

Social Science



The four social sciences—economics and business, history, political science, and sociology and anthropology—offer clearer understanding of how people function in community, organize to accomplish common goals, and manage the production and exchange of goods and services.

As a social science major, you study people's behavior as individuals and in groups by focusing more on general characteristics or patterns of behavior than on particular persons or institutions. You choose your own area of emphasis, guided by the different set of questions and arena of human activity studied in each social science, gaining a broader perspective than students pursuing a single subject.

SELECTED COURSES

- Macroeconomics
- History of Economic Thought
- Money, Banking and Financial Markets
- Foundations of History
- American Government
- Political Theory and Ideology
- International Politics
- Sociological Theory
- Gender & Sex Roles in Cross-Cultural Perspective
- Reacting to the Past

CAREER PATHS

- Social Work
- Law
- Health Sciences
- Missions
- Ministry
- Business
- Government
- Teaching



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FACULTY HIGHLIGHTS



KATHERINE BRYANT, PH.D.

Specializes in international politics, international development, empirical methods, international conflict and peace building.



BLAKE VICTOR KENT, PH.D.

Expertise in quantitative methods of research, specializing in population health, medicine, and religion



EDD NOELL, PH.D.

Recently served as President of the U.S. Association of Christian Economists



ALASTAIR SU, PH.D.

Specializes in the history of capitalism and immigration in the United States

OPPORTUNITIES ABROAD



- Westmont's Europe Semester
- Westmont in Northern Europe
- Westmont's England Semester
- Westmont in Cairo
- Westmont in Jerusalem

ALUMNI

Elizabeth Beebe '17, has previously worked for Old Skool Cafe, a youth-run supper club, in support of their overall operations and business development projects. After the Thomas Fire and Montecito Mudslide, she worked for two organizations in order to support impacted homeowners and workers. She persued her Master's of Public Affairs and now works for Habitat for Humanity.

Andrew Bradshaw '25, studied business, psychology, sociology and communications at Westmont. He was selected as a Luce Scholar with the Henry Luce Foundation and is currently serving in Kathmandu. In 2024, he interned with the International Crisis Group in New York, where he supported the foundation team's \$12 million donor portfolio at one of the world's leading policy think tanks focused on conflict and peacebuilding.



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