NYU DEPARTMENT OF
SOCIAL & CULTURAL ANALYSIS
UNDERGRADUATEFAQS

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GENERAL QUESTIONS

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20 Cooper Square, 4th Floor
Map & Contact link: http://sca.as.nyu.edu/page/contactus

What major/minor programs are there in the Department of Social and Cultural Analysis (SCA)?
Students may choose from seven (7) different majors/minors: Africana Studies, American Studies, Asian/Pacific American Studies, Gender & Sexuality Studies, Latino Studies, Metropolitan Studies, and students also have the opportunity to major in Social & Cultural Analysis itself.

What careers do SCA majors pursue?
Undergraduates who major in the various programs within SCA go on to a wide range of careers. They work in the for-profit and nonprofit sectors as well as at government agencies at the city, state, and federal level. Many go on to graduate study. They become:

- Arts Administrators
- Artists
- Activists
- Doctors
- Editors
- Environmentalists
- Health Administrators
- Journalists (print/broadcast)
- Lawyers (public interest/private)
- Professors
- Teachers (elementary/secondary school)
- Museum Educators
- Policy Analysts
- Public Administrators
- Social Workers
- Urban Planners/Designers
DECLARING A MAJOR OR MINOR

How do I declare a major?
1. Make an appointment to discuss the major with Betts Brown, Undergraduate Internships Administration & Graduate/Undergraduate Curriculum Administration, OR the Director of Undergraduate Studies. 
   (Please contact only one.)
   Link for office hours and e-mails:  
   http://sca.as.nyu.edu/object/sca.general.officehours

2. In advance of your meeting, complete two forms which will help you plan your academic program:
   - Declaration of Major form
   - Course Planning Worksheet
   Download and print the two forms here: http://sca.as.nyu.edu/object/sca.related.undergradforms

3. Non-CAS students must also obtain your school's declaration form.
4. Bring all of these forms to your appointment.

How do I declare a minor?
New minors must complete one form, the Declaration of Major/Minor form.
Forms with instructions may be downloaded and printed from the websites:
http://sca.as.nyu.edu/object/sca.related.declaremajor

Can I major in two SCA programs?
No.

Can I major in one SCA program and minor in another SCA program?
Yes.

What is the difference between “SCA” and “SOCA”?
“SCA” refers to the Department of Social & Cultural Analysis.
“SOCA” refers to the specific SCA major or minor called Social & Cultural Analysis.

Can I major in SOCA, and minor in another SCA program?
Yes.

Can I major in SOCA and have more than 2 concentrations?
No, however additional courses may be taken as electives.

If I have a double major, how many courses can I double count for SCA?
None. However, if there is no room in the student’s schedule, up to one course (and only 1) MAY be double-counted with permission from the SCA Director of Undergraduate Studies (DUGS) and the other department. If permission is granted, fill out a “Degree Exception/Correction” form, and have it signed by the DUGS. Blank forms are available at the front desk.

Can I double count any courses for my minor?
No. Courses counted toward a minor may not be counted towards any major or other minor.

How many courses are required for the SCA minors?
Five (5) courses: One introductory course, plus 4 electives. Handouts are available at 20 Cooper Sq., 4th floor.
Note: Concepts in SCA (SCA-UA 1) only counts as the intro course for one of the SCA minors: the SOCA minor.
ADVISING

Who is my advisor?
All students are welcome at any time, to seek advice from Betts Brown (Assistant Director of Internships), or the SCA Director of Undergraduate Studies, or the SCA Program Directors, or any SCA faculty member. Link to office hours and e-mails: http://sca.as.nyu.edu/object/sca.general.officehours
Only majors: Are “assigned” advisors. Twice a year, just prior to registration for spring & fall, SCA majors are assigned advisors to get cleared to register (see next question).

How do I get cleared to register for next semester?
All declared SCA majors are assigned an advisor to contact and meet with in order to get cleared for spring and fall registration. You'll need to fill out a new Course Planning Worksheet and bring it to your advising meeting to discuss your plans. Once you submit a Worksheet that has been approved by your advisor, you will be cleared to register. Majors who are studying abroad must contact Betts Brown, Assistant Director of Internships (betts.brown@nyu.edu) and be advised and cleared via email.

