Social Science

Overview

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Associate Degree

A.A. in Social Science

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.

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. 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.

Highlights include:
- 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.

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Degree Requirements

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<td>A minimum of 21 units from the following:</td>
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<td>Twenty-one (21) units must be completed in at least three different subject areas from those listed: Anthropology, Economics, Geography 310, History, Political Science, Philosophy 360, Psychology, Social Science, Sociology.</td>
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The Social Science Associate in Arts (A.A.) degree may be obtained by completion of the required program, plus general education requirements, plus sufficient electives to meet a 60-unit total. See CRC graduation requirements.

Student Learning Outcomes

Upon completion of this program, the student will be able to:
- Identify and comprehend an individual's 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.
- Comprehend how social practices facilitate the functioning of social structures as they are responsible for maintaining the society as a whole.
- Analyze, interpret, and critically think about sociological ascriptions to race, gender, ethnicity, class, sexual orientation, political affiliation, and other sociological concepts.

Career Information

Instructor; Social Worker; Researcher; Criminal Justice; Social Services; Business and Corporate employment. Some career options may require more than two years of college study.

Social Science (SOCSC) Courses

SOCSC 360 Law and Society
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 for any major for which BUS 340 is required, as it is not comparable. This course is the same as BUS 345, and only one may be taken for credit. See “Cross-Listed Courses” in the catalog.

Student Learning Outcomes

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

- **SLO 1: DEMONSTRATE SKILL AND COMPREHENSION IN RESPECTIVE SUBJECT AREAS AS INDICATED BY COURSE OUTCOMES PERTAINING TO BUSINESS LAW.**
- Develop an understanding of the law as an evolutionary, stabilizing, and reforming factor in human affairs with, however, certain limitations as an instrument of social control.
- Develop an understanding of the magnitude and vitality of the law and the ways in which history, economics, sociology, psychology, and technology have influenced and have been influenced by the law.
- Develop an understanding of the basic organization and operation of the American judicial system.
- Develop an understanding of the Anglo-American Common Law System; its historical origin; some of its fundamental concepts; and the complexities inherent in such a multifaceted institution.
- Develop an understanding of the nature and purpose of law in society.
- **SLO 2: DEMONSTRATE THE ABILITY TO THINK CRITICALLY AND ANALYZE PROBLEMS.**
- Develop an understanding of the role of logic, critical analysis, imagination, and creativity in the study and application of the law and the legal process.

SOCSC 495 Independent Studies in Social Science

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.

Student Learning Outcomes

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

- SLO #1: Actively engage in intellectual inquiry beyond that required in order to pass a course of study (College Wide Learning Outcome – Area 4).
- Discuss and outline a proposal of study (that can be accomplished within one semester term) with a supervising instructor qualified within the discipline.
- Design an independent study (to be completed individually or by collaboration of a small group) to foster special knowledge, skills, and experience that are not available in any one regularly scheduled course.
- Use information resources to gather discipline-specific information.
- SLO #2: Utilize modes of analysis and critical thinking to apply theoretical perspectives and/or concepts in the major discipline of study to significant problems and/or educational activities (College Wide Learning Outcome – Area 3).
- Analyze and apply the knowledge, skills and experience that are involved in the independent study to theoretical perspectives and/or concepts in the major discipline of study.
- Explain the importance of the major discipline of study in the broader picture of society.
- SLO #3: Communicate a complex understanding of content matter of the major discipline of study (College Wide Outcome – Area 3).
- Demonstrate competence in the skills essential to mastery of the major discipline of study that are necessary to accomplish the independent study.
- SLO #4: Identify personal goals and pursue these goals effectively (College Wide Outcome – Area 4).
- Utilize skills from the “academic tool kit” including time management, study skills, etc., to accomplish the independent study within one semester term.

SOCSC 499 Experimental Offering in Social Science

An experimental offering involves a single student or small group of students in study, research, or activities beyond the scope of regularly offered courses. See the current catalog section for full details of Experimental Courses.

Student Learning Outcomes

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

- SLO #1: Actively engage in intellectual inquiry beyond that required in order to pass a course of study (College Wide Learning Outcome – Area 4).
- Discuss and outline a proposal of study (that can be accomplished within one semester term) with a supervising instructor qualified within the discipline.
- Design an independent study (to be completed individually or by collaboration of a small group) to foster special knowledge, skills, and experience that are not available in any one regularly scheduled course.
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