduate-minor-options/history-minor/>)

¹ Select emphasis only

Campus Key

J=Juneau

K=Ketchikan

S=Sitka

D=Distance Learning/e-Learning

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