



## Nelson Mandela College of Government and Social Sciences

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### Social Science Department

### Master of Arts in Social Sciences (MA/SOSI)

#### History Concentration

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 Ph.D., History  
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#### Introduction

The Master of Arts in Social Sciences is an interdisciplinary degree encompassing the areas of history, political science and sociology, with a concentration in one of the three areas.

The program is designed to meet the needs of rural and metropolitan area teachers, junior and middle level social service and personnel administrators, and beginning graduate students who plan to pursue doctoral studies in one of the disciplines. Thesis and non-thesis options are offered.

#### GRADUATE DEGREE OFFERED

##### M.A. Social Science

#### ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

- Admission to the Graduate School at Southern University with a minimum 2.7 G.P.A.
- Completion of a minimum of fifteen (15) hours of undergraduate courses in history
- Course deficiencies must be eliminated by completing the necessary undergraduate courses

#### Thesis Option

#### GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

The Master of Arts in Social Sciences (Thesis option) consists of thirty (30) hours- fifteen (15) hours of history courses (500 level) selected in consultation with the graduate advisor, including a research course in the area of concentration, and six (6) hours in each of the two related fields:

HIST 500	Social Science Seminar.....	3 Hrs.
HIST	Electives..... (500 Level)	12 Hrs.
POLS	Electives.....(500 Level)	6 Hrs.
SOCL	Electives.....(500 Level)	6 Hrs.
HIST 600	Thesis.....	3 Hrs.

**Total 30 Hrs.**

In addition to the above requirements, students must meet general Graduate School requirements and maintain an overall average of "B" in all work credited toward the degree with not more than six (6) semester hours of "C". Students interested in teaching on the college level are strongly encouraged to take eighteen (18) hours of history courses.

#### Thesis and Examination

All students must pass an oral examination on the thesis. A Thesis Advisory Committee of not less than three (3) members, representing at least two (3) disciplines, should be selected by the student by the end of the first year in the program. This committee serves as the student's thesis committee and is chaired by the student's major thesis advisor.

All graduate work, including the thesis, must be completed within six (6) years preceding the granting of the degree.

#### Non-Thesis Option

#### GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

The Master of Arts in Social Sciences (Non-thesis option) for students concentration in history consists of thirty-six (36) credit hours of graduate level courses (500 Level). Students must also pass a six (6) hour written comprehensive examination (History, 4 Hours; Political Science, and Sociology 1 hour each), based on their plan of study/course work. The exam will test the student's competence in each discipline. The student is expected to demonstrate a high level of mastery of the subject matter and historiography in history. In the

outside disciplines the student is expected to demonstrate a substantial degree of mastery of the subject matter. The exam will be administered during the course of one week. An advisory committee, selected by the student in consultation with the graduate advisor by the end of the first year in the program and comprised of three (3) members of the graduate faculty, representing the disciplines of history, political science and sociology, will evaluate parts of exams in their respective areas and award a grade of "pass" or "fail." Each professor is responsible for making sure that the student is adequately prepared for the exam, for example, providing students with information in reference to potential essay questions and areas to be covered. Students must pass all three parts of the exam within six months of the date the degree is to be awarded and may take the exam twice.

## COURSE DESCRIPTIONS

### HISTORY

**HIST 548. AFRICAN AMERICAN CIVILIZATIONS OF LATIN AMERICA (Credit, 3 hours).** An examination of the culture politics, economy, and other social aspects of the Black man in Latin America from the voyages of Columbus to the present.

**HIST 494/545. AFRICAN HISTORY (Credit, 3 hours).** A study of the history of Africa from prehistoric times to circa 1800.

**HIST 546. AFRICAN HISTORY (Credit, 3 hours).** A continuation of HIST 494 with emphasis on African History from 1800 to present.

**HIST 500. SEMINAR IN SOCIAL SCIENCE (Credit, 3 hours).**

**HIST 504. AMERICAN HISTORY TO 1861 (Credit, 3 hours).**

A study of the various interpretations of major developments in the United States to 1861.

**HIST 505. AMERICAN HISTORY FROM 1861 (Credit, 3 hours).** A study of the new interpretations of the consequences of the Civil War, Reconstruction, urbanization and imperialism.

**HIST 506. METHODS AND MATERIALS IN ETHNIC STUDIES (Credit, 3 hours).** The design, development and analysis of instructional materials for Ethnic Studies. The course will involve the study and formulation of behavioral objectives, content structures, consideration of materials, devices for evaluation, and various methodologies.

