



SOCIAL SCIENCES

Geography

Division of Education and Social Sciences

Geography is the study of places and the relationships between people and their environments. Geographers explore both the physical properties of Earth's surface and the human societies spread across it.

Jobs directly related to a geography degree:

- Cartographer
- Commercial/residential surveyor
- Environmental consultant
- Geographical information systems officer
- Planning and development surveyor
- Secondary school teacher
- Town planner

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Degrees

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Health, Physical Education, and Recreation

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The courses provided through the Health, Physical Education, and Recreation Department present a holistic approach to health and provide the student with the opportunity to develop skills physically, mentally, emotionally, socially, and recreationally.

Veterans will receive physical education credit for their military service. The department promotes an overall wellness environment for all students and employees. The department provides some services to the community.

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It is recommended that students desiring to transfer to a four-year institution for physical education or kinesiology complete the following:



**Courses**

PE	1623	Concepts of Fitness
HLTH	2513	Principles of Personal Health
HLTH	2523	First Aid and Safety

Department

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History**Division of Education and Social Sciences**

The study of history is a window into the past that provides understanding of the present-day, and how individuals, nations, and the global community might develop in the future. Historical study instructs how societies came to be and examines cultural, political, social, and economic influences across time and space.

Jobs directly related to a history degree:

- Teaching
- Museums and Historical Organizations
- Cultural Resources Management and Historic Preservation
- Writers and Editors
- Journalists, Documentary Editors
- Producers of Multimedia Material
- Archivists, Records Managers
- Librarians, Information Managers
- Lawyers and Paralegals
- Litigation Support
- Legislative Staff Work
- Historians in Corporations
- Contract Historians
- Historians and Nonprofit Associations

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International Studies**Division of Education and Social Sciences**

The person working in today's world cannot be limited in outlook to a town, a state, or even a nation. That person must have an international perspective. An understanding of the history and culture of other nations is becoming more vital each day.





Students who are interested in careers in international relations, diplomacy, law, politics, government service, or secondary education in social science may be well served by an emphasis in international studies. In addition, students who will enter other careers need an understanding of other cultures in order to enhance their effectiveness in the diverse contacts that are a part of today's environment in business, education, and other fields.

The emphasis in international studies is designed to assist students in developing a global perspective. This study could be the foundation for a career, and it could enhance one's effectiveness in other areas of life.

Jobs directly related to an international studies degree:

- Cross Cultural Communications
- International Commerce (Corporate or Entrepreneurial)
- International Law and Policy
- International Public Service

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Political Science

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Political science focuses on the theory and practice of government and politics at the local, state, national, and international levels. We are dedicated to developing understandings of institutions, practices, and relations that constitute public life and modes of inquiry that promote citizenship.

Jobs directly related to a political science degree:

- Campaign Worker
- Public Opinion Analyst
- Education/Teacher
- Political Consultant
- Public Relations Director
- Events Planner
- Technical Writer
- Politician
- Media Specialist
- Human Rights Advocate

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Psychology

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Psychology is the scientific study of mental health and human behavior. It helps explain how we think, feel and act both individually and as part of a social group.

The study of psychology is based on scientific research principles and studies involve a range of methods, including experiments, brain imaging, interviews, case studies and observations. Results from these studies are analyzed using statistical techniques and in-depth qualitative procedures to explain or predict behavior.

Psychology is a broad discipline that covers a number of topics, such as memory, personality, child development, mental illness and social relationships.

Jobs directly related to a psychology degree:

- Communications
- Counselling
- Health
- Human resources
- Management
- Market research
- Police work
- Prison service
- Social research

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Social Work

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Many social workers work directly with clients who are individuals, families or small groups. These social workers help clients cope with problems such as poverty, abuse, addiction, and mental illness by providing counseling, connecting clients with service providers, and empowering clients to meet their own needs.

The practice of social work requires knowledge of human development and behavior, of social, economic and cultural institutions, and of the interaction of all these factors.





Social workers help people of all backgrounds address their own needs through psychosocial services and advocacy.

Social workers help people overcome some of life's most difficult challenges: poverty, discrimination, abuse, addiction, physical illness, divorce, loss, unemployment, educational problems, disability, and mental illness. They help prevent crises and counsel individuals, families, and communities to cope more effectively with the stresses of everyday life.

Jobs directly related to a social work degree:

- Medical/Public Health
- Substance Abuse
- Mental Health
- Child Welfare
- School Social Work

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Sociology

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Sociology is the study of human social relationships and institutions. Sociology's subject matter is diverse, ranging from crime to religion, from the family to the state, from the divisions of race and social class to the shared beliefs of a common culture, and from social stability to radical change in whole societies. Unifying the study of these diverse subjects of study is sociology's purpose of understanding how human action and consciousness both shape and are shaped by surrounding cultural and social structures.

Jobs directly related to a sociology degree:

- Social Services, Community Work
- Law, Consumer research
- Family planning
- Public Relations
- Professional writing, Journalism
- Substance abuse education
- Marketing/Sales Research
- Rehabilitation counseling
- Hospital admissions
- Human resources/Personnel

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