



Program Planning Guide

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Calendar Year: 2010/2011

Faculty: Arts & Science/Education

Faculty of Arts and Science: General Social Sciences

About the General Major in the Social Sciences

The General Major in the Social Sciences is designed to provide a broad major that supports the ideal of liberal education without sacrificing focus and depth unduly. Students are strongly encouraged to choose Social Science disciplines that are school subject areas or are taught in the provincial curriculum.

Co-operative Education in the Humanities and Social Sciences

A Co-op option, requiring three work terms, is available. Students interested in the Co-operative Education/Internship program should contact the Coordinator of Co-operative Education in the Career Resources Centre (B610 | phone: 403-382-7154) for further information.

Faculty of Education

Choosing an Education Major

The Faculty of Education offers 11 different majors that correspond to teaching subjects in Alberta schools (see p. 163 in the 2010/2011 University of Lethbridge Calendar for a listing). In highly competitive teaching majors, the GPA for admission may be above the minimum requirements.

How to Choose a Major

Students generally begin by thinking about which subjects they enjoyed and did well at in school. Students are also encouraged to conduct additional research regarding their interests and aptitudes. Students who are uncertain about their major should try taking introductory courses in several areas.

Choosing Courses Outside the Major

Students sometimes find that their initial objective to teach only at the elementary level or only at the secondary school level is later modified—or even completely changed. Students are therefore encouraged to select courses that will prepare them for teaching in a variety of situations. Moreover, students should select courses that not only provide breadth and richness for the classroom but also provide the basis for the development of a teaching minor or specialization.

Choosing an Education Minor

The Faculty of Education offers 19 minors (see p. 167 in the 2010/2011 University of Lethbridge Calendar for a listing). A minor consists of five non-Education courses (excluding those used in the major) and one curriculum and instruction Education course. Students may use the same courses to fulfill the minor and the General Liberal Education Requirement (GLER).

Choosing an Education Specialization

The Faculty of Education offers three specializations:

- Early Childhood Education
- Special/Inclusive Education
- Technology in Education

The specializations consist of four courses and corresponding Professional Semester III focus.

Advantages of Completing a Minor and/or Specialization

Completing a minor and/or a specialization allows students to develop expertise in a second area of teaching and be more versatile and marketable as a graduating teacher. For more information, see the 2010/2011 University of Lethbridge Calendar, Part 8 - Education, Sections 7. Education Minors (p. 167) and 8. Education Specializations (p. 172).

General Major in the Social Sciences/ Social Studies Education

Bachelor of Arts/Bachelor of Education

Where to Get Help

You can start career research at your school counselling centre, at your local library, or on the Internet, including websites like Alberta Advanced Education and Technology (www.advancededucation.gov.ab.ca). There are also many programs and people at the University of Lethbridge to assist you with a choice of major. Career and Employment Services (CES) assists students and alumni with their career exploration needs (in particular, see "What Can I Do With a Major in...?" at www.uleth.ca/ross/ces/majors.html). Students may also contact an Academic Advisor in Student Program Services in the Faculty of Education (email: edu.sps@uleth.ca | phone: 403-329-2254) or in the Faculty of Arts and Science (email: arts.ci.advising@uleth.ca | phone: 403-329-5106).

Program Requirements

The B.A./B.Ed. Combined Degrees program with a General Major in the Social Sciences/Social Studies Education requires 50 courses, including 30 Arts and Science courses and 20 Education courses. Courses for the General Major in the Social Sciences will be chosen from three separate disciplinary streams or subject areas. Sixteen courses are required in the major.

Disciplinary Streams

You are required to do seven courses in your first disciplinary stream, which must be a school subject in Social Studies. School subjects in Social Studies are Anthropology, Economics, Geography, History, Political Science, and Sociology. You are further required to do four courses in each of your remaining disciplinary streams. In addition to the Social Studies school subjects, other school subjects are Native American Studies and Physical Education (Kinesiology). Non-school subjects include Psychology and Women's Studies. You may choose non-school subjects for these streams, but you should understand that the more school subjects you include in your General Major, the better prepared you will be to teach. Your 16th course will be a 'Quantitatively-based Methodology' course (statistics).

Transfer Credit

Remember that you may use both University of Lethbridge credit and credit transferred from another college or university to meet degree and major requirements. Transfer credit may be either specified or unspecified. Specified credit is indicated on your transcript by the subject name and the specific number of the course, e.g., Political Science 1000, Geography 2600. Unspecified credit (1XXX, 2XXX, etc.) is indicated by the subject name and the level of the course in parentheses, e.g., Political Science (1000 level), Geography (2000 level).

