Cosumnes River College offers courses and a degree in the study of human behavior in society. The discipline is concerned with the study of systems and how individuals work and interact within them.

Degrees Offered

A.A.-T. in Sociology

Associate Degree for Transfer

A.A.-T. in Sociology

Cosumnes River College Sociology Associate in Arts for Transfer Program is designed to facilitate successful transfer to baccalaureate sociology degree programs. This degree provides students with the lower division breadth and depth of the field of sociology. Additionally, this degree exposes students to the core principles and practices in the field. Students will learn to: identify and comprehend their individual relationship to structures in the larger society; apply effective critical thinking skills to interpret sociological phenomena; assess the significance of important social movements in American society; define and identify various theoretical perspectives across the discipline of sociology; and analyze, interpret, and critically think about sociological ascriptions to race, gender, ethnicity, class, sexual orientation, political affiliation, and other sociological concepts.

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Degree Requirements

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A minimum of 6 units from the following:

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Total Units: 18 - 19

The Associate in Arts in Sociology for Transfer (AA-T) degree may be obtained by completion of 60 transferable, semester units with a minimum 2.0 GPA, including (a) the major or area of emphasis described in the Required Program, and (b) either the Intersegmental General Education Transfer Curriculum (IGETC) or the California State University General Education-Breadth Requirements.

Student Learning Outcomes

Upon completion of this program, the student will be able to:

- (PSLO1) Identify and comprehend their individual relationship to structures in the larger society.
- Individuals will comprehend the magnitude of their influence on social structures in society, and the social structures that influence them.
- Demonstrate an awareness of the sociological resources available within the structures of society.
- Effectively utilize social structures as resources in society to facilitate their own movement and/or progress in society.
This course is a study of human behavior in society, including social groups, culture, personality, social stratification, social change, collective behavior and social institutions.

SOC 301 Social Problems

This course is a survey of social problems in American society. It will examine their causes and evaluate proposed solutions. A special emphasis will be placed on local issues.

SOC 302 Introduction to Social Research Methods

This course examines theoretical and ethical principles in social science research with an applied emphasis on research design, utilization of qualitative and quantitative techniques, data coding, data cleaning and organization, descriptive and inferential analysis, and the writing of research reports. Students will be introduced to the application of statistical software for quantitative areas of course work.
SOC 305 Critical Thinking in the Social Sciences

This course examines the definitional and contextual nature of social issues. It develops a critical thinking approach which integrates interdisciplinary principles and incorporates a comparative framework utilizing literary criticism, logic, argumentation, and persuasion to analyze and compare the content and validity of social problems. This course specifically explores how the media and scientific community collect, interpret, and report social data. Combining critical thinking techniques with the sociological perspective will help students to question the “taken-for-granted” assumptions that surround social phenomena and influence human behavior.

SOC 310 Marriage and the Family

This course will examine the social, psychological, cross-cultural, political, historical and economic factors relating to the changing family, marriage, remarriage and significant relationships. The intersection of race, ethnicity, class, age, gender, and sexuality will be explored.

SOC 321 Race, Ethnicity and Inequality in the United States

This course is a social profile of major American minority groups. It examines the problems of minority assimilation into an “open” society and culture.

SOC 341 Sex and Gender in the U.S.

This course provides a study of the changing roles of women and men in the US. Theories of women's and men's gender role socialization, gender related inequalities, health and body issues, and a current examination of the women's and men's movements will be explored.

SOC 495 Independent Studies in Sociology

An independent studies project involves an individual student or small group of students in study, research, or activities beyond the scope of regularly offered courses. See the current catalog section of "Special Studies" for full details of Independent Studies.

SOC 499 Experimental Offering in Sociology

This is the experimental courses description.