

# **DIVISION OF SOCIAL SCIENCES**

**DIVISION HEAD:** PROF. SHOMA MUNSHI

## MISSION STATEMENT

Supporting the mission of the University and the college, the Social Sciences Division offers a diverse curriculum within the academic areas of social and behavioral sciences, history, international studies, political science, psychology, and health and fitness.

The Division is committed to advancing knowledge through critical inquiry by gaining a deeper understanding of the individual, social, and cultural dimensions of the world around us. We transform student experiences through learning, perspectival thinking, and problem solving as well as through active engagement with people and communities, both regionally and internationally. We seek to foster an intellectual atmosphere where scholarship explores human societies and cultures, systems of social groupings, status relationships, material exchanges, and communication.

The Social Sciences Division supports these aspects of its mission through free intellectual inquiry in accordance with Kuwaiti law. In so doing, we form an integral role in the University by making lasting intellectual contributions to the larger society and region in which we are situated. We endeavor to review this statement on a timely basis and to ensure that curricular changes fall within its purview.

## MAJOR DEGREE PROGRAMS

The Division of Social Sciences oversees Bachelor of Arts programs with Majors in the following academic disciplines:

- Bachelor of Arts in International Studies
- Bachelor of Arts in Social and Behavioral Sciences

## CERTIFICATE PROGRAMS

- Gulf Studies Certificate Program

## MINORS

The Division of Social Sciences oversees the following Minor programs:

- History
- Human Resources
- International Studies
- Psychology
- Social and Behavioral Sciences

## DISCIPLINES (FIELDS OF STUDY)

The Division of Social Sciences includes the following disciplines (fields of study):

- American Studies (AMST)
- Health and Fitness (HFIT)
- History (HIST)
- International Studies (INST)
- Political Science (PLSC)
- Psychology (PSYC)
- Social and Behavioral Sciences, Conc. Anthropology (SBSA)

# DEGREE PROGRAMS IN THE DIVISION OF SOCIAL SCIENCES

## INTERNATIONAL STUDIES (INST)

The International Studies program seeks to educate students through a traditional liberal arts and interdisciplinary curricula. The program is committed to teaching skills in critical thinking, problem solving, communication, perspective thinking, research, teamwork, and information technology.

The program is structured with a set of general core course requirements followed by Area Studies courses in global and regional studies. Regional studies consists of two tracks: Euro-American Region Studies and Arab, Islamic, and Other Region Studies. The program also participates in the Soliya Connect Program and regularly sponsors visits to important political and cultural sites in the region and abroad.

The program is ideal for those who want to pursue careers in diplomacy, media, local and national government, and international and non-governmental organizations. It is also an excellent stepping stone toward graduate programs in international relations, history, political science, public administration, law, and business.

It is strongly recommended that a student majoring in International Studies also Minor in History.

### BACHELOR OF ARTS (B.A.) IN INTERNATIONAL STUDIES

**Program Lead:** Dr. Dmytro Roman Kulchitsky    **Program E-mail:** [INST@auk.edu.kw](mailto:INST@auk.edu.kw)

#### International Studies Learning Outcomes:

Upon completion of the AUK Major in International Studies, the student will be able to:

- Examine diverse theories and perspectives of international relations
- Identify problems, issues, patterns and questions relevant to the study of international politics
- Apply research methods involved in the study of contemporary international relations
- Assess both qualitative and quantitative data relevant to different political and economic systems and their institutional arrangements
- Apply critical thinking and writing skills when analyzing political and economic problems, issues, and arguments in a variety of local, national, regional, and international contexts
- Reconstruct concepts, models, and theories of international relations
- Communicate decisions as leaders in the national, regional, and international arena.

#### Admission to the Program of International Studies:

- High School Graduates of the Scientific Section: The student must have at least a 70% cumulative high school grade in the *Thanawiya Amma* system or in the British System.
- High School Graduates of the Scientific Section: The student must have at least a 2.5 cumulative high school GPA in the *Muqararat* system or in the American School System.
- High School Graduates of the Literary Section: The student must have at least a 74% cumulative high school grade in the *Thanawiya Amma* system or in the British System.
- High School Graduates of the Literary Section: The student must have at least a 2.7 cumulative high school GPA in the *Muqararat* system or in the American School System.
- Students should apply and get formal approval for admission into the program (or Major) by the end of the second semester of their sophomore or second year.