Unspecified Course Credit

Unspecified course credit means that the University of Lethbridge does not offer the same course you transferred in, but we recognize it and treat it as a regular course. An unspecified course would count as one of your maximum of 17 courses from one department, but it could not meet a specific course requirement. For example, if Economics 2900 is required in your program, you could not use Economics (2000 level) to fulfill that requirement. Students with unspecified transfer credit need to consult an Academic Advisor to establish how the transfer credit fits in the degree program. This should be done as soon as possible after transfer credit is awarded.

Program Worksheet

Name : _____ ID : _____

For a General Major in the Social Sciences/Social Studies Education, you must first choose three disciplinary streams from the following list:

- * Anthropology - all courses
- * Economics - all courses designated Social Science
- * Geography - all courses designated Social Science
- * History - all courses
- Kinesiology - all courses designated Social Science
- Native American Studies - all courses (Blackfoot and Cree courses may not be included)
- * Political Science - all courses designated Social Science
- Psychology - all courses designated Social Science
- * Sociology - all courses
- Women's Studies - all courses

** You must complete a minimum of seven courses in one of these areas.*

Note: See List II: Social Science Courses in the 2010/2011 Calendar, p. 85.

Required Courses include:

_____ 1-7. SEVEN courses in _____ (first disciplinary stream - school subject):

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____
6. _____
7. _____

_____ 8-11. FOUR courses in _____ (second disciplinary stream):

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____

_____ 12-15. FOUR courses in _____ (third disciplinary stream):

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____

_____ 16. ONE 'Quantitatively-based Methodology' course from the following list:

- _____ Economics 2900 - Economics and Business Statistics
- _____ Geography 2700 - Geographical Data and Analysis
- _____ Psychology 2030 - Methods and Statistics
- _____ Sociology 2130 - Social Statistics
- _____ Statistics 2780 - Statistical Inference

Note: *The above courses have prerequisites. Please check the current Calendar to make sure that you have the prerequisite for the course. You may have chosen one of the above disciplines as one of your three disciplines for the General Major. If, for example, Sociology is one of your disciplines, it would be logical for you to use Sociology 2130 as your quantitatively-based course. However, you must still take four Sociology courses besides 2130. You cannot use the same course as both one of your four in the discipline and as your quantitative course requirement.*

Additional requirements for the General Major in the Social Sciences:

_____ A. SIX courses of the 16 required for the major must be at the 3000/4000 level:

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| 1. _____ | 4. _____ |
| 2. _____ | 5. _____ |
| 3. _____ | 6. _____ |

Sample Sequencing Plan

Shown below is a sample sequence of courses for your degree. If you follow this plan, you should be able to graduate in five years, provided you complete five courses per semester. This is just one example of how you could complete your major and degree requirements; you may find that a different sequence works as well as this one.

<p>Year 1, Fall History 1000 Geography 1200 Political Science 1000 GLER course GLER course</p>	<p>Year 1, Spring History 2710 or History 2720 <i>(recommended)</i> Geography 2600 <i>(recommended)</i> Political Science 2000 level (Social Science) GLER course GLER course</p>
<p>Year 2, Fall Education 2500¹ History 2000 level Geography 2000 level (Social Science) Political Science 2000 level (Social Science) Elective</p>	<p>Year 2, Spring History 3000 level History 3000 level Elective Elective Elective</p>
<p>Year 3, Fall Professional Semester I</p>	<p>Year 3, Spring History 3000 level Political Science 3000 level (Social Science) Quantitative Methods requirement Elective 3000/4000 level Elective</p>
<p>Year 4, Fall Geography 3000 level (Social Science) Elective 3000/4000 level Elective 3000/4000 level Elective Elective</p>	<p>Year 4, Spring Professional Semester II</p>
<p>Year 5, Fall Professional Semester III</p>	<p>Year 5, Spring Education Foundation course Education elective Education elective Education elective History 3000/4000 level</p>
<p>Elementary Education and Special/Inclusive Education students will reverse the Fall and Spring semesters in Year 5 and complete PS III in the Spring.</p>	

¹ Education 2500 may also be taken in Spring or Summer semester.

Note: History, Geography, and Political Science have been used for illustration purposes. Plan accordingly with the disciplinary streams of your choice.

Terms Used

GLER course: A course that could count toward the General Liberal Education Requirement. You may use courses in your major towards this 12-course requirement. See the 2010/2011 University of Lethbridge Calendar, Part 4 - Academic Regulations (p. 85) for complete information.

The Faculty of Arts and Science offers Liberal Education 1000 and 2000, specifically designed to introduce first-year students to the wide scope of human knowledge and teach essential university success skills, critical thinking, and integrative thinking (see the 2010/2011 University of Lethbridge Calendar, Part 14 - Courses, p. 306). LBED 1000 and 2000 may be used toward satisfying the GLER.

Elective: A course that you may choose freely from all those available and applicable to your program. Use courses inside or outside your major, bearing in mind any restrictions that may apply (e.g., a maximum of 17 courses from any one department).