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
AREAS OF EMPHASIS

- Economics and Business
- History
- Political Science
- Sociology and Anthropology

OPPORTUNITIES ABROAD

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

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