A successful future belongs to those who are well prepared. When you enroll at Miles College, you are giving yourself one of the best opportunities to prepare for the challenges of the new millennium. Miles College offers competitive academic programs that help you to make the right choice for your career. Our liberal arts education is well-rounded and designed to maximize your diversity and creativity. You get the “personal touch”, faculty and staff who are right there when you need them. There, you have it—an excellent learning environment, a great academic program, social and professional involvement in major disciplines. You name it. At Miles College, we’ve got your future.

MISSION

The Miles College Division of Social and Behavioral Sciences acknowledges as its mission the delivery of an academic program in the social sciences, which promotes the development of student competence in the fields of study provided by this Division.

Miles College is accredited to award Bachelors degrees by the Commission on Colleges of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools: 1866 Southern Lane, Decatur, GA 30033-4097, Phone: 404-679-4501
WHY STUDY SOCIAL SCIENCES AT MILES COLLEGE?

The Division of Social and Behavioral Sciences offers majors in Political Science, History, Social Work, Criminal Justice (Day and Weekend) and Social Science Education. Minor programs are offered in History, Public Administration, Sociology, Legal Studies and International Studies. The Division also offers an Undergraduate Certificate in Gerontology.

To receive the Bachelor of Arts degree in Political Science, a student must satisfactorily complete the prescribed General Education classes, the specific requirements of the Social and Behavioral Sciences Division and the major area. A total of 130 hours is required for this degree. 130 hours are also required for the History majors.

A degree in Political Science prepares you for a career in law, business, journalism, public and international affairs, federal government, state and local government, teaching, interest groups, campaign management.

Social Science/History Education majors need a total of 133 hours. They must complete the requirements for the professional certificate in secondary education (see the chairperson of the Division of Education for specific information concerning the State of Alabama requirements for professional certification).

Social Work majors are required to complete a total of 128 semester hours for a Bachelor of Social Work (BSW) degree. This program is accredited by the Council of Social Work Education (CSWE), the national accrediting agency for undergraduate and graduate degrees in Social Work.

Students wishing to major in Social Work should anticipate that the program includes 500 hours of supervised field instruction in the senior year.

Social Work majors have an organization of their own through which they try to reach out and help people in the communities. Graduates from our nationally accredited BSW program are qualified for employment in public and private human services agencies that provide a variety of services to all income levels. Possible areas of employment are family and children's services, public social services programs, medical and psychiatric social work, industrial counseling, rehabilitation services, legal services, corrections, juvenile court, programs for the elderly, group work, social planning and administration, community development and organization, and emerging opportunities in social work. Completion of the major program prepares the student for local, state and federal merit jobs and advance standing in graduate programs in social work and qualifies the student for application to become a licensed social worker in the State of Alabama.

The Weekend (Saturday) Criminal Justice major program is designed for working adults who already have a two year, associate college degree. This is a weekend program-classes meet on Saturdays-and can be completed in approximately 18 months. See a separate brochure to learn more about this program. The Criminal Justice program prepares students for a career in law enforcement, corrections facilities, and other law enforcement careers. Also, a regular Day Program in Criminal Justice is available for day students. Criminal Justice majors must have 126 hours to graduate.

The Undergraduate Certificate in Gerontology is designed to provide students with basic knowledge in aging and the aged. Upon graduation, students may wish to seek entry-level jobs with public or private agencies that offer services to the elderly.

The Legal Studies minor is designed to offer preparation for application to law school or graduate studies in criminal justice. This multi-disciplinary course of study is available to any student pursuing an undergraduate degree at Miles College. Students wishing to enroll in an accredited law school are expected first to complete a baccalaureate degree. Pre-law students at Miles College may select any of the undergraduate majors listed in the catalog. THERE IS NO "PRE-LAW MAJOR."

The minor in International Studies requires 18 hours of study in approved courses. It helps to prepare students in careers in foreign service, homeland security and international management.

Internships are available for all major programs and each year the Division has a wealth of lecturers to speak on a variety of topics. The Division also maintains computer facilities for students enrolled in courses in quantitative areas. Call 205-929-1681 for more information.