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Degree: A.A. - Social Science
 Certificate: International Studies

Social Science Degree

The Social Science degree provides an interdisciplinary approach to academic studies. The purpose of the program is for students to gain an understanding of the interconnectedness of various scientific disciplines. The interdisciplinary approach enables students to understand how issues and events are shaped by diverse socio-economic, political, ecological, biological and geographical forces.

Requirements for Degree 18 Units

A minimum of 18 units from the following: 18

Transferable courses must be selected from four of the following areas: anthropology, economics, geography, history, philosophy, political science, psychology (except PSYC 335), and sociology. Courses used for General Education purposes cannot be used for this degree.

Associate Degree Requirements: The Social Science Associate in Arts (A.A.) Degree may be obtained by completion of the required program, plus general education requirements, plus sufficient electives to meet a 60-unit total. See ARC graduation requirements.

International Studies Certificate

The International Studies Certificate is designed to benefit students who are interested in international issues. Course work focuses on issues ranging from economy and trade to culture, politics, and environment from a transnational perspective.

Requirements for Certificate 29 Units

ANTH 310	Cultural Anthropology	3
HIST 307	History of World Civilizations to 1500 (3)	3 ¹
or HIST 308	History of World Civilizations, 1500 to Present (3)	
POLS 302	Introduction to Government: Foreign	3
POLS 310	Introduction to International Relations	3
<i>And a minimum of 8 units from the following:</i>		8
Transfer level foreign language courses (numbered 300-499).		
<i>And a minimum of 9 units from the following:</i>		9
ANTH 330	Magic, Witchcraft, and Religion (3)	
ARTH 322	Art History of the Non-Western World (3)	
ECON 302	Principles of Macroeconomics (3)	
ECON 304	Principles of Microeconomics (3)	
ENGLT 340	World Literature (3)	
ENGLT 341	World Literature (3)	
ENGLT 345	Mythologies of the World (3)	
GEOG 310	Human Geography: Exploring Earth's Cultural Landscapes (3)	
GEOG 320	World Regional Geography (3)	
HIST 300	History of Western Civilization (3)	
HIST 302	History of Western Civilization (3)	
HIST 305	Women in Western Civilization (3)	
HIST 307	History of World Civilizations to 1500 (3)	
HIST 308	History of World Civilizations, 1500 to Present (3)	
HIST 364	Asian Civilization (3)	
HIST 365	Asian Civilization (3)	
HIST 373	History of Mexico (3)	
HIST 480	History of Western Civilization - Honors (3)	

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HUM 300	Classical Humanities (3)
HUM 310	Modern Humanities (3)
HUM 320	Asian Humanities (3)
HUM 330	Humanities of the Americas (3)
MUFHL 330	World Music (3)
PHIL 353	Religions of the Far East (3)
PHIL 354	Religions of the West (3)
POLS 301	Introduction to Government: United States (3)
POLS 322	Political Ideologies (3)
SOC 300	Introductory Sociology (3)
SOCSOC 310	International Studies - Peace and Conflict Studies (3)
SOCSOC 312	International Studies - Current International Development Issues (3)

¹The history course used to meet this requirement may not be used towards the 9 unit elective requirement.

SOCSOC 310 International Studies - Peace and Conflict Studies 3 Units

Advisory: ENGWR 102 or 103, and ENGRD 116 with a grade of "C" or better; OR ESLR 320 and ESLW 320 with a grade of "C" or better; OR placement through assessment process.

General Education: AA/AS Area V(b); CSU Area D7; IGETC Area 4G Course Transferable to UC/CSU

Hours: 54 hours LEC

This course examines the political and socioeconomic causes of peace and conflict. It also includes an analysis of inter- and intra-state war, terrorism, ethnic conflict, gender issues and conflict, Just War Theory, post-conflict reconciliation and peace in international relations.

SOCSOC 312 International Studies - Current International Development Issues 3 Units

Advisory: ENGWR 102 or 103, and ENGRD 116 with a grade of "C" or better; OR ESLR 320 and ESLW 320 with a grade of "C" or better; OR placement through assessment process.

General Education: AA/AS Area V(b); CSU Area D7; IGETC Area 4G Course Transferable to UC/CSU

Hours: 54 hours LEC

This course deals with current socio-economic and political issues in developing countries. It presents alternative theories of development with a particular focus on the issues of globalization including political and social change.

