



**Habib University**  
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**BSc (HONORS)  
SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT AND POLICY**

**4-YEAR ACADEMIC JOURNEY**

## Requirements for the Major

All students majoring in Social Development and Policy (BSc Honors subjects) are required to complete a total of 37 courses (129 credit hours). Students must maintain a minimum grade of C+ (2.33 GPA) in SDP major credit requirements in order to graduate with this degree.

Requirements	Course Category	Number of Courses to Complete
Habib Liberal Core	University Core	10
Program Core (9 courses)	Development and Social Change	1
	Quantitative Research Methods	1 <sup>1</sup>
	Qualitative Research Methods	1
	Social Theory I	1
	Social Theory II	1
	Public Policy I	1
	Public Policy II	1
	International Political Economy Elective	1
	Data Analytics	1
Program Electives (6 courses)	Lower-Level Electives (maximum 04 courses)	4
	Upper-Level Electives (minimum 02 courses)	2
Summer Practicum	Field Practicum	1
Capstone/Research Seminar	Research Seminar + Capstone Report/Thesis Proposal	1
Thesis or Elective	Thesis Report (IS) or Upper-Level Elective	1
Regional Language Requirement	Three sequential courses in a vernacular language	3
Electives	AHSS Electives (non-SDP)	2
	Free Electives	5
Overall		37

<sup>1</sup>The course is double-counted towards the Quantitative Reasoning requirement of the Habib Liberal Core.

## 4-Year Academic Journey

The students of SDP Major are required to complete a minimum of 37 courses and 129 credit hours over their 4-year journey (8 semesters). A set of recommended courses (semester-wise) fall under the following course categories:

**Category 1:** Habib Liberal Core (HLC), also known as the University Core, is a common curriculum designed for all Habib University students as a mandatory requirement. A total of 10 courses are included in the HLC/University Core.

**Category 2:** SDP Program Core entails a set of mandatory courses for the SDP Majors. A total of 9 courses are included in the SDP Program Core.

**Category 3:** SDP Electives. Each student has to complete a total of 06 SDP elective courses comprising of 04 lower-level and 02 upper-level SDP electives.

**Category 4:** Research Seminar Elective. Each student has to complete 01 Research Seminar Elective (4 credit-hour course), usually taken in their 7th semester. This elective also includes a 1 credit-hour final year project report or thesis proposal component.

**Category 5:** Field Practicum (4 credit-hours) usually taken during summer of either 2nd year or 3rd year.

**Category 6:** Language Elective. Each student has to complete a 3-course sequence (4 credit-hours each) in a regional language.

**Category 7:** Free Electives. Each student has to complete at least 05 Free Elective courses (with a minimum of 15 credit-hours). Students may take 1 Cr and 2 Cr courses to fulfill but must take a minimum of 15 Cr in Free Elective Category.

**Category 8:** AHSS Electives. Each student has to complete at least 02 AHSS Elective courses (from CND and CH programs). Students may take 1 Cr and 2 Cr courses to fulfill but must take a minimum of 6 Cr in AHSS electives category.

Courses to complete	Credit hours	Course Category	Comments
<b>First Semester (5 courses)</b>			
CORE 101 – Rhetoric and Communication	4	University Core (1 of 10)	
Formal Reasoning (APS or LPS)	4	University Core (2 of 10)	
SDP 101 – Development and Social Change	4	SDP Program Core (1 of 9)	
Elective/Language (02 courses)	3/4	Elective/Language	“The space may be used to meet either of the following requirements: 1) SDP lower-level Elective or upper-level Elective, 2) AHSS elective, 3) Free Elective*, 4) Language courses (sequence starts from Fall)”

