



Social Issue Advocacy (BA)

The following plan is possible on the presumption that an incoming student has an Associate of Arts (AA) degree prior to enrolling at Truman State University.

FALL - Semester 1

- PHRE 188: Ethics (3 cr)
- SOAN 260: Social Institutions (3 cr)
- COMM 245: Language & Social Reality (3 cr)
- Social Issue Advocacy (SIA) Elective course[^]
- Elementary Foreign Language I (3 cr)^{^^}

FALL - Semester 3

- SIA "Principle of Advocacy" course*
- SIA "Research Methodology" course*
- SIA Elective course[^]
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- Intermediate Foreign Language I (3 cr)

SPRING - Semester 2

- SOAN 215: Social Problems (3 cr) **OR** SOAN 265: Structured Inequalities (3 cr)
- SIA History/Structure course*
- SIA "Theory" course*
- SIA "Institutions" course*
- Social Issue Advocacy (SIA) Elective course[^]
- Elementary Foreign Language II (3 cr)

SPRING - Semester 4

- IDSM 490: Social Issues Advocacy Capstone (3 cr)
- SIA Elective course[^]
- SIA Elective course[^] (if necessary)
- Intermediate Foreign Language II (3 cr)

NOTES:

- Because of the individualized nature of the Social Issue Advocacy major, students have a lot of choices in their coursework. Students should plan ahead and think seriously about which courses make the most sense for them. This plan should be reviewed regularly and in conjunction with their academic advisor.
- (^) - The SIA major requires at least 15 hours of electives. Majors have a choice of two options:
 - Option 1 is to declare a minor from a list of 19 minors (see SIA page in the University Catalog),
 - Option 2 is to complete 5 courses from a list of choices (see SIA page in the University Catalog)
- (*) - The SIA major has 5 areas of courses to help students gain a well-rounded understanding of advocacy. These areas include: (1) theory, (2) research methodology, (3) history/structure, (4) institutions, and (5) principles of advocacy.
- (^^) - The Bachelor of Arts degree requires the SIA major to achieve an Intermediate II proficiency in a foreign language. More detail can be found in the University Catalog.
- WE = Writing Enhanced course
- **The Dialogues curriculum** requires a certain number of courses/credit hours in the following Perspectives: Social, Arts and Humanities, STEM, Communications, and Statistics. The exact number of courses a student will be required to take during their undergraduate career varies individually according to the credit transferred in.

Department Chair: Please contact the Center for Academic Excellence (advise@truman.edu) with any updates to the plan above.