**HIST 507. PROBLEMS AND READINGS IN ETHNIC AND MINORITY STUDIES (Credit, 16 hours).** An interdisciplinary course designed to focus attention on the problems, history and culture of various ethnic groups.

**HIST 508. SEMINAR IN AMERICAN SLAVERY (Credit, 3 hours).** An examination of contemporary writings on American slavery. Emphasis on comparative viewpoints of authorities and their relevance to current values and interpretations.

**HIST 510. THE ELDERLY IN AMERICA (Credit, 3 hours).** A study of the provisions made to assist the elderly in adapting to new lifestyles.

**HIST 530. SEMINAR ON LOUISIANA (Credit, 3 hours).** Louisiana Historiography, emphasis on the Black experience.

**HIST 550. WEST AFRICAN HISTORY (Credit, 3 hours).** A survey of West African History from 1000 A.D. to the present.

**HIST 547. HISTORY OF SOUTH AFRICA (Credit, 3 hours).** An examination of the social economic and political development in the cape region after the European intrusion and their repercussion to the modern era.

**HIST 562. TOPICS IN AFRICAN HISTORY AND CULTURE (Credit, 3 hours).** An examination of the history and culture of selected African groups.

**HIST 584. SEMINAR IN 20TH CENTURY AMERICA (Credit, 3 hours).** Individual and group research of selected issues of problems for analyzing and discussion of Twentieth Century America.

**HIST 586. SEMINAR IN THE HISTORY OF AFRICAN AMERICAN IN THE TWENTIETH CENTURY (Credit, 3 hours).** Individual and group study of selected topics relating to Blacks since 1900.

**HIST 588. SEMINAR IN URBAN HISTORY (Credit, 3 hours).** An examination of urban development in the U.S. from early colonial towns to the twentieth century megalopolis.

**HIST 593. SEMINAR IN LATIN AMERICA HISTORY (Credit, 3 hours).** An examination of the political social, and economic conditions of Latin Americans from the voyages of Columbus to the present.

**HIST 598. HISTORY OF THE LABOR MOVEMENT (Credit, 3 hours).** This course presents an overview of the history, development, principles, and theory of the trade union movement in the United States, the impact of the trade union movement in the United States, and the impact of the trade unions on the political, social, and economic life of the country.

**HIST 599. SUPERVISED RESEARCH (Credit, 3-15 hours).**

**HIST 600. RESEARCH AND THESIS (Credit, 3 hours).**

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Southern University and A&M College

##### Spencer, Elouise

Ph.D., Sociology  
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Ph.D., Sociology  
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#### Introduction

The Masters of Arts in Social Sciences is an interdisciplinary degree encompassing the areas of history, political science and sociology. This interdisciplinary program is designed to meet the needs of rural and metropolitan area teachers, social analysts, junior and middle-interdisciplinary program is designed to meet the needs of rural and metropolitan area teachers, social analysts, junior and middle-level social service

The basic objectives of the program are:

1. to prepare students for further study in sociology,
2. to provide teachers with greater depth in sociology,
3. to prepare pre-collegiate level teachers for the multiethnic urban and rural areas of America,
4. to improve the overall quality of sociological knowledge through scientific research,
5. to enhance the scholarly publications in sociology, and
6. to improve sociological information and skill levels of social-service personnel through appropriate course offerings.

#### DEGREE OFFERED

Master of Arts in the Social Sciences.

#### ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

- Admission to the Graduate School at Southern University and A&M College with a minimum 2.7 GPA.
- Completion of at least 12 hours of undergraduate courses in sociology, including Introduction to Sociology, Social Research, Sociological Theory and Social Statistics (without exception)
- Course deficiencies can only be eliminated by completing the necessary undergraduate courses.

#### DEGREE/GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

Students pursuing the Master of Arts degree in the social sciences with a concentration in Sociology may select the thesis option or the non-thesis option. All students are required to complete Sociology 500, or Sociology 550 and Sociology 555.

Students must maintain an overall average of "B" in all work credited toward the degree with not more than six semester hours of "C" work. Also, students must meet all the general requirements of the Graduate School.

#### Thesis Option

Students selecting the thesis option must complete a total of 30 credit hours, including 18 credit hours in Sociology, 6 credit hours in History and 6 credit hours in Political Science. Included in the required 18 credit hours in Sociology are: Sociology 500, Sociology 550 or Sociology 555 and Sociology 600.