Courses to complete	Credit hours	Course Category	Comments
<b>Second Semester (5 courses)</b>			
CORE 102 – What is Modernity	4	University Core (3 of 10)	
CORE 121 – Jehan-e-Urdu	4	University Core (4 of 10)	
SDP 103 – Social Theory I	4	SDP Program Core (2 of 9)	
Elective/Language (02 courses)	3/4	Elective/Language	“The space may be used to meet either of the following requirements: 1) SDP lower-level Elective or upper-level Elective, 2) AHSS elective, 3) Free Elective*, 4) Language courses (sequence starts from Fall)”
<b>Third Semester (5 courses)</b>			
CORE 201 – Pakistan and Modern South Asia	4	University Core (5 of 10)	
SDP 2xx – Social Theory 2	4	SDP Program Core (4 of 9)	
SDP 204 – Public Policy I	4	SDP Program Core (5 of 9)	
Elective/Language (02 courses)	3/4	Elective/Language	“The space may be used to meet either of the following requirements: 1) SDP lower-level Elective or upper-level Elective, 2) AHSS elective, 3) Free Elective*, 4) Language courses (sequence starts from Fall)”
<b>Fourth Semester (5 courses)</b>			
CORE 202 – Hikma I	4	University Core (6 of 10)	
CORE 200 – Scientific Methods	3	University Core (7 of 10)	
SDP 202 – Quantitative Research Methods	4	“SDP Program Core (6 of 9) & University Core (8 of 10)”	The course double counts for both SDP Program Core and University Core.
Elective/Language (02 courses)	3/4	Elective/Language	“The space may be used to meet either of the following requirements: 1) SDP lower-level Elective or upper-level Elective, 2) AHSS elective, 3) Free Elective*, 4) Language courses (sequence starts from Fall)”

Courses to complete	Credit hours	Course Category	Comments
<b>Fifth Semester (5 courses)</b>			
Elective for Philosophical FoT	Min 3	University Core (9 of 10)	
SDP 201 – Qualitative Research Methods	4	SDP Program Core (7 of 9)	
Elective/Language (03 courses)	3/4	Elective/Language	“The space may be used to meet either of the following requirements: 1) SDP lower-level Elective or upper-level Elective, 2) AHSS elective, 3) Free Elective*, 4) Language courses (sequence starts from Fall)”
<b>Sixth Semester (4 courses)</b>			
Elective for Creative Practice FoT**	3	University Core (10 of 10)	
SDP 303 – Public Policy II	4	SDP Program Core (7 of 9)	
SDP 302 – Data Analytics	4	SDP Program Core (8 of 9)	
Elective/Language (01 courses)	3/4	Elective/Language	“The space may be used to meet either of the following requirements: 1) SDP lower-level Elective or upper-level Elective, 2) AHSS elective, 3) Free Elective*, 4) Language courses (sequence starts from Fall)”
<b>Summer (Year 2/3)</b>			
Summer – Practicum***	3		Can be completed in 2 <sup>nd</sup> year or 3 <sup>rd</sup> year
<b>Seventh Semester (4 courses)</b>			
Research Seminar – FYP	4	Research Seminar Elective	Capstone path/Thesis proposal path. This is a 3+1 credit hour course. One additional credit hour is assigned for Capstone report/Thesis proposal.
SDP 3xx/4xx – International Political Economy Elective	Min 3	SDP Program Core (9 of 9)	
Elective/Language (2 courses)	3/4	Elective/Language	“The space may be used to meet either of the following requirements: 1) SDP lower-level Elective or upper-level Elective, 2) AHSS elective, 3) Free Elective*, 4) Language courses (sequence starts from Fall)”

Courses to complete	Credit hours	Course Category	Comments
<b>Eighth Semester (3 courses)</b>			
SDP Elective – Upper-level or Thesis (IS)	Min 3	SDP Elective / Thesis (IS)	Students not pursuing Thesis option are required to take an upper-level SDP Elective.
Elective/Language (2 courses)	3/4	Elective/Language	“The space may be used to meet either of the following requirements: 1) SDP lower-level Elective or upper-level Elective, 2) AHSS elective, 3) Free Elective*, 4) Language courses (sequence starts from Fall)”

- Note:**
- \* Students may take 1 Cr and 2 Cr courses to fulfill but must take a minimum of 15 Cr in Free Elective and 6 Cr in AHSS electives through any combination of 1Cr, 2Cr, 3Cr, or 4Cr courses.
  - \*\* Students may take 1 Cr and 2 Cr courses to fulfill the Creative Practice FoT but must take a minimum of 3 Cr.
  - \*\*\* Summer Tehqiq Research project can be counted towards meeting the Summer Practicum requirement.

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