- Students must have completed English 101 with a grade of “C” or better.
- Students changing their Major to International Studies must also have completed English 101 with a grade of “C” or better.

**Transfer students:** Transfers to the Major from other universities must have a minimum 2.00 GPA in equivalent Major courses and a grade of “C” or better in English 101 or its equivalent. Transfers from other universities are not normally accepted in their senior year.

**University Degree Requirements (120 credit hours)**

To receive the degree of Bachelor of Arts with a Major in International Studies, students must complete at least 120 credit hours:

- General Education Requirements (45)
- Major Requirements (42), composed of:
  - Core Courses (15)
  - Area Studies Courses (27)
- International Studies Electives (15)
- Free Electives (18)

**Major Requirements (42 credit hours)**

Major requirements include 5 required core courses (15 credit hours), followed by 9 Area Studies courses (27 credit hours) in Global Studies and Regional Studies:

*Core Courses (15 credit hours)*

Students must take the following core courses (12 credit hours):

HIST 201	History and Politics of Kuwait	(3)
INST 210	Methods of Research in International Studies	(3)
PLSC 200	Introduction to Political Science	(3)
INST 309	Dynamics of Globalization	(3)
<b>AND</b>		
INST 101	Introduction to International Studies	(3)
<b>OR</b>		
PLSC 202	International Relations	(3)

*Area Studies Courses (27 credit hours)*

Majors must complete, in consultation with the academic advisor, 3 courses (9 credit hours) in Global Studies, which must include the senior capstone course (INST 485, “Seminar in History and International Studies”). Majors must also complete, in consultation with the academic advisor, 3 courses (9 credit hours) in each one of the two areas of Regional Studies:

**Global Studies (9 credit hours)**

INST 485	Seminar in History and International Studies	(3)
<b>AND</b>		
INST 339	International Organization	(3)
INST 341	Public International Law	(3)
INST 345	Conflict Resolution	(3)
INST 389	Special Topics*	(3)
INST 412	Sustainable Development	(3)
PLSC 204	International Political Economy	(3)

\*The student must consult with their Academic Advisor to ensure that the INST 389 “Special Topics” course offered that semester falls under the “Global Studies” category.

**Regional Studies (18 credit hours)**Euro-American Region Studies (9 credit hours)

AMST 121	US History Since 1900	(3)
HIST 317	Topics in English/British History	(3)
INST 204	Survey of European Political History	(3)
INST 205	Modern Europe	(3)
INST 386	Perspectives on US Foreign Policy in the Middle East (Soliya Connect Program)	(3)
INST 389	Special Topics*	(3)
INST 400	Colonialism	(3)
INST 405	Comparative Economic and Political Systems	(3)
PLSC 203	Comparative Politics	(3)
PLSC 302	Public Policy	(3)
PLSC 315	American Government	(3)
PLSC 316	Political and Social Forces in the U.S.	(3)
PLSC 322	Western Political Theory	(3)
PLSC 327	Comparative Ethnicity, Identity, and Ethnic Conflict	(3)
PLSC 334	E-Government	(3)
PLSC 335	Current Trends in Public Administration	(3)

\*The student must consult with their Academic Advisor to ensure that the INST 389 “Special Topics” course offered that semester falls under the “Euro-American Region Studies” category.

Arab, Islamic, and Other Region Studies (9 credit hours)

HIST 221	Survey of Gulf History	(3)
HIST 305	History of the Islamic World: 622 – 1800	(3)
HIST 307	Arab History in the Late Ottoman Period: 1800-1922	(3)
HIST 311	Ottoman History	(3)
HIST 333	Modern History of Kuwait and the Gulf	(3)
INST 310	20th Century Arab Middle East	(3)
INST 389	Special Topics*	(3)
INST 484	Islamic Militant Movements	(3)
PLSC 207	International Relations of Arab States	(3)
PLSC 304	Arab Politics	(3)
PLSC 317	Government and Politics in Kuwait	(3)
PLSC 321	Islamic Political Philosophy	(3)

\*The student must consult with their Academic Advisor to ensure that the INST 389 “Special Topics” course offered that semester falls under the “Arab, Islamic, and Other Region Studies” category.

