ACADEMIC ALERT #2003-14

DATE: **June, 2003**
DECISION: **College of Arts and Sciences (CAS)**

New Degree Program, Bachelor of Arts (B.A.) in Social Science

Rationale
The B.A. in Social Science was developed to meet the needs of recent high school graduates and community college students who are transferring to NLU, and addresses the trend that employers prefer people who are broadly educated in the social sciences. The new program utilizes existing faculty, many existing courses, and provides students with a coherent and integrated course of study in the social science disciplines. In terms of teaching certification and endorsements, the concentrations specified in the B.A. in Social Science correspond to the teaching requirements for the State of Illinois in secondary education. Students may opt to combine the B.A. in Social Science with one of the 30QH minor fields of study offered at NLU.

CAS Curriculum Committee Approval: June 12, 2002
Senate Curriculum Committee Approval of New Courses: November 4, 2002
Senate Academic Planning Committee Approval: April 10, 2003
Faculty Senate Approval: April 16, 2003

Proposed Start Date: Fall, 2003

Current Program Authorizations
The university currently has authorization to offer the B.A. in Social Sciences in the following Illinois regions: Chicago Region, North Suburban Region, and West Suburban Region.

IMPLEMENTATION DATE: September 1, 2003

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Description of the Program
The B.A. in Social Science is administered by the Department of Psychology and Social Sciences in the College of Arts and Sciences. The Social Science Program consists of required courses and electives that lead to the Bachelor of Arts degree in Social Science. The B.A. in Social Science is offered to students who have not completed an AA degree, to students who hold and AA degree (cohort model) and to students who want to prepare for careers in teaching secondary education with concentrations in Economics, Political Science, Sociology/Anthropology and History.

Admission Requirements
The requirements for admission to the B.A. in Social Science Program, are identical to the admissions requirement for other CAS undergraduate programs.

General Education Requirements

The B.A. in Social Science program requires a minimum of 69quarter hours or the equivalent in general education coursework for completion of the B.A. degree. This will include demonstration of competence in all ten core areas below and also include the specific courses or equivalent listed in areas four through ten.

1. **Information and Technology Literacy**

Requirement is satisfied in English Composition I and II (with required word processing), and integrated throughout the student's academic experience in courses that require computer use.

2. **Analytical Skills**

Requirement is satisfied in Logic and Effective Thinking, College Mathematics, and Basic Statistics or Statistical Methods, and integrated throughout student's academic experience in courses that emphasize critical thinking and analysis.

3. **Ethics, Values, and Respect for Human Diversity**

Requirement is satisfied in Contemporary World Cultures, General Psychology, Introductory Social Science course, and U.S. History and Culture: 1492–1828, U.S. History and Culture: 1828–1898, or U.S. History and Culture: 1898–present, or upper division literature course, and integrated throughout student's academic experience in courses that focus on ethical values and social justice.

4. **Communications**

English Composition I, English Composition II, Speech or Drama elective

5. **Humanities**

Logic and Effective Thinking, English elective

6. **Fine Arts**

Introduction to Art or Art elective, Introduction to Music or Music elective

7. **Quantitative Reasoning**

College Mathematics, Basic Statistics or Statistical Methods

8. **Physical and Life Sciences**

General Biology, Survey of Physical Sciences, Science elective

9. **Social Sciences**

U.S. History, Contemporary World Cultures, Introductory Social Science course

10. **Behavioral Science**

General Psychology

Program Requirements for B.A. in Social Science For students pursuing the B.A. in Social Science who have not completed an AA Degree	
General Education Requirements	69 QH
Social Science Major Courses	75 QH
Free Electives	36 QH
Minimum total Hours Required for Graduation	180 QH

A minimum of 50 QH in program must be upper level
<u>Residency Requirements</u>: 50 QH in Program must be completed at NLU with a grade of 'C' or better.

Required Courses for B.A. in Social Science
These courses are for students pursuing the B.A. in Social Science who have not completed an AA Degree

Economics: Select 3 of the following courses	
LAS 115 Introduction to Economics	5 QH
LAS 250 Macroeconomics	5 QH
LAS 255 Microeconomics	5 QH
LAS 315 World Economics	5 QH
LAS 345 Labor Economics	5 QH
LAS 445 Evolution of the American Economy	5 QH

Political Science: Select 4 of the following courses	
LAS 118 Introduction to Politics	5 QH
LAS 120 Introduction to American Politics	5 QH
LAS 310 International Relations	5 QH
LAS 316 Comparative Politics*	5 QH
LAS 319 Elections and electoral Behavior*	5 QH
LAS 321 American Political Ideas*	5 QH
LAS 458 Public Policy in the Legislative Process*	5 QH

Sociology and Anthropology: Select 4 of the following courses	
INT 310 Research Methods in the Behavioral Sciences	5 QH
LAS 105 Introduction to Sociology	5 QH
LAS 240 Human Origins	5 QH
LAS 303 Sub-Saharan African Cultures	5 QH
LAS 306 Marriage and Family	5 QH
LAS 313 Metropolitan Community	5 QH
LAS 342 Folklore	5 QH
LAS 405 Social Problems	5 QH
LAS 420 Social Theory	5 QH
LAS 441 Urban Anthropology	5 QH

