

# APPLIED SOCIAL AND CULTURAL STUDIES, B.A.

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## Mission

The mission of the Applied Social and Cultural Studies program is to offer a vigorous and exciting broad-based liberal arts education with an emphasis on cultural, global, and political dynamics. The programs provide a combination of theoretical, scientific, practical, and experiential approaches to understanding and solving human problems. Issues of gender, race, class, and culture, as well as hands-on learning, are emphasized throughout the curriculum. Our goal is to graduate students with marketable skills that prepare them for careers in a variety of public and social services and/or for graduate study in related areas.

## Major Description

The Bachelor of Arts with a major in Applied Social and Cultural Studies is an interdisciplinary degree that allows students to integrate coursework from sociology, anthropology, political science, psychology, communications, and other related fields of study. The major emphasizes social science methods and ways of knowing, while introducing students to a variety of social science disciplines. Within the Applied Social and Cultural Studies degree, students will also pursue a concentration in one of the three particular content areas.

In addition to the interdisciplinary approaches to the social sciences, there are two unique elements to this program. First, students complete a 120-hour internship. This helps students to engage in experiential learning, apply social science to the real world, undertake career explorations. Second, upper-level students participate in a semester-long applied sociological experience. One option is an internship with a minimum of 360 hours of engagement to be selected from a variety of area schools, agencies, and programs. A second option is for a student to study abroad. While studying in a foreign society and culture is important, in and of itself, the primary focus of this requirement is for students to take courses and engage experientially in a way that helps students develop their areas of interest. Therefore, there needs to be an integrated social science experience that drives the study abroad learning as well as the opportunity to explore a new society and culture for this to be a successful experience and approval of the program is required.

Overall, this program will provide students with a strong foundation for understanding today's social issues and problems. Students will also have a wide range of skills and experiences that will enhance their future educational and career opportunities as well as enable them to be more active and aware citizens.

## Admissions

See Undergraduate Admissions (<https://catalog.une.edu/undergraduate/admissions/>) for more information.

## Transfer Credit

See Undergraduate Admissions (<https://catalog.une.edu/undergraduate/admissions/>) for more information.

## Financial Information

Tuition and fees for subsequent years may vary. Other expenses include books and housing. For more tuition and fee information, please consult this catalog's Financial Information (<https://catalog.une.edu/undergraduate/financial-information-undergraduate-programs/>) section.

## Curricular Requirements

Code	Title	Hours
<b>Nor'easter Core Requirements</b>		
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<b>Program Required Courses</b>		
SOC 268	Practice of Social Science Research	3
SOC 270	Classical Social Theory	3
or SOC 280	Contemporary Social Theory	
SOC 300	Sociology Internship	3
SOC 370	Applied Field Method in Sociology	3
Applied Capstone Experience		9-16
Four Courses from Applied Concentration		12
Select three of the following:		9
ANT 101	Introduction to Anthropology	
or ANT 102	Cultural Anthropology	
PSC 105	Intro Political Science	
PSY 105	Introduction to Psychology	
SOC 150	Intro to Sociology	
Open Elective Courses (Students complete open elective credits as necessary to meet the University's 120-credit minimum for graduation. The total number of elective credits required will depend on the student's completed program, core, and other degree requirements.)		38
<b>Total Hours</b>		<b>120-127</b>

Please note: While some courses can fulfill both core and program requirements, the credits earned do not count twice towards the minimum total required credits for the degree.

## Applied Capstone Experiences (ACE) Internship

Students may take between 9-16 credits to complete this ACE. Students may select from over 750 sites in the Civic Engagement database. This learning opportunity should parallel the student's concentration and help them to gain experience, skills, and knowledge of how systems work and how to develop contacts in a given field.

## Thesis

Students may take between 9-16 credits to complete this ACE. The thesis should build on work the student has done in the ASCS major and their chosen concentration. This academic work should prepare them for graduate study in disciplines that have been incorporated into their concentration.

## Study Abroad

Students will typically take 15-16 credits to complete a study abroad experience. While studying in a foreign society and culture is important, the primary focus is to take courses from the new institution that will help the student develop their areas of interest as they relate to the major. In short, there needs to be an integrated social science experience that drives the study abroad learning and the opportunity to explore a new society and culture for this to be a successful experience. All study abroad experiences should first be cleared with their advisor and the director of the School of Criminology, Society & Politics, to see if they qualify to meet the requirement for the Capstone.

## Applied Concentration

There are two concentrations in the ASCS major: Health, Medicine, and Society; and Law, Crime, and Society. As soon as possible after arriving at UNE, students should declare their major. By the end of their second year, students should declare their concentration. There are no required courses in any concentration. In each concentration, students, in consultation with their advisor, select four courses from a variety of disciplines that will help them build foundations, skills, and develop expertise in their chosen concentration.

### Health, Medicine, and Society

Code	Title	Hours
<b>Course Options Include (but are not limited to)</b>		
ANT 211	Medical Anthropology	3
ANT 244	(Plagues & Populations)	
PSC 325	Politics of Public Health	3
SOC 275	Sociology of Food and Health	3
SOC 355	Medical Sociology	3

### Law, Crime, and Society

Code	Title	Hours
<b>Course Options Include (but are not limited to)</b>		
CMM 411	(Communication, Law, and Regulation)	3
PSY 252	(Forensic Psychology)	3
PSY 255	Social Psychology	3
SOC 170	Deviance and Crime	3
SOC 333	Sociology of Law	3
SOC 421	A Just Society?	3

Students in this major can participate in the pre-health graduate school preparation tracks. (<https://catalog.une.edu/programs/science-prerequisites-health-professions/>)

## Academic and Technical Standards

A grade point average of 2.00 is necessary to be approved to add a major in Applied Social and Cultural Studies.

A minimum grade of C- must be achieved in all courses used toward program requirements in Applied Social and Cultural Studies. See Undergraduate Academic Policy (<https://catalog.une.edu/undergraduate/academic-policy-regulations/>) also.

## Learning Outcomes

Students in all social and cultural studies programs will explore the world and its diverse people, environments, social/cultural structure, and languages by employing sociological and anthropological theory, research design, analysis, experiential learning, and critical assessment

methods. As a result, at the completion of all social and cultural studies programs, students will be able to recognize and evaluate the nature of social evidence and in doing so be able to articulate and apply appropriate terminology, and theoretical and methodological procedures to the examination of society, culture, and languages across space and time.