**International Studies Electives (15 credit hours)**

Students will choose 5 courses (15 credit hours), in consultation with their Academic Advisors, from the following prefix designations: **ACCT, ART, BEAL, COMM, ECON, ENGL, HIST, INST, PHIL, PLSC, RELG, and SBSA.**

**Free Electives (18 credit hours)**

Majors are expected to take 6 courses (18 credits hours) of their choice from among courses in Arts and Sciences.

**NOTE:** Information on internship assessment for internships offered by the Division of Social Sciences is also located at the end of the “Division of Social Sciences” section of the Catalog.

## INTERNATIONAL STUDIES 2009-2010 4-YEAR PLAN

<b>Year 1</b>			
<b>Prefix</b>	<b>Number</b>	<b>Title</b>	<b>Prerequisite/s</b>
ENGL	101	Approaches to Critical Reading and Writing	
HIST	201	History and Politics of Kuwait	
General		General Education Requirement	
General		General Education Requirement	
General		General Education Requirement	
<b>Year 1</b>			
<b>Prefix</b>	<b>Number</b>	<b>Title</b>	<b>Prerequisite/s</b>
ENGL	102	Writing and Information Literacy	ENGL 101
General		General Education Requirement	
General		General Education Requirement	
General		General Education Requirement	
General		General Education Requirement	
<b>Year 2</b>			
<b>Prefix</b>	<b>Number</b>	<b>Title</b>	<b>Prerequisite/s</b>
INST	101	Introduction to International Studies	
PLSC	200	Introduction to Political Science	
INST	210	Methods of Research in International Studies	INST 101
General		General Education Requirement	
General		General Education Requirement	
<b>Year 2</b>			
<b>Prefix</b>	<b>Number</b>	<b>Title</b>	<b>Prerequisite/s</b>
EARS		Euro-American Region Studies	
EARS		Euro-American Region Studies	
General		General Education Requirement	
General		General Education Requirement	
General		General Education Requirement	
<b>Year 3</b>			
<b>Prefix</b>	<b>Number</b>	<b>Title</b>	<b>Prerequisite/s</b>
INST	309	Dynamics of Globalization	INST 101
EARS		Upper Level Euro-American Region Studies	
AIAORS		Upper Level Arab, Islamic, and Other Region Studies	

INST Elective		International Studies Elective	
Elective		Free Elective	
<b>Year 3</b>			
<b>Semester-2</b>			
<b>Prefix</b>	<b>Number</b>	<b>Title</b>	<b>Prerequisite/s</b>
AIAORS		Arab, Islamic, and Other Region Studies	
INST Elective		Upper Level International Studies Elective	
INST Elective		Upper Level International Studies Elective	
Elective		Upper Level Free Elective	
Elective		Free Elective	
<b>Year 4</b>			
<b>Semester-1</b>			
<b>Prefix</b>	<b>Number</b>	<b>Title</b>	<b>Prerequisite/s</b>
INST	485	Seminar in History and International Studies	
GS		Upper Level Global Studies	
AIAORS		Upper Level Arab, Islamic, and Other Region Studies	
General		General Education Requirement	
Elective		Upper Level Free Elective	
<b>Year 4</b>			
<b>Semester-2</b>			
<b>Prefix</b>	<b>Number</b>	<b>Title</b>	<b>Prerequisite/s</b>
GS		Upper Level Global Studies	
INST Elective		Upper Level International Studies Elective	
INST Elective		Upper Level International Studies Elective	
Elective		Upper Level Free Elective	
Elective		Free Elective	

## SOCIAL AND BEHAVIORAL SCIENCES (SBSA)

The Social and Behavioral Sciences Program is the study of human beings and societies across time and around the globe. Social and behavioral scientists study how human societies and cultures comprise, and are shaped by, natural and human-made environments, systems of social groupings and status relationships, material exchanges, and language-based capacities for symbolic expression and communication.

At the American University of Kuwait, Social and Behavioral Sciences offers a concentration in Anthropology. Social and behavioral scientists, with a concentration in anthropology, focus on the comparative study of “culture” - the past and present conditions and evolution of human environments, institutions, systems of thought, and their dynamic interconnections. Social and behavioral scientists with a concentration in Anthropology use qualitative (“ethnographic”) and quantitative methods, and investigate such contemporary issues as class formation, gender relationships, ethnicity and ethnic revitalization, religious movements, poverty and economic development, violence, visual culture and mass media, and migration.

