Plan of Study Instructions

Please visit the Registrar's Tutorial on filling out the Plan of Study. For the most up-to-date information regarding rules and deadlines, visit the Registrar's Plan of Study page.

Please bring your form already filled out when you get your plan of study signed, and be prepared to explain to the signer which course counts for which requirement. If you need to make changes, you will need to reprint your form.

List 13-16 half-courses, including the following courses:

• Social Studies 10a

• Social Studies 10b

• Social Studies 40 (Philosophy and Methods of the Social Sciences)

  OR substitute one of the following courses in social or political theory or intellectual history or qualitative methods:

  • African and African American Studies 128
  • Anthropology 1610
  • Government 10, 62, 63, 1060-1096
  • History 1323, 1324, 1330
  • Philosophy 101, 139, 175-178
  • Sociology 128
  • Studies of Women, Gender, and Sexuality 1210qt

• Two Social Studies 98 courses (junior tutorials)

• One or two courses in economics

  • Economics 10a and/or 10b
  • Any economics course for which Economics 10 is a prerequisite
• One course in statistics
  • Empirical and Mathematical Reasoning 20
  • Government 50, 61, 1000-1020
  • Psychology 1900
  • Sociology 156
  • Statistics 100, 101, 102, 104, 110

• Social Studies 99 (counts as two half-courses)

• Four to six courses in a focus field (listed in your application.)
  • They must be drawn from two social science departments (anthropology, economics, government, history, or sociology) and must include one history or historical studies course. Do not list more than six courses in your focus field.
  • The focus field historical course can be drawn from the departments of History or History of Science. We will also count general education courses that engage with the study of the past.
  • You may include courses from the Harvard Kennedy School or the Graduate School of Education and courses you plan to take while studying abroad, but at least 2 of your focus field courses must be taken at FAS
  • Junior tutorials do not count towards a focus field.

• You may also include courses from:
  • Anthropology
  • Economics
  • Government
  • History
  • Sociology
  • Philosophy (some, not all, and for theorists only)
  • Ethical Reasoning
  • Societies of the World
  • United States in the World
  • Harvard Kennedy School (with a HKS Cross Registration Form and a Concentration Credit Petition for Cross Registered Courses)
  • Graduate School of Education (with a Concentration Credit Petition for Cross Registered Courses)

Please do NOT list courses on your tentative plan of study that fall outside of these programs. You will be able to petition to count social science courses taught in other departments (for example, African and African American Studies, Religion, and Studies of Women, Gender,
and Sexuality) but you cannot do this until you file a focus field and plan of study in the first term of your junior year.

If you are certain that you want to do a joint concentration, please email Anya Bernstein Bassett right away. We allow joint concentrations with most area studies programs and with Studies of Women, Gender, and Sexuality. Dr. Bassett will need to approve your petition and personally sign your plan of study. You can add a joint concentration later on, up until the fall of your senior year.