

Social Science

Humanities & Social Science

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DEGREE

A.A. — Social Science

Program Description

The Social Science department offers classes in law and society and special studies in the areas of Mexican-American, Asian, and Native American experiences. These classes provide an excellent background for further study.

The program includes 21 units of coursework in the following areas: anthropology, economics, geography, history, philosophy, political science, psychology, social science, or sociology.

Students who wish to transfer to a four-year college or university should plan their programs to meet general education and lower division major requirements. All students are encouraged to consult with a counselor.

Career Opportunities

Instructor	Social Worker
Researcher	Criminal Justice
Social Services	Business & Corporate employment

Some Career Opportunities may require more than two years of college study.

Highlights

- Opportunities to build a foundation for interdisciplinary studies
- Overview of theoretical, methodological, analytical, and cultural principles

NOTE TO TRANSFER STUDENTS:

If you are interested in transferring to a four-year college or university to pursue a bachelor's degree in this major, it is critical that you meet with a CRC counselor to select and plan the courses for your major. Schools vary widely in terms of the required preparation. The courses that CRC requires for an associate's degree in this major may be different from the requirements needed for the bachelor's degree.

For information about the student learning outcomes for this program, see <http://www.crc.losrios.edu/pslo>

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CODE #1236

This degree is designed to meet common lower division requirements for a major in one of the social sciences. Students should check the transfer requirements for the college and specific major to which they wish to apply.

REQUIRED PROGRAM.....Units

Twenty-one (21) units must be completed in at least three different subject areas listed below:

Program subject areas:

Anthropology, Economics, Geography 310, History, Political Science, Philosophy 360, Psychology, Social Science, and Sociology.

This degree enables the student to experience a wide range of diverse social science disciplines. To verify the transferability of specific courses and their university application, please consult your CRC counselor.

TOTAL UNITS REQUIRED 21

G.E. Graduation Requirements for this degree - see pages 20-21

SOCIAL SCIENCE (SOCSC)

SOCSC 300

Introduction to Ethnic Studies

3 Units

Prerequisite: None

Advisory: ENGWR 101

General Education: AA/AS Area V(b); AA/AS Area VI

Course Transferable to CSU

Hours: 54 hours LEC

This course uses comparative methods to introduce the diverse institutional, cultural, and historical issues relating to the past and present life circumstances of Asian Americans, Mexican/Hispanic/Chicano/Latino Americans, Black Americans, Native Americans, and other recent immigrant groups in the U.S. This course is designed to introduce students to a broad field of ethnic studies content, such as multiculturalism, racism, ethnocentrism, cultural relativism, etc.

SOCSC 320

Socio-Cultural, Economic and Political Experience of the African-American

3 Units

Prerequisite: None

General Education: AA/AS Area V(b); AA/AS Area VI;

CSU Area D3; CSU Area D7

Course Transferable to UC/CSU

Hours: 54 hours LEC

This course will expose students of all ethnic backgrounds to the issues germane to the experience of African Americans in the United States. More specifically, this is an interdisciplinary course in which students of all ethnic backgrounds will examine the gender, political, economical, cultural and social development experience of African Americans in the United States.

SOCSC 325

Asian Experience in America

3 Units

Prerequisite: None

General Education: AA/AS Area V(b); AA/AS Area VI; CSU Area D3;

IGETC Area 4C

Course Transferable to UC/CSU

Hours: 54 hours LEC

This class is an exploration of the rich diversity of Asian-American groups within the United States, with an emphasis on the historical and cultural contributions of both immigrant and refugee populations, including an investigation of socio-economic, educational, legal and political issues. The students will analyze, compare and contrast, the Asian-American assimilation experience with Latinos, African-Americans, and Native Americans. They will gain an understanding of American ethnocentrism, ethnicity, and racism to help develop a personal foundation of cultural tolerance.

SOCSC 330

Mexican-Americans in the United States

3 Units

Prerequisite: None

General Education: AA/AS Area V(b); AA/AS Area VI; CSU Area D3;

IGETC Area 4C

Course Transferable to UC/CSU

Hours: 54 hours LEC

This course is a socio-historical examination of Mexican-Americans as a minority group with an emphasis on the impact of political and geographic factors.

SOCSC 360

Law and Society

3 Units

Same As: BUS 345

Prerequisite: None

General Education: AA/AS Area V(b); CSU Area D8; IGETC Area 4G

Course Transferable to UC/CSU

Hours: 54 hours LEC

This course is an introduction to the American legal system emphasizing the nature, purpose, sources and functioning of American law but including some comparative analysis of other historical and contemporary legal systems. It stresses the evolution of legal concepts as a reflection of the social environment and the role of the judiciary. A theoretical rather than practical view point is used through analysis of selected cases and legislation in the areas of individualism, socioeconomic groups, the family, the economy, crime, criminal procedure and punishment, church and state separation, the environment, and torts. This course should not be taken in place of BUS 340 when required. This course is the same as BUS 345, and only one may be taken for credit. See "Cross-Listed Courses" in the catalog.

SOCSC 480

Honors Seminars in Social Science

1 Unit

Same As: HONOR 370

Prerequisite: None

General Education: AA/AS Area V(b); CSU Area D7

Course Transferable to CSU

Hours: 18 hours LEC

Honors Seminars in Social Science are special one-unit intensive courses for academically accomplished students or those with the potential for high academic achievement. In these seminars, students will study topics in the movements, trends and philosophies found in the Social Sciences. Enrollment is limited to Honors Program students (see catalog). This course is the same as HONOR 370. This course, under either name, may be taken up to four times for credit on different topics. See "Cross-Listed Courses" in the catalog.

SOCSC 495

Independent Studies in Social Science

1-3 Units

Prerequisite: None

Course Transferable to CSU

See UC Limitations & Counselor

Hours: 18 hours LEC ; 54 hours LAB

SOCSC 499

Experimental Offering in Social Science

.5-4 Units

Prerequisite: None

Course Transferable to CSU

See UC Limitations & Counselor

Hours: 18 hours LEC ; 54 hours LAB