Graduates of Social and Behavioral Sciences, with a concentration in Anthropology, find employment in government agencies, non-governmental organizations, international aid and development agencies, and in the private sector in management positions, community service, social service, and in media and research organizations. With knowledge of the quantitative and qualitative methods of social and behavioral sciences research, graduates can also be employed by research and consulting agencies, polling organizations, and print and electronic media institutions.

### BACHELOR OF ARTS (B.A.) IN SOCIAL AND BEHAVIORAL SCIENCES (SBSA)

**Program Lead:** Prof. Shoma Munshi

**Program E-mail:** [SBSA@auk.edu.kw](mailto:SBSA@auk.edu.kw)

#### Social and Behavioral Sciences Learning Outcomes:

Upon completion of the AUK Major in Social and Behavioral Sciences, the student will be able to:

- Recognize the fundamental concepts in social and behavioral sciences with regard to different societies and cultures
- Examine how categories of difference are socially constructed
- Examine how culture constructs behaviors of everyday life
- Demonstrate sensitivity to diverse cultural perspectives, critical in today’s global society
- Apply appropriate ethical standards in the study and research of other cultures
- Assess the impact of global media, telecommunication, travel, migration and immigration on societies and cultures

#### Admission to the Program of Social and Behavioral Sciences with a concentration in Anthropology:

- High School Graduates of the Scientific Section: The student must have at least a 70% cumulative high school grade in the *Thanawiya Amma* system or in the British System.
- High School Graduates of the Scientific Section: The student must have at least a 2.5 cumulative high school GPA in the *Muqararat* system or in the American School System.
- High School Graduates of the Literary Section: The student must have at least a 74% cumulative high school grade in the *Thanawiya Amma* system or in the British System.
- High School Graduates of the Literary Section: The student must have at least a 2.7 cumulative high school GPA in the *Muqararat* system or in the American School System.
- A cumulative University GPA of 2.00.
- The completion of English 101 with a grade of “C” or better.

- A grade of 2.00 or higher in the two semester sequence:
- SBSA 101 Introduction to Social and Behavioral Sciences: Concentration in Anthropology (3)
- SBSA 200 Research Methods: Ways of Seeing and Knowing (3)

### **University Degree Requirements (120 credit hours)**

To receive a Bachelor of Arts in Social and Behavioral Sciences, students must complete at least 120 credit hours:

- General Education Requirements (45)
- Major Requirements (36), composed of:
  - Core Courses (9)
  - Concentration Courses (27)
- Social and Behavioral Sciences Electives (15)
- Free Electives (24)

### **Major Requirements (36 credit hours)**

The Major in Social and Behavioral Sciences has a core of 3 required courses (9 credit hours):

#### *Core Courses (9 credit hours)*

SBSA 101	Introduction to Social and Behavioral Sciences: Concentration in Anthropology	(3)
SBSA 200	Research Methods: Ways of Seeing and Knowing	(3)

#### **Capstone Course in the senior year (3 credit hours):**

SBSA 485	Seminar in Social and Behavioral Sciences, Concentration in Anthropology	(3)
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#### *Concentration Courses (27 credit hours)*

Students must complete, in consultation with their Academic Advisors, at least 3 courses (9 credit hours) in each of the two categories (total 18 credit hours). The remaining 9 credit hours can be taken from either category.

#### **Category 1: Global Practices**

SBSA 205	Fundamentals of Arab Society	(3)
SBSA 214	Lost Worlds	(3)
SBSA 224	Shopping and Consumerism	(3)
SBSA 228	African Healing	(3)
SBSA 230	Genocide and Refugees	(3)
SBSA 239	Nation and Migration	(3)
SBSA 250	Religion and Spirituality	(3)
SBSA 341	Women in Cross-Cultural Perspective	(3)
SBSA 344	Tourism and Cultural Change	(3)
SBSA 345	Globalization: In its Defense and its Discontents	(3)
SBSA 361	Mind, Mood and Medicine	(3)

#### **Category 2: Representation of Culture (9 credit hours)**

SBSA 210	Arab Society and Culture	(3)
SBSA 218	Museums as Artifacts	(3)
SBSA 219	Developing Museum Exhibitions	(3)
SBSA 220	Culture and Visual Arts	(3)

