

Bachelor of Arts in Social Science
Spring 2019

Completing Your B.A. Social Science Student Assessment Portfolio

Items in Your Student Assessment Portfolio (SAP): Upload your best work completed in upper-division social science courses into these five portfolio folders:

- BASS Professional Portfolio
- BASS Academic Writing (Social Science Concentrations)
- Research
- Community Engagement
- Cultures & Environment of Southeast Alaska

Folder Title	BASS Professional Portfolio
Items	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Resume (or Curriculum Vitae)• BASS Goals Essay from SSCI 200 Orientation to the Social Sciences• BASS Outcomes Essay (written for this portfolio)• Language Competency & Diversity Statement (written for this portfolio)• Unofficial Transcript (download from UA Online)• Other Related Documentation (Letters, Honors, Recognitions)

Folder Title	BASS Academic Writing
Items	3 Examples of upper-division social science academic writing (5-page minimum each): <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Primary Concentration• Secondary Concentration 1• Secondary Concentration 2

Folder Title	Research
Item	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Research methods course: example of assignment, exercise, or project.• Upper-division social science research paper, class or conference presentation (slides and text), independent study or other substantial project.

Folder Title	Community Engagement
Items	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Documentation from upper-division coursework, internships, exchange or study abroad program, student activities or volunteer organizations completed in conjunction with the BA Social Science.

Folder Title	Cultures & Environment of Southeast Alaska
Items	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Documentation from upper-division coursework, internships, or other activities related to Southeast Alaska completed in the BA Social Science program.

Your completed BASS Portfolio is Due: Wednesday, May 1, 2019

Uploading Documents to Your BASS Student Assessment Portfolio

You will receive an invitation from Google Drive with a URL that provides you direct access to your BASS Student Assessment Portfolio. Save or bookmark this link so you can repeatedly access it. (If you forget, contact Prof. Wright at gdwright@alaska.edu) The URL is exclusive to you: the only people who have access to it are yourself, whomever you choose to share the link, and the Social Science faculty who will review your portfolio. You will need to be logged in to Google using your UA Gmail address and password to access the folder.

The folder will contain the five folders for the items designated, above. Click on each folder to open it. Simply “Drag and Drop” each item you want to upload from your computer into the designated space. **Important! Convert all of your documents to PDF (“Save as PDF”, “Print as PDF”) before uploading them.** This preserves the correct appearance of each item and avoids problems of incompatible versions of word processing programs, presentation formats, or other variations in software. If you upload audio or video files, use universal formats like mp3 or wav (audio) or mp4, m4v or mov (video).

BASS Outcomes Essay

Write a coherent, well-organized, grammatically correct essay on the following topic:

What are my primary accomplishments in the B.A. in Social Science program?

In preparing the essay, consider the following:

- What has remained or changed since I wrote the preliminary goals essay in SSCI 200 Orientation to the Social Sciences?
- How have my social science concentration areas contributed to my understanding of human behavior, contemporary social issues, and the importance of cultural diversity?
- What academic accomplishments or learning experiences have been significant for me in the social science program?
- How does my social science knowledge relate to real-life settings?
- What do my experiences of southeast Alaska bring to my social science knowledge?
- What are my future personal or professional goals?

The essay length should be around five, double-spaced pages (1,500 words). You may or may not cover all of these topics, but you should strive to include multiple issues. The tone may be personal, yet the discussion should also clear.

Language Competency & Diversity Statement

Write one-page statement on how your program of second-language acquisition has contributed to your knowledge, understanding, or appreciation of cultural diversity.

Exit Interview

During the final week of the semester, you will attend an exit interview conference to comment on your participation in the BASS program.

This exit interview conference is currently scheduled for Friday, May 3, 3:30-5PM.

In advance of the exit interviews, students will complete a short evaluative survey online.

For oral evaluation, we go around the room and each of you will talk about:

1. Your degree, emphasis areas, and overall level of satisfaction in the program.
2. Particularly good experiences you had while in the degree program.
3. Aspects of the degree program that didn't turn out as well as you might have liked.
4. Recommendations for how the department might improve the BASS degree program.

All social science faculty participate in this session. You may invite guests.