History: Select 4 of the following courses	
LAS 200 US History I 1492-1828	5 QH
LAS 201 US History II 1828-1898	5 QH
LAS 203 US History III to present	5 QH
LAS 300 Contemporary World Cultures	5 QH
LAS 301 Western History and Cultures to 1650	5 QH
LAS 302 Asian History and Cultures	5 QH
LAS 304 Middle and south American Cultures	5 QH
LAS 305 Western History and Culture Since 1650	5 QH
LAS 311 Racial and Ethnic History and Culture	5 QH
LAS 495 ST in World History: conflict in the Middle East	5 QH

Program Requirements for B.A. in Social Science **For students pursuing the B.A. in Social Science who have completed an AA degree**	
General Education Requirements	AA Degree
Social Science major Courses	90 QH
Minimum Total Hours Required for Graduation	180 QH

Required Courses for B.A. in Social Science **These courses are for students pursuing the B.A. in Social Science who have completed an AA Degree (Cohort Model)**	
TERM 1 (13 QH)- Foundations of Social Science	
INT 310 Research Methods in Social and Behavioral Sciences	5 QH
LAS 311 Racial and Ethnic History and Culture	5 QH
LAS 420A Social Theory I	3 QH
TERM 2 (17 QH)- Cities, States, and Systems	
LAS 313 Metropolitan Community **(Online)**	5 QH
LAS 316 Comparative Politics*	5 QH
LAS 319 Elections and Electoral Behavior*	5 QH
LAS 420B Social Theory II	2 QH
***New Course**	
TERM 3 (15 QH)- International and Domestic Dimensions	
LAS 310 International Relations	5 QH
LAS 405 Social Problems **(Online)**	5 QH
LAS 495 ST in World History: Conflict in the Middle East	5 QH
TERM 4 (17 QH)- Gender, Labor, and world Cultures	
LAS 300 Contemporary World Cultures	5 QH
LAS 304 Middle and South American Cultures	5 QH
LAS 345 Labor Economics **(Online)**	5 QH
LAS 302A Asian History and Cultures II	2 QH
TERM 5 (14 QH)- Government and Political Culture	
LAS 321 American Political Ideas*	5 QH
LAS 458 Public Policy in the Legislative Process*	5 QH
LAS 499 Social Science Seminar	1 QH
LAS 302B Asian History and Cultures II	3 QH
***** New Course**	
TERM 6 (14 QH)- Families and the Economy	
LAS 306 Marriage and Family	5 QH
LAS 315 World Economics	5 QH
LAS 499 Social Science Seminar	4 OH

Program Requirements for B.A. in Social Science **For students pursuing the B.A. in Social Science who are seeking to fulfill the State of Illinois endorsement for teaching at the secondary level, and have not completed an AA Degree.**	
General Education Requirements	69 QH
Social Science Major Courses	75 QH
Free Electives	36 QH
Minimum total Hours Required for Graduation	180 QH
A minimum of 40 QH in program must be upper level Residency Requirement: 60 QH in program must be completed at NLU with a grade of 'C' or better	

Required Program Courses for B.A. in Social Science Preparation for Teaching Secondary Education **For students pursuing the B.A. in Social Science who are seeking to fulfill the State of Illinois endorsements for teaching at the secondary level, and have not completed an AA Degree.**	
Economics:	
LAS 250 Macroeconomics	5 QH
LAS 255 Microeconomics	5 QH
LAS 315 World Economics	5 OH

Political Science:	
LAS 120 Introduction to American Politics	5 QH
LAS 310 International Relations	5 QH
LAS 316 Comparative Politics*	5 QH
LAS 319 Elections and Electoral Behavior*	5 QH
LAS 321 American Political Ideas*	5 QH
***New Course**	

Sociology and Anthropology:	
INT 310 Research Methods in Social & Behavioral Sciences	5 QH
LAS 306 Marriage and Family	5 QH
LAS 313 Metropolitan Community OR	5 QH
LAS 405 Social Problems	5 QH
LAS 420 Social Theory	5 QH
LAS 441 Urban Anthropology	5 QH

History:	
LAS 200 US History I 1492-1828	
LAS 201 US History II 1828-1898	
LAS 203 US History III to present	10 QH
LAS 300 Contemporary World Cultures	5 QH (prescribed in Gen Ed)
LAS 301 Western History and Culture to 1650	5 QH
LAS 302 Asian History and Cultures	5 QH
LAS 304 Middle and south American Cultures	5 QH
LAS 305 Western History and Culture since 1650	5 QH
LAS 311 Racial and Ethnic History and Culture	5 QH
LAS 495 ST in World History: Conflict in the Middle East	5 OH

Implementation
This new program needs to be added to the next catalogue, 2004-2006, including description of the program and new courses.

The new program needs to be marketed appropriately and information about this program needs to be disseminated to students who are potentially interested in studying the social science disciplines and/or are interested in becoming secondary education teachers. Therefore information needs to be in College of Arts and Sciences and National College of Education publications.