SBSA 222	Global Media and Spaces of Identity	(3)
SBSA 235	Identity, Difference, and Deviance	(3)
SBSA 249	Images of Women in Media	(3)
SBSA 260	Ethnographic Film	(3)
SBSA 265	South Asian Film: A Global Perspective	(3)
SBSA 355	Politics and Popular Culture in Africa	(3)
SBSA 366	Popular Culture in South Asia: Film and Beyond	(3)
SBSA 370	Music of the Arabian Peninsula	(3)

**Social and Behavioral Sciences Electives (15 credit hours)**

Students are strongly encouraged to choose 5 courses (15 credit hours), in consultation with their Academic Advisors, from the following disciplines (fields of study): **AMST, HIST, PLSC, INST, PSYC, ECON** and **ART**.

**Free Electives (24 credit hours)**

Majors are expected to take 24 credit hours of their choice from among courses in Arts and Sciences.

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## SOCIAL AND BEHAVIORAL SCIENCES 2009-2010 4-YEAR PLAN

Year 1		Semester-1	
Prefix	Number	Title	Prerequisite/s
ENGL	101	Approaches to Critical Reading and Writing	
SBSA	101	Introduction to Social and Behavioral Sciences, concentration Anthropology	
General		General Education Requirement	
General		General Education Requirement	
General		General Education Requirement	
Year 1		Semester-2	
Prefix	Number	Title	Prerequisite/s
SBSA	200	Research Methods: Ways of Seeing and Knowing	SBSA 101
SBSA 1		Social and Behavioral Sciences, Category 1	
SBSA 2		Social and Behavioral Sciences, Category 2	
General		General Education Requirement	
General		General Education Requirement	
Year 2		Semester-1	
Prefix	Number	Title	Prerequisite/s
SBSA 1		Social and Behavioral Sciences, Category 1	
SBSA 2		Social and Behavioral Sciences, Category 2	
General		General Education Requirement	
General		General Education Requirement	
General		General Education Requirement	
Year 2		Semester-2	
Prefix	Number	Title	Prerequisite/s
SBSA 1		Social and Behavioral Sciences, Category 1	
SBSA 2		Social and Behavioral Sciences, Category 2	
General		General Education Requirement	
General		General Education Requirement	
General		General Education Requirement	
Year 3		Semester-1	
Prefix	Number	Title	Prerequisite/s
SBSA 1		Upper Level Social and Behavioral Sciences, Category 1	
SBSA 2		Upper Level Social and Behavioral Sciences, Category 2	

SBSA Elective		Upper Level Social and Behavioral Sciences Elective	
General		General Education Requirement	
General		General Education Requirement	
<b>Year 3 Semester-2</b>			
<b>Prefix</b>	<b>Number</b>	<b>Title</b>	<b>Prerequisite/s</b>
SBSA 1		Upper Level Social and Behavioral Sciences, Category 1	
SBSA Elective		Upper Level Social and Behavioral Sciences Elective	
SBSA Elective		Upper Level Social and Behavioral Sciences Elective	
SBSA Elective		Social and Behavioral Sciences Elective	
General		General Education Requirement	
<b>Year 4 Semester-1</b>			
<b>Prefix</b>	<b>Number</b>	<b>Title</b>	<b>Prerequisite/s</b>
SBSA Elective		Upper Level Social and Behavioral Sciences Elective	
General		Upper Level General Education Requirement	
Elective		Upper Level Free Elective	
Elective		Upper Level Free Elective	
Elective		Free Elective	
<b>Year 4 Semester-2</b>			
<b>Prefix</b>	<b>Number</b>	<b>Title</b>	<b>Prerequisite/s</b>
SBSA	485	Seminar in Social and Behavioral Sciences, concentration Anthropology	
Elective		Upper Level Free Elective	
Elective		Upper Level Free Elective	
Elective		Upper Level Free Elective	
Elective		Free Elective	

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## GULF STUDIES CERTIFICATE PROGRAM

**Program Lead:** Dr. Marjorie Kelly

**Program E-mail:** [gulfcenter@auk.edu.kw](mailto:gulfcenter@auk.edu.kw)

### Benefits of a Gulf Studies Certificate Program

- Exposure to Gulf society, culture, and lifestyle.
- Opportunity to begin/expand Arabic language study.
- Enhanced understanding of Arab traditions, history, and culture.
- Preparation for careers in a variety of fields.

