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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.

REQUIRED COURSES Units

ECON 001 Principles of Economics (Macroeconomics) ..	3
Any History OR American Studies Course	3
One course from List A	3
One course from List B	3
One course from List C	3
One course from List D	3
Total Units	18

List A (select one course)..... Units

ANTH 001 Physical Anthropology	3
ANTH 002 Cultural Anthropology	3

List B (select one course)..... Units

GEOG 001 Physical Geography	3
GEOG 002 Cultural Geography	3
GEOG 004 World Geography	3

List C (select one course)..... Units

PLSC 001 Introduction to American Government and Politics	3
PLSC 006 Basic Concepts in Political Thought	3
PLSC 016 The American Legal System	3

List D (select one course)..... Units

PSYC 001 Introduction to Psychology	3
SOC 001 Introduction to Sociology	3
Any Social Science Ethnic Studies course not already used	3

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SOCS 022 3.0 Units
Ethnic, Racial, and 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 ENGL 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.*

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 030 3.0 Units
Peace, Non Violence and Conflict Resolution

Course Advisory: Eligibility for ENGL 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.*