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
A minimum of 18 units from the following: ..........................................................

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

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

Associate Degree Requirements: The International Studies 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

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<td>IS 301</td>
<td>Introduction to Global Studies</td>
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<td>Eligible for ENGRD 310 or ENGRD 312 AND ENGWR 300; OR ESLR 340 AND ESLW 340.</td>
<td>AA/AS Area V(b); AA/AS Area VI; CSU Area D7; IGETC Area 4G</td>
<td>UC/CSU</td>
<td>54 hours LEC</td>
<td>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.</td>
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<td>IS 302</td>
<td>Issues in Global Studies</td>
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<td>Eligible for ENGRD 310 or ENGRD 312 AND ENGWR 300; OR ESLR 340 AND ESLW 340.</td>
<td>AA/AS Area V(b)</td>
<td>CSU</td>
<td>54 hours LEC</td>
<td>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.</td>
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<td>IS 305</td>
<td>Introduction to Middle East Studies</td>
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<td>Eligible for ENGRD 310 or ENGRD 312 AND ENGWR 300; OR ESLR 340 AND ESLW 340.</td>
<td>AA/AS Area V(b); AA/AS Area VI; CSU Area D7; IGETC Area 4G</td>
<td>UC/CSU</td>
<td>54 hours LEC</td>
<td>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.</td>
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### IS 310 Peace and Conflict

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

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.