The Gulf Studies Certificate Program is designed for visiting students or non-degree-seeking students who wish to spend a semester at AUK focusing on regional history, politics, society, culture, and the arts. Students are required to take a total of 4 courses (12 credit hours) from the courses recommended by the Director of the Gulf Studies Program. These courses are listed in the Gulf Studies Center brochure, and the list is available at the Gulf Studies Center Office. Students are asked to see the Gulf Studies Program Coordinator Dr. Marjorie Kelly for current course listings.

All courses must be completed with a grade of “C” or better. Not all courses may be available every semester. As new courses are developed, more choices will become available for certificate electives.

For students with no background in Arabic, ARAB 102 or ARAB 201 (Arabic as a Second Language I or II) is recommended. For students with a background in Arabic, ARAB 110 “Arab Composition” or ARAB 205 “Arab-Islamic Civilization” is recommended.

It is recommended that students choose courses applicable to the Gulf Studies Program in both the humanities (including the following prefixes: **ARAB, ART, COMM, ENGL, and MUSC**) and in the social sciences (including the following prefixes: **HIST, INST, PLSC, and SBSA**) in consultation with the Director of the Gulf Studies program and/or in consultation with their Academic Advisor.

## MINORS IN THE DIVISION OF SOCIAL SCIENCES

### MINOR IN GULF STUDIES (18 CREDIT HOURS)

**Program Lead:** Dr. Marjorie Kelly

**Program E-mail:** [gulfcenter@auk.edu.kw](mailto:gulfcenter@auk.edu.kw)

The Gulf Studies Minor is an interdisciplinary program that requires a total of 18 credit hours. The courses are based in the humanities/arts and the social sciences. All courses must be completed with a grade of “C” or better. At least 9 credit hours must be taken in residence at AUK.

Core course requirements vary depending on whether students have a background in Arabic or not. Electives are to be selected from the courses listed below in the fields of Arabic, art, anthropology, history, international studies, music, and political science. It is recommended that students take courses in both the humanities and social sciences when choosing electives. As new courses are developed, more choices may become available as electives.

#### **Gulf Studies Minor Learning Outcomes:**

Upon completion of the AUK Gulf Studies Minor, the student will be able to:

- Examine the historical, political, social, and cultural forces that shaped and continue to shape the Arabian Gulf and greater Middle East
- Demonstrate an understanding of Arabic language and culture
- Evaluate political, social and cultural trends in the Arabian Gulf and greater Middle East
- Assess qualitative and quantitative research relative to the Arabian Gulf and greater Middle East

#### **Core Requirements (6 credit hours)**

SBSA 205	Fundamentals of Arab Society	[S] (3)
<b>OR</b>		
SBSA 210	Arab Society and Culture	[S] (3)
<b>OR</b>		
HIST 221	Survey of Gulf History	[S] (3)

#### **Arabic Course (3 credit hours)**

##### Category 1

For students with no background in the Arabic language:

ARAB 101	Arabic as a Second Language I	[A] (3)
<b>OR</b>		
ARAB 201	Arabic as a Second Language II	[A] (3)

##### Category 2

For students with a background in the Arabic language:

ARAB 215	Arab Composition I	[A] (3)
<b>OR</b>		
ARAB 205	Survey of Arab-Islamic Civilization	[A] (3)

#### **Minor Electives (12 credit hours)**

Students are required to complete 4 courses (12 credit hours) applicable to the Gulf Studies Program. This includes courses in the humanities (including the following prefixes: ARAB, ART, COMM, ENGL, and MUSC) as well as courses in the social sciences (including the following prefixes: HIST, INST, PLSC, and SBSA). Students are required to choose courses in consultation with the Director of the Gulf Studies Program and/or in consultation with their Academic Advisor.