#### Thesis Option Sociology Requirements

SOCL 500	Social Science Seminar	
	or	
SOCL 550	Techniques of Data Collection .....	3 credits
SOCL 555	Contemporary Social Thought.....	3 credits
SOCL ____	Electives (consult graduate advisor).....	9 credits
HIST ____	Electives .....	6 credits
POLS ____	Electives.....	6 credits
SOCL 600	Thesis .....	3 credits

#### TOTAL 30 credits

#### Thesis and Examination

Students must pass an oral examination on his/her research thesis. A Thesis Advisory/Examination Committee of not less than three faculty members, including at least one representative from History or Political Science, should be selected by each student by the end of their first semester of study. The Thesis Advisory/Examination Committee serves as the student's thesis examination Committee and determines whether the student has passed or failed the examination

The chairperson of the Committee serves as the student's thesis major advisor.

All graduate work, including the research thesis or the capstone project,

must be completed within six years preceding the granting of the degree.

### Non-Thesis Option

Students selecting the non-thesis option must complete a total of 36 credit hours that include 24 credit hours in Sociology, 6 credit hours in history and 6 credit hours in political science. Included in the 24 required credit hours in sociology are sociology 500 or sociology 550, sociology 555 and sociology 602.

### Non-Thesis Option Sociology Requirements

SOCL 500	Social Science Seminar	
or		
SOCL 550	Techniques of Data Collection .....	3 credits
SOCL 555	Contemporary Social Thought.....	3 credits
SOCL ____	Electives (consult graduate advisor).....	15 credits
HIST ____	Electives .....	6 credits
POLS ____	Electives.....	6credits
SOCL 602	Capstone Project.....	3 credits
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>36 credits</b>	

### Capstone and Examination

All students selecting the non-thesis option must pass a written departmental comprehensive examination and complete a Capstone Project. A Capstone Project Advisor will provide oversight in the development of the Capstone Project. The Capstone Project must be presented to the graduate faculty in the Department of Sociology.

All graduate work, including the research thesis and capstone project, must be completed within the six years that precede granting of the

### COURSE DESCRIPTIONS

**SOCL 500. SOCIAL SCIENCE SEMINAR (Credit 3 hours).** The focus of this course is on research methods in the social sciences; interplay of theory and methods of research; formulation of research problems and design; measurement and scaling; sampling; ethics in research; and critiques of social science research.

**SOCL 503. RACE AND GENDER STUDIES (Credit 3 hours).** The course is an examination of theoretical perspectives on the impact of race and gender on individuals, collective experiences, and social institutions (education, family, criminal justice, media and entertainment, politics, and the economy).

**SOCL 504. THE SOCIOLOGY OF HEALTH AND HEALTHCARE (Credit 3 hours).** This course is a comprehensive examination of health and health care in American society, including the prevalence of epidemics, such as obesity, substance addiction, and drug abuse; health and behavioral and social characteristics; social construction of health; whether health care should be a right or a privilege; and social health issues, such as inequity and disparity in health and health care, and the rising cost of health care.

**SOCL 510. GLOBALIZATION AND SOCIAL CHANGE. (Credit 3 hours).** Sociological and historical perspectives on social, political, and economic differences among countries and regions of the world; global transactional processes in uneven development; state formation; and democracy

**SOCL 512. URBAN PROBLEMS AND POLICY ISSUES. (Credit 3 hours).** This course provides a critical assessment of recent developments in the history, dynamics, trends, extent, causes, nature, consequences, and correlates of urban poverty in the United States. Topics include trends and measurement, family structure, income support programs, housing, workforce development, unemployment, homelessness, welfare dependence, isolation, and educational deprivation in the context of recent and current proposed policies to address these problems.

**SOCL 520. SEMINAR IN SOCIAL PSYCHOLOGY. (Credit 3 hours).** A review of contemporary issues related to current research in social psychology.

**SOCL 524. SOCIOLOGY OF CRIME AND PUNISHMENT (Credits, 3 hours).** This course primarily focuses on the theoretical development of crime and punishment, crime prevention and treatment, crime control, community action programs and sociological imagination of crime punishment.

**SOCL 529. URBAN STUDIES: FOCUS ON THE GHETTO (Credit, 3 hours).** This course examines the nature, structure, and function of the ghetto in urban community; its relationship to the internal organization of the ghetto, and the larger social organization area; controls from within and without the ghetto; and specific techniques of planning to avoid creating ghettos, poverty, and other problems.

**SOCL 530. SOCIAL ORGANIZATION: STATICS AND DYNAMICS (Credits, 3 hours).** A study of the order, disorder, and change factors that are characteristic of human society.

**SOCL 540. SOCIETY, CULTURE AND PERSONALITY (Credit 3 hours).** This course examines the relationships between society and the individual, culture and personality, human experience, and personal and group behavior viewed from a sociological perspective.

