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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

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
IS 305	Introduction to Middle East Studies (3)	
IS 310	Peace and Conflict (3)	
IS 312	Current International Development Issues (3)	
A minimum of 8 units from the following:		8
FREN 401	Elementary French (4)	
FREN 402	Elementary French (4)	
FREN 411	Intermediate French (4)	
FREN 412	Intermediate French (4)	
GERM 401	Elementary German (4)	
GERM 402	Elementary German (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 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 a variety of disciplinary perspectives. It covers the major developments and events that have shaped the socio-economic and political institutions and structures within a distinct geopolitical area. It examines processes of state formation, colonialism, independence, major power players in the region, and the modern challenges of globalization. It also covers the consequence 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. Increasing exchange with, attention to, and interest in the Middle East due both to globalization and the events of 9/11 has created a need and a demand for a deeper, broader, and more comprehensive understanding of the Middle East. This course provides a foundation in Middle East Studies and a sense of current directions in the field.

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 also includes an analysis of inter- and intra-state conflicts and wars, terrorism, ethnic and sectarian conflicts, and gender issues and conflicts. Among topics discussed are the war theory, "negative peace," post-conflict reconciliation, policy recommendations and proposed solutions for conflict resolution, and achieving peace through the engagement of the international community. This course is formerly known as SOCSC 310.

IS 312 Current International 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. 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 includes proposed solutions to various development problems from various scientific perspectives. This course is formerly known as SOCSC 312.