

AA Interdisciplinary Studies: Social and Behavioral Sciences

The Social and Behavioral Sciences are a cluster of disciplines that analyze basic dimensions of the human world through the application of systematic methods. Social scientists study an array of topics and deploy a multitude of theories and research methods collecting and analyzing data from participant observations, group interviews, surveys, historical documents, laboratory experiments, and more. Students who earn an AA in the Social and Behavioral Sciences analyze and evaluate the social world from the perspectives of anthropology, communication studies, economics, geography, history, philosophy, political science, psychology, and sociology.

The degree in Interdisciplinary Studies with emphasis in Social and Behavioral Sciences prepares students for a variety of careers related to education, law, social work, business, politics, and human services.

Courses should be chosen carefully in consultation with a counselor.

A. Complete 18 units in the Social and Behavioral Sciences Area of Emphasis as shown below.

B. The remaining units should be chosen in consultation with a counselor to fulfill Associate Degree General Education requirements and electives for a total of 60 degree-applicable units for an Associate Degree.

Program Learning Outcomes

Students completing this program will be able to:

1. Analyze Social Science concepts and theories
2. Evaluate diverse viewpoints related to the human experience
3. Produce evidence based arguments

AA Degree Requirements

Major: Core and Selective Requirements

Selective Courses, choose a minimum of 18 units from the following:

Social and Behavioral Sciences. Courses must be selected from at least 4 disciplines:

Units

ANTH 110	Cultural Anthropology	3 units
ANTH 125	Biological Anthropology	3 units
ANTH 126	Biological Anthropology Laboratory	1 unit
ANTH 351	Archaeology	3 units

COMM C1000	Introduction to Public Speaking	3 units
COMM 150	Intercultural Communication	3 units
COMM 180	Introduction to Communication Studies	3 units
ECON 100	Principles of Macro Economics	3 units
ECON 102	Principles of Micro Economics	3 units
ECON 230	Economic History of the United States	3 units
GEOG 110	Cultural Geography	3 units
HIST 100	History of Western Civilization I	3 units
HIST 101	History of Western Civilization II	3 units
HIST 104	World History I	3 units
HIST 106	World History II	3 units
HIST 201	U.S. History through 1877	3 units
HIST 202	U.S. History from 1877 to the Present	3 units
PHIL 100	Introduction to Philosophy	3 units
PHIL 160	History of Philosophy: Ancient and Medieval	3 units
PHIL 190	Contemporary Philosophy	3 units
PHIL 240	Introduction to Ethics	3 units
PHIL 300	Introduction to World Religions	3 units
POLS 130	Introduction to International Relations	3 units
POLS 150	Introduction to Political Theory	3 units
POLS C1000	American Government and Politics	3 units
POLS 310	California State and Local Government	3 units
PSYC C1000	Introduction to Psychology	3 units
PSYC 106	Psychology of Prejudice and Discrimination	3 units
PSYC 200	Developmental Psychology	3 units
PSYC 205	Social Science Research Methods	3 units
PSYC 300	Social Psychology	3 units
PSYC 340	Introduction to Human Sexuality	3 units
PSYC 410	Abnormal Psychology	3 units
SOCI 100	Introduction to Sociology	3 units
SOCI 105	Social Problems	3 units



SOCI 141	Ethnicity and Race in Society	3 units
SOCI 205	Social Science Research Methods	3 units

Please refer to the AA/AS Degree Requirements for more information.