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

SOC 300 Introductory Sociology 3 Units

Advisory: ENGWR 102 or 103, and ENGRD 116 with a grade of "C" or better; OR ESLR 320 and ESLW 320 with a grade of "C" or better; OR placement through assessment process.

General Education: AA/AS Area V(b); CSU Area D0; IGETC Area 4J; TCSU SOC 110

Course Transferable to UC/CSU

Hours: 54 hours LEC

This course 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.

SOC 301 Social Problems 3 Units

Advisory: ENGWR 102 or 103, and ENGRD 116 with a grade of "C" or better; OR ESLR 320 and ESLW 320 with a grade of "C" or better; OR placement through assessment process.

General Education: AA/AS Area V(b); CSU Area D0; IGETC Area 4J; TCSU SOC 120

Course Transferable to UC/CSU

Hours: 54 hours LEC

This is a 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.

SOC 315 Introduction to Corrections 3 Units

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

Advisory: ENGWR 102 or 103, and ENGRD 116 with a grade of "C" or better; OR ESLR 320 and ESLW 320 with a grade of "C" or better; OR placement through assessment process.

General Education: AA/AS Area V(b); AA/AS Area VI; CSU Area D0; IGETC Area 4C; IGETC Area 4J

Course Transferable to UC/CSU

Hours: 54 hours LEC

This course examines patterns of racial and ethnic group relations in the United States of America. The course employs basic sociological approaches to the study of race and ethnicity, with an emphasis on a comparative analysis of historical, social, and economic factors affecting intergroup and intragroup dynamics. The topics include prejudice, discrimination, racism, racial and ethnic stratification, assimilation patterns among groups, demographic shifts, civil rights and other related topics.

SOC 325 Chicano Culture 3 Units

Advisory: ENGWR 102 or 103, and ENGRD 116 with a grade of "C" or better; OR ESLR 320 and ESLW 320 with a grade of "C" or better; OR placement through assessment process.

General Education: AA/AS Area V(b); CSU Area D0; IGETC Area 4J

Course Transferable to UC/CSU

Hours: 54 hours LEC

This course examines the individual Chicano(a) and their culture pattern within the United States; the acquisition of their culture, innovation, adaptation and direction of their cultural development.

SOC 335 Sociology of Aging 3 Units

Same As: GERON 300

Advisory: ENGWR 102 or 103, and ENGRD 116 with a grade of "C" or better; OR ESLR 320 and ESLW 320 with a grade of "C" or better; OR placement through assessment process.

General Education: AA/AS Area III(b); CSU Area E1

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.

SOC 342 Women in American Culture 3 Units

Advisory: ENGWR 102 or 103, and ENGRD 116 with a grade of "C" or better; OR ESLR 320 and ESLW 320 with a grade of "C" or better; OR placement through assessment process.

General Education: AA/AS Area V(b); AA/AS Area VI; CSU Area D0; IGETC Area 4J

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.

SOC 350 Sociology of Popular Culture 3 Units

Course Transferable to UC/CSU

Hours: 54 hours LEC

This course analyzes the historical development and emergence of American popular culture and the relationship between contemporary popular culture, social institutions and collective behavior. Further, it considers popular culture within the context of social, political, and economic changes in the United States and includes an analysis of theories of popular culture, hegemony, advertising, music, and film.

295/495 Independent Studies in Subject 1-4 Units

Formerly: Independent Studies 49I

Prerequisite: College courses basic to the study

An Independent Studies course involves an individual student or small group of students in study; research, or activities beyond the scope of regularly offered courses, pursuant to agreement among the college, faculty member, and student(s). Studies having to do with transfer programs are numbered 495, and studies related to two-year vocational programs are numbered 295. For more information see Instructional Program: Independent and Special Study in the front of the catalog

299/499 Experimental Offering in (Subject) 1-4 Units

Formerly: Special Studies 49

Prerequisite: College course basic to the study

An experimental offering scheduled to provide students with the opportunity to pursue studies of special interest which are not covered in established catalog courses. Specific studies are designated according to the subject field to be studied. Studies having to do with transfer programs are numbered 499, and studies related to two-year vocational programs are numbered 299.