**SOCL 545. QUALITATIVE RESEARCH METHODS (Credits, 3 hours).** This course is an examination of the qualitative-method approaches and rationales for their use, including various techniques for gathering, analyzing and using qualitative data, and writing academic papers and reports.

**SOCL 550. TECHNIQUES OF DATA COLLECTION AND ANALYSIS (Credit, 3 hours).** A study of the main data-collection techniques, including observation, questionnaire construction, sampling, and interviewing. Special emphasis is placed on quantitative data analysis.

**SOCL 555. CONTEMPORARY SOCIOLOGICAL THEORY (Credit, 3 hours).** An analytical study of major social, theoretical works from 1900 to the present.

**SOCL 560. SOCIAL SCIENCE STATISTICS (Credit, 3 hours).** This course focuses on inductive statistics, including sampling bivariate and multivariate statistical analysis, regression, analysis of variance, multiple discriminant analysis, residual analysis, etc. Emphasis is placed on hypothesis testing and its logic, various test requirements, and interpretation of statistical outcomes. Prerequisite: SOCL 350, its equivalent, or instructor permission.

**SOCL 598. SUPERVISED RESEARCH (Credits, 1-6 hours).** Designed for Social-Science Master's students concentrating in Sociology. Admission requires approval of the instructor.

**SOCL 599. SUPERVISED RESEARCH (Credit, 3 hours).**

Designed for Social-Science Master's degree students concentrating in sociology. Admission requires approval of the instructor. Prerequisite: SOCL 598.

**SOCL 600. SOCIOLOGY: THESIS (Credits, 3 hours).** Designed for Social-Science Master's degree students concentrating in sociology. The focus is on thesis writing. Admission requires approval from the department chair or the student's major advisor.

**SOCL 601. SOCIOLOGY DEPARTMENTAL COMPREHENSIVE (Credit, 0 hours).**

**SOCL 602. SOCIOLOGY CAPSTONE COURSE (Credits, 3 hours).** Comprehensive, synthesizing project applying the knowledge and skills learned from the completed courses of a student's degree program. Projects may have theoretical/academic and/or applied components.

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#### GRADUATE FACULTY

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##### **Samuels, Albert**

Ph.D., Political Science  
Louisiana State University

#### **Introduction**

The departments of political science, history and sociology jointly offer the Master of Arts in Social Sciences. This interdisciplinary program is designed to meet the needs of metropolitan area teachers, junior and middle level social service, personnel administrators and beginning graduate students who plan a career in law, or will seek the doctorate in one of the social science disciplines. Thesis options and non-thesis options are available.

#### **DEGREES OFFERED**

Master of Arts in Social Sciences (MA/SOSI)

#### **ADMISSIONS REQUIREMENT**

- Admission to the Graduate School at Southern University with minimum GPA of 2.7
- Admission to the Political Science department
- Completion of a minimum of 15 hours of undergraduate courses in political science: American Government, Constitutional Law and 9 hours of electives
- Deficiencies must be eliminated by taking the necessary undergraduate courses.

#### **GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS**

The Master of Arts in Social Sciences (Thesis option) for students' concentration in political science consists of thirty (30) hours-fifteen (15) hours of political science courses. Students are required to take POLS 500 (Seminar in American Politics) and POLS 502 (Research Seminar in Political Science) and at least one course from each of the following groups:

Political Theory, American Politics/ Public Law,  
Comparative Politics/International Law

Six hours in each of two related fields **12**

**Thesis** **3**

**TOTAL** **30**

#### **Academic Average**

Students must meet all of the general requirements of the Graduate School. The student must maintain an overall average of "B" in all work credited toward the degree with not more than six semester hours of "C" work. Students interested in teaching on the college level are strongly encouraged to take eighteen (18) hours of political science courses to satisfy minimum SACS accreditation requirements.

#### **Thesis and Examination**

All students must pass an oral examination on the thesis. An Advisory committee of three faculty members, representing at least two disciplines should be selected for each student by the end of the first semester in the program. This interdisciplinary committee will also serve as the student's thesis examination committee. The chairperson of the committee shall be the major adviser for the thesis.

Each student shall present a seminar on the thesis after the oral examination and prior to the awarding of the master's degree.

All graduate work, including the thesis, must be completed within six years preceding the granting of the degree.

#### **Non-Thesis Option**

#### **GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS**

The Master of Arts in Social Sciences (non-thesis option) for students consists of thirty-six (36) credit hours of graduate level courses (500 Level). In addition to the courses that are required for thesis option students, those pursuing the non-thesis option must take POLS 583 (Graduate Seminar in Political Science) in which they will produce a capstone project or major research paper. They will also be required to take two other political science courses at the 500 level.

