



**KENTUCKY STATE  
UNIVERSITY**

## **SCHOOL OF CRIMINAL JUSTICE, BEHAVIORAL, POLITICAL AND SOCIAL SCIENCES**

The School of Behavioral and Social Sciences is committed to the University's particular emphasis on liberal studies. Baccalaureate degree programs are offered in psychology and social sciences with a track in history, and social studies education. The Division provides its students with the knowledge, skills, tools, and perspectives to analyze and interpret phenomena in their selected fields as well as in related disciplines. The intent is to develop scholars who are knowledgeable and well-versed in each of the behavioral and social sciences.

In cooperation with the School of Education, Human Development, and Consumer Sciences, the Division offers a track in social studies education, which prepares students for teacher certification in grades 8-12. The Teacher Education Program in social studies has specific admissions requirements and coursework, including a semester of full-time student teaching. Students in this program should maintain close contact with their Social Studies Education advisor in the Division as well as the faculty in the School of Education, Human Development, and Consumer Sciences.

### **Social Sciences – Social Studies Education Track**

The Bachelor of Arts in Social Sciences with a Social Studies Education track prepares graduates to seek Kentucky teacher certification in Secondary School (8th through 12th grade). Admission to KSU's Social Studies Teacher Education Program (TEP) has specific requirements that include introductory education coursework, a nationally standardized test, and field hours in schools. A semester of full-time student teaching (70 days) is required in the student's last semester of study and admission to student teaching also has specific requirements, including coursework and 200 verified hours of field experiences. This degree is offered in conjunction with the School of Education, Human Development, and Consumer Sciences in the College of Agriculture, Community, and the Sciences, so students in this program should maintain close contact with their advisor in the School of Behavioral and Social Sciences as well as with the chair and faculty of the School of Education, Human Development, and Consumer Sciences. Students interested in becoming certified teachers are referred to the School of Education, Human Development, and Consumer Sciences section of this catalog to learn more about admission criteria and procedures.

### **International Studies**

Students at Kentucky State University must be prepared to participate and compete in our increasingly globally connected world. Thus, they

need to be exposed to an international curriculum that enables them to interact in, understand, and appreciate cultures other than their own.

### **Psychology**

Psychology involves the scientific study of a vast array of phenomena related to the actions and experiences of organisms. Psychologists study phenomena such as perception, memory, thought, behavior, and the psychological, social, physiological, and developmental processes that underlie these phenomena. In addition to its commitment to scientific truth, psychology requires the application of knowledge and critical thinking/reasoning skills to assess, prevent, and resolve individual and social problems.

The Psychology program at Kentucky State University leads to a major or a minor that prepares the student with a solid, well-rounded education in psychology. The study of psychology serves as a useful foundation for the pursuit of careers in business, law, medicine, social work, and the other helping professions; or majors may pursue further study in psychology at the graduate level.

Psychology major/minor students must complete PSY 200 General Psychology as part of the Liberal Studies Requirements. PSY 215 Orientation to Psychology, which does not count toward the core major requirements, must be taken as a pre-requisite.

### **Bachelor's**

- Psychology Bachelor of Science (<https://kysu-public.courseleaf.com/undergraduate/humanities-business-society/behavioral-social-sciences/psychology-bs/>)
- Social Sciences Bachelor of Arts - History Track (<https://kysu-public.courseleaf.com/undergraduate/humanities-business-society/behavioral-social-sciences/social-sciences-ba-history-track/>)
- Social Sciences Bachelor of Arts – Sociology Track (<https://kysu-public.courseleaf.com/undergraduate/humanities-business-society/behavioral-social-sciences/social-sciences-ba-sociology-track/>)

### **Minors**

- African American Studies Minor (<https://kysu-public.courseleaf.com/undergraduate/humanities-business-society/behavioral-social-sciences/african-american-studies-minor/>)
- Interdisciplinary Intelligence Studies Minor (<https://kysu-public.courseleaf.com/undergraduate/humanities-business-society/behavioral-social-sciences/interdisciplinary-intelligence-studies-minor/>)
- International Studies Minor (<https://kysu-public.courseleaf.com/undergraduate/humanities-business-society/behavioral-social-sciences/international-studies-minor/>)
- Psychology Minor (<https://kysu-public.courseleaf.com/undergraduate/humanities-business-society/behavioral-social-sciences/psychology-minor/>)
- Sociology Minor (<https://kysu-public.courseleaf.com/undergraduate/humanities-business-society/behavioral-social-sciences/sociology-minor/>)

### **Certificates**

- Cultural Diversity Studies Certificate (<https://kysu-public.courseleaf.com/undergraduate/humanities-business-society/behavioral-social-sciences/cultural-diversity-studies-certificate/>)