**MINOR IN HISTORY (18 CREDIT HOURS)****Program Lead:** Dr. Christopher Ohan**History Minor Learning Outcomes:**

Upon completion of the AUK History Minor, the student will be able to:

- Demonstrate a historical understanding through the use of key historical terms and theories in American and/or European and/or Kuwaiti/Islamic history
- Apply basic historical method of research
- Assess qualitative and quantitative research
- Evaluate historical patterns and issues clearly

Students wishing to Minor in History are required to take 6 courses (18 credit hours) of which at least 3 courses (9 credits hours) must be taken at AUK. Students must complete the following 3 core courses (9 credit hours):

HIST 105	World History since 1900	[S] (3)
	<b>AND</b>	
HIST 305	History of the Islamic World 622 - 1800	[S] (3)
	<b>OR</b>	
HIST 333	Modern History of Kuwait and the Gulf	[S] (3)
	<b>AND</b>	
INST 205	Modern Europe	[S] (3)
	<b>OR</b>	
HIST 289	Topics in World History	[S] (3)
	<b>OR</b>	
AMST 320	American History from European Colonization to 1900	[S] (3)

Students must also take an additional three 200-level or above courses (9 credit hours) in the following prefixes: **AMST, HIST, INST, and PLSC.**

**MINOR IN HUMAN RESOURCES (18 CREDIT HOURS)****Program Lead:** Dr. Dmytro Roman Kulchitsky

The Minor is designed to introduce students to the basic concepts, processes, approaches, and policies that are reshaping the field of human resources administration.

**Human Resources Minor Learning Outcomes:**

Upon completion of the AUK Human Resources Minor, the student will be able to:

- Discuss the importance of thinking systematically and strategically about managing human assets
- Discuss basic and in-depth issues confronting human resources policy formulation and implementation in private, public, and non-profit organizations
- Explain how cultures frame the options open to human resource managers around the world
- Examine the intellectual basis for human resource administration such as psychology (motivation), and political sciences (the environment)
- Assess human resource strategies using information and communication technology skills
- Formulate and implement human resource strategies using information and communication technology skills
- Evaluate human resource strategies using information and communication technology skills

**Human Resources Minor Core Courses (9 credit hours)**

To complete a Minor in Human Resources, students must complete the following core courses:

ENGL 305	Professional Writing and Communication	[E] (3)
<b>AND</b>		
PLSC 205	Human Resources Administration and Development	(3)
<b>OR</b>		
MGMT 205	Human Resources Administration and Development	(3)
<b>AND</b>		
PLSC 333	Organization Theory	(3)
<b>OR</b>		
MGMT 333	Organizational Behavior	(3)

**Human Resources Minor Electives (9 credit hours)**

Students should complete at least 3 upper-level courses (9 credit hours of 300- or 400-level courses) from the following list:

ECON 315	Managerial Economics	(3)
FINC 343	Financial Services Management	(3)
INST 309	Dynamics of Globalization	[S] (3)
INST 405	Comparative Economic and Political Systems	(3)
MGMT 303	Management and Leadership Development	(3)
PLSC 302	Public Policy	[S] (3)
PLSC 334	E-government	[S] (3)
PLSC 335	Current Trends in Public Administration	[S] (3)
PSYC 337	Community Psychology	[S] (3)
SBSA 341	Women in Cross-Cultural Perspective	[S] (3)
SBSA 345	Globalization: In its Defense and its Discontents	[S] (3)

Students may also substitute upper-level courses approved by the Minor's Program Lead from the following prefix designations: **ACCT**, **BEAL**, **ECON**, **ENTR**, **FINC**, **MGMT**, **MRKT**, **PLSC**, **PSYC**, and **SBSA**.

**MINOR IN INTERNATIONAL STUDIES (18 CREDIT HOURS)**

**Program Lead:** Dr. Dmytro Roman Kulchitsky

Students wishing to Minor in International Studies are required to take 6 courses (18 credit hours) of which at least 3 courses (9 credits hours) must be taken at AUK. Students must complete the following three core courses (9 credit hours):

HIST 201	History and Politics of Kuwait	[S] (3)
INST 101	Introduction to International Studies	[S] (3)
PLSC 200	Introduction to Political Science	[S] (3)

Students must also take an additional three 300-level or above courses (9 credit hours) in the following prefixes: **AMST**, **HIST**, **INST**, and **PLSC**.



## DIVISION OF SOCIAL SCIENCES INTERNSHIP PROCESS AND ASSESSMENT

### **About the Course:**

The internship is a practicum course that explores Social Sciences through a variety of work experiences, both governmental and non-governmental. Students are expected to perform work for academic credit and submit, as part of their course requirements, written evaluative reports based on their experiences under the guidance of faculty of the Social Sciences Division, as well as an oral presentation at the end of the internship. Students with a general average of at least “C” at the beginning of the senior year may petition the department for internship approval.