Students must also pass a six (6) hour written comprehensive examination (Political Science, 4 hours; History and Sociology 1 hour each), based on their plan of study/course work. The exam will test the student's competence in each discipline. The student is expected to demonstrate a high level of mastery of the relevant literature and theoretical perspectives in political science. In the outside disciplines, the student is expected to demonstrate a substantial degree of mastery of the subject matter. The exam will be administered during the course of one week.

An advisory committee, selected by the student in consultation with the graduate advisor by the end of the first year in the program and comprised of three (3) members of the graduate faculty representing the disciplines of political science, history, and sociology, will evaluate parts of exams in their respective areas and award a grade of "pass" or "fail." Each professor is responsible for making sure that the student is adequately prepared for the exam, for example, by providing students with information on potential essay questions and areas which the exam may cover. Students must pass all three parts of the exam within six months of the date the degree is to be awarded and may take the exam twice.

**COURSE DESCRIPTIONS**

**POLS 500. SEMINAR IN AMERICAN POLITICS (Credit, 3 hours).** An interdisciplinary course which provides an extensive review of the American political system by focusing on the three major institutions of government (President, Congress, and the Supreme Court) and the role of blacks in the American political arena.

**POLS 501. SEMINAR IN BLACK POLITICS (Credit, 3 hours).** An extensive review of the research in political science and related disciplines on the nature, role, and techniques of the Black community in American politics at the local, state, and national level.

**POLS 502. RESEARCH SEMINAR IN POLITICAL SCIENCE (Credit, 3 hours).** Definitions of the scope and subject matter of political science; methodological issues; current leading studies of politics; the current state of research in political science.

**POLS 503. METHODOLOGY (Credit, 3 hours).** A research seminar designed to introduce advanced students to data processing in political science. "Hands-on" experience at the computer terminal utilizing computer programs.

**POLS 505. SEMINAR IN POLITICAL SOCIALIZATION (Credit, 3 hours).** An examination of theoretical propositions in findings of recent empirical research in the field of political socialization. Special consideration given to the role of the school and the teacher in the socialization process and the studies on the political socialization of Blacks and other minorities.

**POLS 510. SEMINAR IN THE LEGISLATIVE PROCESS (Credit 3, hours).** The theory and practice of legislative organization and procedures, policy determination, and executive legislative relationship.

**POLS 512. SEMINAR IN INTEREST GROUP POLITICS (Credit 3 hours).** An examination of the impact of interest group influence on the governmental process to include strategies, finance, and lobbying.

**POLS 515. PUBLIC OPINION AND THE POLITICAL PROCESS (Credit, 3 hours).** An analysis of the impact of public opinion on the political process to include an introduction to the development and application of polling and surveying instruments.

**POLS 522. INTERNATIONAL LAW AND ORGANIZATIONS (Credit, 3 hours).** Nature, sources, and development of international law, general development and basic principles of world organizations, principles, structure, methods, and actual operation of international governmental institutions with emphasis on the United Nations and related agencies.

**POLS 532. SEMINAR IN COMPARATIVE POLITICS (Credit, 3 hours).** An advanced seminar dealing with the analysis of contemporary political systems from the perspective of recent developments in comparative politics.

**POLS 550. GOVERNMENT AND POLITICS OF CHINA (Credit, 3 hours).** Evolution, structure, and functioning of the Chinese governmental system, the theories, structure and functioning of the communist party in modern China.

**POLS 572. SEMINAR IN CIVIL LIBERTIES (Credit, 3 hours).** General review of civil liberties in the United States with attention to racial discrimination, freedom of press, speech, religion, and the other civil liberties issues.

**POLS 573. SEMINAR IN PUBLIC LAW (Credit, 3 hours).** General overview of the origins of law with an emphasis on American constitutional and civil law.

**POLS 580. CONTEMPORARY POLITICAL PHILOSOPHIES (Credit, 3 hours).** Major tendencies in political philosophy in the 20th century.

**POLS 583. GRADUATE SEMINAR IN POLITICAL SCIENCE (Credit, 3 hours).** Definitions of the scope and subject matter of political science; methodological issues; current leading studies of politics, and the current state of research in political science.

**POLS 584. URBAN COMMUNITY (Credit, 3 hours).** An interdisciplinary course in urban community affairs from historical, social, economic, and political perspectives.

**POLS 600. THESIS (Credit, 3 hours).** Open to students writing a thesis. Three hours of credit given only upon completion of an acceptable thesis.

**POLS 601. COMPREHENSIVE (Credit, 8 hours)**