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### Program Description

This program offers students the opportunity to study aspects of the human experience and the intricate relationship among them.

### Associate in Arts Degree

The Associate in Arts Degree can be obtained by completing a total of 60 units, including the 18-unit major, general education requirements and electives. The 18-unit major is composed of courses selected from six subject areas shown below. All courses for this major must be completed with a grade of C or better or a P if the course is taken on a Pass/No Pass basis.

### Program Outcomes

Students who complete the Social Sciences Associate Degree will be able to:

1. Be aware of the social and cultural aspects of human behavior.
2. Understand the relationship between individual/self, society and others
3. Demonstrate understanding regarding diverse individuals and groups in society.
4. Understand diverse groups and the social and cultural aspects of relationships
5. Think, read, and write critically with respect to the social sciences.
6. Apply the knowledge and skills to life experience, including employment, social and individuals.
7. Understand the purpose and value of social sciences across the curriculum.
8. Major in the Social Science field.

<b>REQUIRED COURSES</b> .....	<b>Units</b>	OR	
ANTH 001 Physical Anthropology .....	3	PLSC 006 Basic Concepts in Political Thought. ....	3
OR		OR	
ANTH 002 Cultural Anthropology .....	3	PLSC 016 The American Legal System .....	3
ECON 001 Principles of Economics (Macroeconomics) ..	3	PSYC 001 Introduction to Psychology .....	3
GEOG 001 Physical Geography .....	3	OR	
OR		SOC 001 Introduction to Sociology .....	3
GEOG 002 Cultural Geography .....	3	OR	
OR		Any Social Science Ethnic Studies course that	
GEOG 004 World Geography .....	3	is not used to complete the above. ....	3
Any History OR American Studies Course .....	3	<b>Total Units</b> .....	<b>18</b>
PLSC 001 Introduction to American Government			
and Politics .....	3		

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**SOCS 022** **3.0 Units**  
**Ethnic, Racial, & Minority Group Relations in Harmony & Conflict**

*Course Advisory: SCC minimum English standard.*  
Examination of the historical, economic, psychological, and sociological aspects of majority-minority group relationships (ethnic, racial and gender) in the United States and selected cross-cultural situations. *Three hours lecture.*

**SOCS 023** **3.0 Units**  
**The African-American Family**

*Course Advisory: Eligibility for English 001 and SCC minimum Math standard.* Analyze theory and research dealing with the modern African-American family, its structure, and functions. Course survey will include an examination of the historical changes, differing family patterns, and influences of contemporary society as it impacts the African-American family. Social policies will also be examined. *Three hours lecture.*

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**SOCS 025** **3.0 Units**  
**Mexican-American Experience**

*Course Advisory: SCC minimum English standard.* Interdisciplinary examination of the historical, economic, psychological, and sociological aspects of the Mexican-American experience. *Three hours lecture.*

**SOCS 027** **3.0 Units**  
**Native American Experience**

*Course Advisory: ENGL 001; SCC minimum Math standard.* Introduction to the diverse cultures of the Native American people of North, Central and South America. Emphasis is on Native American voices in the expression of cultural views and in the experience of conflicting values. *Three hours lecture.*

**SOCS 028** **3.0 Units**  
**Introduction to African Studies**

*Course Advisory: Eligibility for ENGL 001 and SCC minimum Math standard.* Introduction to African studies, including African history, political development, culture and literature, economic issues and Africa's role in world affairs. *Three hours lecture.*

**SOCS 030** **3.0 Units**  
**Peace, Non Violence and Conflict Resolution**

*Course Advisory: Eligibility for English 001.* Introduces the student to the study of peace, non violence and peaceful conflict resolution. The course is designed for students interested in the fundamental issues of peace, justice and conflict resolution in our society. It offers students an opportunity to reflect on the peace writings of both past and contemporary authors and is an examination of justice, peace and peacemakers, in the U.S. and worldwide. *Three hours lecture.*

**SOCS 049** **1.0 to 3.0 Units**  
**Social Science Honors**

*Prerequisite: Completion of 24 units of college credit with a minimum GPA of 3.3; a minimum of 5 units in the discipline with a minimum grade of B; an ability to work independently; permission of the School Dean based on instructor availability.* Independent study designed for honor students who intend to major in social sciences. Students may take this course up to the maximum number of units over multiple semesters. *Three to nine hours by arrangement.*

**SOCS 051** **3.0 Units**  
**Mediation**

*Course Advisory: Eligibility for English 001.* Introduces the student to the study of Mediation. This course is designed to provide students with the framework and analytical skills needed to conduct mediation. Emphasis is placed on the mediation process, the role of the mediator, communication skills and listening skills and the human dynamics of conflict. Mediation is a process by which parties submit their dispute to a neutral third party who works with them to reach a mutually agreeable settlement of their dispute. This course is beneficial for those persons pursuing Human Services, Business, Social Services, Speech and other majors that require analytical communication skills. The mediators role is to assist disputing parties in reaching peaceful resolutions to conflict. *Three hours lecture.*

**SOCS 053** **3.0 Units**  
**Civil Rights, Non- Violence and Race Relations**

*Course Advisory: SCC minimum English and Math standards.* The Civil Rights Movement is one of the most significant sources of social change in the United States during the 20th century. This is a travel study course that will analyze the structure and dynamics of the Civil Rights Movement from a Social Science perspective. Students will be required to pay for the cost of travel. *Sixteen hours lecture, twenty-four hours activity (2-week course)*

**SOCS 053A** **3.0 Units**  
**Civil Rights, Non-Violence and Race Relations South**

*Course Advisory: SCC minimum English and Math standards.* The Civil Rights Movement is one of the most significant sources of social change in the United States during the 20th century. This is a travel study course that will analyze the structure and dynamics of the Civil Rights Movement in the Southern United States from a Social Science perspective. Students will be required to pay for the cost of travel. *Sixteen hours lecture, twenty-four hours lab (2-week course).*

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**SOCS 053B**

**3.0 Units**

**Social Movements, Civil Rights,  
and Non-Violence**

The Civil Rights Movement is one of the most significant sources of social change in the United States during the 20th century. This is a travel study course that will analyze the structure and dynamics of the Civil Rights and other Social Movements in the United States from a Social Science perspective. This course analyzes the structure and dynamics of Social Movements including: Civil Rights Movement, Voting Rights, Harlem Renaissance, Integration, Women's Suffrage Movement, and War on Poverty, United Farm Workers Movement, Vietnam War Protests, and Political Structures from a Social Science perspective. Close attention will be paid to the roles of organizations, educational institutions, resources, leadership, recruitment, commitment, values, ideology, political culture, gender, and counter-movements. Students will have the option of traveling virtually. Students will be required to pay for the cost of travel. *Sixteen hours lecture, twenty-four hours lab (2-week course).*