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Degree: A.A. - Social Science
 A.A. - International Studies

DEGREES

Social Science Degree

Major Code: 011236A01

The Social Science degree provides an interdisciplinary approach to academic studies. The purpose of the program is for students to gain an understanding of the interconnectedness of various scientific disciplines. The interdisciplinary approach enables students to understand how issues and events are shaped by diverse socio-economic, political, ecological, biological and geographical forces.

Student Learning Outcomes

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

- research and analyze topics from an interdisciplinary perspective.
- integrate various social-scientific perspectives into the understanding of the subject matter.
- compare and contrast the relative contribution of courses offered in various disciplines to an overall understanding of issues and events.
- develop a personal interpretation about issues and matters under study.
- identify and explain various forces that interact to shape events and social occurrences.
- define and describe issues and events within an interdisciplinary perspective.

Requirements for Degree 18 Units

A minimum of 18 units from the following: 18

Transferable courses must be selected from four of the following areas: anthropology, economics, geography, history, philosophy, political science, psychology (except PSYC 335), and sociology. Courses used for General Education purposes cannot be used for this degree.

Associate Degree Requirements: 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 ARC graduation requirements.

International Studies Degree

Major Code: 011237A01

This degree provides an understanding of international issues and the impact of globalization on developed and developing economies. It covers a number of issues, including trade, economic development, war and conflict, and foreign relations and diplomacy.

Career Opportunities

This degree provides career opportunities with local, state, federal agencies, and in the private sector. The core courses provide students with diverse knowledge to work in a variety of fields, including international business, law, government and non-governmental service, social services, natural sciences, health fields, and education.

Student Learning Outcomes

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

- evaluate his/her role as a member of a global network of interdependent societies.
- formulate a cohesive understanding of world issues and events and incorporate that knowledge into his/her daily life and career.
- analyze various social-scientific perspectives that explain the causes and consequences of globalization.
- apply various social-scientific perspectives to daily life and work environment.
- recognize people's socio-economic, political, and geographical background.
- analyze local and societal issues and problems within a global context.

Requirements for Degree 29 Units

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| ANTH 310 | Cultural Anthropology..... | 3 |
| ECON 302 | Principles of Macroeconomics | 3 |
| HIST 308 | History of World Civilizations, 1500 to Present | 3 |
| POLS 310 | Introduction to International Relations | 3 |
| SOC 300 | Introductory Sociology | 3 |

A minimum of 6 units from the following:.....6

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| IS 305 | Introduction to Middle East Studies (3) |
| IS 310 | Peace and Conflict (3) |
| IS 312 | Current Global Development Issues (3) |

A minimum of 8 units from the following:.....8

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| FREN 401 | Elementary French (4) |
| FREN 402 | Elementary French (4) |
| FREN 411 | Intermediate French (4) |
| FREN 412 | Intermediate French (4) |
| GERM 401 | Elementary German I (4) |
| GERM 402 | Elementary German II (4) |
| GERM 411 | Intermediate German (4) |
| GERM 412 | Intermediate German (4) |
| ITAL 401 | Elementary Italian (4) |
| ITAL 402 | Elementary Italian (4) |
| ITAL 411 | Intermediate Italian (4) |
| ITAL 412 | Intermediate Italian (4) |
| RUSS 401 | Elementary Russian (4) |
| RUSS 402 | Elementary Russian (4) |
| SPAN 401 | Elementary Spanish (4) |
| SPAN 402 | Elementary Spanish (4) |
| SPAN 411 | Intermediate Spanish (4) |
| SPAN 412 | Intermediate Spanish (4) |

Associate Degree Requirements: The International Studies AA Degree 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 ARC graduation requirements.

International Studies

IS 301 Introduction to Global Studies 3 Units

Advisory: Eligible for ENGRD 310 or ENGRD 312 AND ENGWR 300; OR ESLR 340 AND ESLW 340.

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

Course Transferable to CSU

Hours: 54 hours LEC

This course introduces an interdisciplinary and multi-dimensional understanding of the process of globalization, including its history, socio-economic, political, and cultural causes and consequences. It focuses on how nation-states are increasingly becoming part of complex interconnected global economic, political, social, cultural, and ecological systems and structures. This course deals with how the actions of one nation state shapes trends and events in other nations. It also deals with how actions and events in one nation create a ripple effect across the globe and the extent to which nation-states are able to maintain a level of national autonomy and national identity within a global system. It utilizes globalization theories to provide a scientific framework for understanding various aspects of globalization including socio-economic, political, cultural, and ecological benefits and costs.

IS 302 Issues in Global Studies 3 Units

Advisory: Eligible for ENGRD 310 or ENGRD 312 AND ENGWR 300; OR ESLR 340 AND ESLW 340.

General Education: AA/AS Area V(b)

Course Transferable to CSU

Hours: 54 hours LEC

This course introduces the origins, current status, and future trends of major transnational issues confronting the global community. Topics include economic development and inequality, environmental issues and challenges, human rights, human security (food, water, and health care), international conflict and security issues, migration, and population trends. This course also focuses on global governance, including the study of collective global responsibility.

IS 305 Introduction to Middle East Studies 3 Units

Advisory: Eligible for ENGRD 310 or ENGRD 312 AND ENGWR 300; OR ESLR 340 AND ESLW 340.

General Education: AA/AS Area V(b); AA/AS Area VI; CSU Area D7; IGETC Area 4G

Course Transferable to UC/CSU

Hours: 54 hours LEC

This course introduces the contemporary Middle East from global and interdisciplinary perspectives. It covers the major developments and events that have shaped the socio-economic and political institutions and structures within a distinct geopolitical area. This course examines processes of state formation, colonialism, independence movements, major power players in the region, and the modern challenges of globalization. It also covers the consequences for foreign policy. Countries may include but are not limited to: Algeria, Egypt, Iran, Iraq, Israel, Jordan, Lebanon, Libya, Palestine, Saudi Arabia, Syria, and Tunisia. This course provides a foundation in Middle East Studies in the context of a globally interconnected world system.

IS 310 Peace and Conflict 3 Units

Advisory: Eligible for ENGRD 310 or ENGRD 312 AND ENGWR 300; OR ESLR 340 AND ESLW 340.

General Education: AA/AS Area V(b); AA/AS Area VI; CSU Area D7; IGETC Area 4G

Course Transferable to UC/CSU

Hours: 54 hours LEC

This course examines the political and socioeconomic causes and consequences of peace and conflict from different theoretical views. It includes an analysis of inter- and intra-state conflicts and wars, terrorism, ethnic and sectarian conflicts, and gender issues and conflicts. Additional topics include war theory, "negative peace," post-conflict reconciliation, policy recommendations and proposed solutions for conflict resolution, and achieving peace through the engagement of the global community. This course is formerly known as SOCS 310.

IS 312 Current Global Development Issues 3 Units

Advisory: Eligible for ENGRD 310 or ENGRD 312 AND ENGWR 300; OR ESLR 340 AND ESLW 340.

General Education: AA/AS Area V(b); AA/AS Area VI; CSU Area D7; IGETC Area 4G

Course Transferable to UC/CSU

Hours: 54 hours LEC

This course covers current socio-economic and political issues in developing countries in a global context. It presents alternative theories pertaining to the causes and consequences of development, underdevelopment, and uneven development with a particular focus on the issues of globalization including political and social change. It also includes proposed solutions to various development problems from various scientific perspectives.