How do I get access codes to a restricted course?
See the course notes in ALBERT for who to contact for a code.
Betts Brown (betts.brown@nyu.edu) distributes the access codes for the internship seminar and internship fieldwork. The Undergraduate Assistant distributes access codes for senior seminars and the Honors Program.
Some course access codes are handled by the professor.
If a course originates in another department, you will have to go to that department for an access code.

My “Academic Requirements” report on ALBERT is not correct. It says I need to take courses I have already taken. What should I do?
The report is not perfect. It sometimes misses courses that count and occasionally picks up courses that don’t count. If you have taken a course for a major, minor, or concentration, AND it is listed on the SCA “Courses by Semester” link under that program the semester you enrolled (http://sca.as.nyu.edu/object/sca.related.allcourses), contact Betts Brown or the Undergraduate Program Assistant. (This is a simple correction.)

What can I do to correct an error or omission on my transcript or Academic Requirements report?
If the course you took is not on the “Courses by Semester” link in the previous question, or if you have any questions about requirements, please come in or make an appointment to meet with Betts Brown (betts.brown@nyu.edu) to discuss the problem. A “Degree Exception/Correction” form can be filled with the Registrar. (Blank forms are available at the front desk.)

I would like the department to consider a course I took at another NYU department, school, or study abroad site. What should I do?
The department looks very closely at relevant NYU courses. However there are occasionally new courses appropriate for programs. In order to have a course considered, submit a syllabus to the Director of Undergraduate Studies (DUGS). If s/he approves this course, you can fill out a “Degree Exception/Correction” form and have it signed by the DUGS. Drop off the signed/approved form in Noeva Wong’s mailbox. (Blank forms are available at the front desk.)

How do I get a course counted that I took at another university?
The process is the same as that listed above for NYU courses. However, you must first ensure the course credits have been or will be accepted by NYU. Go to the CAS Advising Office (Silver Center, 9th floor) to petition for credits to be accepted. Then follow the instructions in the previous question to have those courses/credits considered by the SCA Director of Undergraduate Studies.

How many courses can I transfer from another school (including other NYU schools) to count towards SCA?
With permission from the SCA Director of Undergraduate Studies (DUGS), you may transfer up to 5 courses of the 11 required courses (20 of 44 credits) for SCA majors; Up to 2 courses of the 5 required courses (8 of 20 credits) for SCA minors. Please note that you must first ensure that NYU has accepted the credits, SCA can only approve courses already on your transcript.
STUDY ABROAD

I would like to study abroad. What courses will be offered next semester that will count for my major or minor?
Go to the Study Abroad site: http://www.nyu.edu/studyabroad/
Most courses beginning with SCA-UA count. A list of courses that count for each major is available on the SCA website.

Which Study Abroad sites offer American Studies courses?
Please note that ALL American Studies courses must be taken in the U.S.

COMBINED UNDERGRADUATE/GRADUATE PROGRAMS

Where can I find more info about earning the five-year BA and Masters in Public Administration or Urban Planning?
Go to this Wagner School of Public Service “dual degree” website: http://wagner.nyu.edu/dualdegrees/

What other BA/MA programs are available to SCA majors?
CAS offers a number of BA/MA programs that can be completed in an accelerated manner. Africana Studies and American Studies are among these. See the CAS BA/MA website for details: http://cas.nyu.edu/object/ug.academicprogram.bamasters

What masters or PhD programs are in SCA?
The graduate programs in the Department of Social and Cultural Analysis (link: http://sca.as.nyu.edu/page/gradprograms) include Master of Arts degrees in Africana Studies (link: http://africanastudies.as.nyu.edu/page/grad) and in Social and Cultural Analysis, and a Ph.D. in American Studies: http://sca.as.nyu.edu/page/gradprograms. For more information, you may contact the SCA Program Directors, the Director of Graduate Studies, or the Director of Undergraduate Studies.