Sociology

Degree: A.A. - Social Science

Sociology is the study of human behavior in society focusing on the study of systems, and how individuals live, work, and interact within them.

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Requirements for Degree Major

Students must complete 18 units of transfer-level work in addition to other graduation requirements. Courses taken must be in at least four of the following areas: Anthropology, Economics, Geography, History, Philosophy, Political Science, Psychology (except Psychology 335), and Sociology. See ARC graduation requirements.

General Education Graduation Requirement:

Students must also complete the general education graduation requirements for an A.A. degree. See general education requirements.

SOC 300 Introductory Sociology 3 Units
Formerly: SOC 1A
Prerequisite: None
Advisory: ENGWR 102 or ENGWR 103, and ENGRD 116 or ESLR 320, ESLW 320 or placement through assessment process.
Course Transferable to UC/CSU
Hours: 54 hours LEC
Examines society in terms of the interactions of groups and cultures. Involves a consideration of family, government, education and religion as basic American institutions. Emphasis on scientific method of approach. (CAN SOC 2) AA/AS area C2; CSU area D3; IGETC area 4.

SOC 301 Social Problems 3 Units
Formerly: SOC 1B
Prerequisite: None
Advisory: ENGWR 102 or ENGWR 103, and ENGRD 116 or ESLR 320, ESLW 320 or placement through assessment process.
Course Transferable to UC/CSU
Hours: 54 hours LEC
Survey of social problems of present day American culture including a study of their causes and an evaluation of proposed solutions and methods of treatment. Attention is directed to unemployment, poverty, physical and mental disease, delinquency, crime and related problems. (CAN SOC 4) AA/AS area C2; CSU area D3; IGETC area 4.

SOC 315 Introduction to Corrections 3 Units
Formerly: SOC 15
Prerequisite: PSYC 300.
Course Transferable to CSU
Hours: 54 hours LEC
This course covers the development, function and administration of federal, state, county and city law enforcement institutions. Causes and impact of crime and delinquency upon society. Treatment programs at local, state and federal correctional institutions, adult and juvenile, including probation and parole. Lectures, field trips, interviews and report writing.

SOC 320 Minorities in America 3 Units
Formerly: SOC 5
Prerequisite: None
Advisory: ENGWR 102 or ENGWR 103, and ENGRD 116 or ESLR 320, ESLW 320 or placement through assessment process.
Course Transferable to UC/CSU
Hours: 54 hours LEC
This course examines the basic sociological approaches to the study of racial and ethnic groups in America. Focuses on historical, social, and economic factors affecting intergroup and intergroup dynamics. Studies variation in assimilation patterns among groups and implication of demographic shifts. AA/AS area C2 & F; CSU area D3; IGETC area 4.

SOC 325 Chicano Culture 3 Units
Formerly: SOC 6
Prerequisite: None
Advisory: ENGWR 102 or ENGWR 103, and ENGRD 116 or ESLR 320, ESLW 320 or placement through assessment process.
Course Transferable to UC/CSU
Hours: 54 hours LEC
This course examines the individual Chicano(a) and his culture pattern within the United States; the acquisition of his culture, innovation, adaptation and direction of his cultural development. AA/AS area C2; CSU area D3; IGETC area 4.

SOC 335 Sociology of Aging (Same as Gerontology 300) 3 Units
Prerequisite: None
Advisory: ENGWR 102 or ENGWR 103, and ENGRD 116 or ESLR 320, ESLW 320 or placement through assessment process.
Course Transferable to UC/CSU
Hours: 54 hours LEC
This course examines the aged and aging process with emphasis on social factors affecting and affected by an aging population. It includes an analysis of demographics, history of aging in America, social conditions, resources and support systems, employment, retirement, social class/cultural differences. Not open to students who have completed GERON 300. AA/AS area #2; CSU area E1.
SOC 342    Women in American Culture    3 Units
Formerly: SOC 20  
Prerequisite: None  
Advisory: ENGW 102 or ENGW 103, and ENGRD 116 or ESLR 320, ESLW 320 or placement through assessment process.  
Course Transferable to UC/CSU  
Hours: 54 hours LEC  
This course is an examination of Native American, Anglo American, African American, Hispanic American, and Asian American women's roles in American society within a historical and cross-cultural perspective. The focus of this course is an analysis and discussion of gender relations in the home, family, the work place, and the treatment of women in the mass media and in the health care system. AA/AS area C2 & F; CSU area D3; IGETC area 4.