As the only college in southwest Washington to offer a bachelor’s degree in social sciences, WSU Vancouver balances the research emphasis of a large university with the commitment to teaching of a small liberal arts college. If you would like to investigate the nature of society and how its structures and institutions affect individuals, the Bachelor of Arts in Social Sciences program gives you a lot of options. For example, you can choose two or three related subjects from seven areas of study: **anthropology, criminal justice, history, psychology, political science, sociology** and **women’s studies**. Or you can design a multidisciplinary degree that will allow you to focus more closely on your individual values, interests and goals.

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“The true science and study of man is man himself.”
—PIERRE CHARON
A broad perspective on society

The Bachelor of Arts in Social Sciences is designed for students whose interests in the social sciences span multiple disciplines. Courses explore the relationship between the individual and society, including social, political, economic and religious institutions, and examine the nature and causes of social change. Courses also introduce the data behind the concepts, theories, principles and laws underlying those institutions. For example, a course may focus on the use of data to evaluate issues and enhance understanding of how people interact with social institutions.

Students who pursue a degree in social sciences work with an advisor to develop an integrated and coherent program of study to meet academic and career goals.

Opportunities for students

Internships

Internships are not required, but students are encouraged to participate in an internship or volunteer opportunity relevant to their studies. Internships are particularly recommended for those hoping to move directly into the workforce upon graduation.

Here are some of the local institutions that have hosted social sciences interns:

- Clark County Juvenile Court
- Clark County Department of Community Services
- Council for the Homeless
- Daybreak Youth Services
- Innovative Services NW
- Washington Department of Social and Health Services
- Washington State Legislature
- YWCA

“...The social sciences offer equal promise for improving human welfare; our lives can be greatly improved through a deeper understanding of individual and collective behavior.”
—NICHOLAS A. CHRISTAKIS

In his own words

One student in the social sciences program says:
“As a nontraditional student, I have been able to design my coursework to fit both my schedule and my interests. The broad range of classes available allowed me to tailor my program of study to fit with my career plans and gave me the ability to approach issues and topics from multiple perspectives.”

Careers

Social sciences majors pursue a wide variety of careers. Because their studies are broad and diverse, they are often better prepared to change careers or to advance in a field when advancement requires combining skills.

Alumni have succeeded in many fields, such as the following:

- Business
- International services
- Law
- Mass media
- Museum work
- Politics and government
- Social work
- Sports management
- Teaching
- Writing and editing for publication
- And other fields