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:

- Transferable courses must be selected from four of the following areas: anthropology, economics, geography, history, philosophy, political science, psychology (except PSYC 355), 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
- POLS 302 Introduction to Government: Foreign 3
- POLS 310 Introduction to International Relations 3

And a minimum of 8 units from the following:

- Transfer level foreign language courses (numbered 300-499).

And a minimum of 9 units from the following:

- 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)
- ENGL 340 World Literature (3)
- ENGL 341 World Literature (3)
- ENGL 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)

SOCSC 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.

SOCSC 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.
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.