**COMMITTEE ON DEGREES IN SOCIAL STUDIES  
Declaration of Intent**

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1. Please tell us a little about yourself academically. What courses have you enjoyed at Harvard the most and why? What intellectual topics interest you the most and why?

2. What are your major commitments outside the classroom?

3. What else do you think we should we know about you in order to advise you well?

4. We want to know that you have thought about what it would be like to be a Social Studies concentrator. Please read through the “[requirements explained](http://socialstudies.fas.harvard.edu/requirements-ii)” and “[focus field](http://socialstudies.fas.harvard.edu/focus-field)” sections of our website, then create a possible focus field for yourself in Social Studies, following the guidelines provided in the [focus field checklist](http://socialstudies.fas.harvard.edu/files/socialstudies/files/focus_field_checklist_.pdf?m=1452107206). Give your focus field a title (along the lines of the sample focus fields listed) and choose 4-6 courses that might go into your plan of study. Your courses must be drawn from at least two departments in the social sciences (anthropology, economics, government, history, or sociology) or continental philosophy if you are a social theorist and must include at least one historical course*.*

As per the linked focus field documents, we consider social science courses to be those taught in the above five departments or by an instructor with a Ph.D. in one of those five departments.

*(Please note that no signature is required for this possible focus field. We will ask you to complete the Focus Field Form and get your academic advisor’s signature when you are a junior and senior.)*

In 2-3 paragraphs (no longer than one page, typed, double-spaced), explain why this focus field interests you and why you want to follow this plan in Social Studies instead of another department.

5. Attach a current transcript to your application that includes Harvard’s calculation of your GPA. You should be able to find you transcript on my.harvard.edu.

If you have any questions as you complete your Declaration of Intent, please make an appointment with one of our pre-concentration advisors: Bonnie Talbert, Bo-Mi Choi, or Kate Anable. You can find their email addresses and appointment information [here](https://socialstudies.fas.harvard.edu/pre-concentration).