*Grading:* The grading scale used will be the standard scale for the Division of Social Sciences. Grades will be determined as follows:

1) Field experience report	35%
2) Midterm Observations and Reflections	25%
3) Learning Logs	15%
4) Presentation to the Program/Division	25%

### **Major Assignments:**

*Field Experience Report:* Students are required to turn in a comprehensive report that describes their field experience. Early in the semester students will receive detailed information regarding the expectations with respect to compiling their report.

*Midterm Observations and Reflections:* The on-site supervisor will make the initial assessment and forward this to the 470 instructor. Students must meet with their coordinating 470 instructor halfway through the internship to discuss their progress. Within one week following the observation, students should submit a brief reflection paper (3-4 pages typed, double-spaced, 12 pt. font) to the professor who observed them. Students’ reflection papers should contain their own critical reflection on their learning experience.

*Learning Logs:* The learning log is designed to be an ongoing collection of student’s day-to-day work in the course and their own self-assessment of that work, as well as a record of their growth in understanding during the course. This will also help in future review of activities during the internship.

*Intern’s Internship Final Report:* At the end of the student’s period of work, the student is required to present a Report of Activity. The Report is to record the activities that the student has completed. The report is reviewed by the 470 instructor. Additions may be requested after discussions with the student.

*Presentation to the Program/Division:* Students must prepare an oral presentation for the Program/Division.

### **Final Assessment:**

The final assessment begins with the on-site supervisor, who submits his/her report to the 470 instructor. The 470 instructor then confirms the on-site supervisor’s assessment; and if necessary, discusses it with the on-site supervisor.

The 470 instructor takes into account all the above mentioned points for grading (see Grading) and then submits the final grade.

**Overall Assessment:**

The most positive assessment of the student comes when the student is either encouraged to return to the company where the internship is carried out; or as may happen in rare cases, the student is offered immediate employment.

The most important assessment for the student is his/her understanding of the differences in the work day between the tasks and deadlines in the academic environment and the tasks and deadlines in the work environment.

**Guidelines:**

- 1) A student with a departmental average of at least “C” at the beginning of the senior year may elect to pursue an internship course.
- 2) The Social Sciences Division sets the standards for the internship and reserves the right to decide on the suitability of the work experience.
- 3) The Social Sciences Division may assist students to find suitable employment.
- 4) Students are encouraged to find their own placements. However, the Social Sciences Division must be advised before a student approaches a prospective organization.
- 5) The 470 instructor will visit the place of work where the student will be working to determine if the environment is suitable and that the nature of the work and place of the work are in synergy.
- 6) Contact will be established between the 470 instructor and on-site supervisor to ensure that if any problems arise during the internship, there is a clear understanding of the roles each party will play to ensure that the student has a quality learning experience.
- 7) A placement is not secured until it has been approved by the Program Lead and Division Head, Social Sciences, and the student has signed and returned the Student Internship Agreement (see below).
- 8) A student must secure an internship for the entire semester.
- 9) Students should work at least 3 hours per week (for 1 credit); 8 hours per week (for 3 credits); 12 hours per week (for 4 credits); and 16 hours per week (for 6 credits).
- 10) Students are required to work with the 470 instructor at least once a week to report on progress and activity.
- 11) Any student who is dismissed from his/her internship must notify the Program Lead immediately, who, in turn, will notify the Division Head. Failure to do so within a reasonable amount of time will result in a failing grade.
- 12) All students will be treated equally and given the same opportunities.

**Attendance:**

In accordance with AUK policy, the expectation is that students will be present, on time, and prepared for every class meeting with the 470 instructor. Students are also required to be present, on time, and prepared for their internship.

**Writing Standards and Academic Integrity:**

The quality of students’ ideas as well as their presentation will be taken into consideration when assigning grades. They are expected to produce written documents that include no spelling errors, and are easily read, well-organized, clearly understood, and grammatically correct. Students are encouraged to use the grammar and spell-check capabilities of their word-processor, and to ask their peers or staff from the AUK Writing Center to proof-read their papers prior to submitting them to the professor. In accordance with AUK policy, a student’s grade on any assignment may be reduced if s/he fails to attend to these aspects of his/her written assignments. Furthermore, the University policy on Academic Integrity will be strictly adhered to in this course.

