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

Social Science Degree

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 Certificate

The International Studies Certificate is designed to benefit students who are interested in international issues. Course work focuses on issues ranging from economy and trade to culture, politics, and environment from a transnational perspective.

Student Learning Outcomes

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

- Evaluate information presented in a comparative perspective.
- Compare and contrast competing social scientific perspectives and describe the relative usefulness of each perspective to world issues.
- Develop a scientific framework for the analysis of international issues.

- Construct a culturally relativistic view of the world.
- Define his/her place in history based on the knowledge acquired.
- Recognize the complexity of the world as an interconnected and interdependent community

Requirements for Certificate 29 Units

ANTH 310	Cultural Anthropology	3
HIST 307	History of World Civilizations to 1500 (3)	3 ¹
or HIST 308	History of World Civilizations, 1500 to Present (3)	
POLS 302	Introduction to Government: Foreign	3
POLS 310	Introduction to International Relations	3

And a minimum of 8 units from the following: 8
 Transfer level foreign language courses (numbered 300-499).

And a minimum of 9 units from the following: 9

ANTH 330	Magic, Witchcraft, and Religion (3)	
ARTH 322	Art History of the Non-Western World (3)	
ECON 302	Principles of Macroeconomics (3)	
ECON 304	Principles of Microeconomics (3)	
ENGLT 340	World Literature (3)	
ENGLT 341	World Literature (3)	
ENGLT 345	Mythologies of the World (3)	
GEOG 310	Human Geography: Exploring Earth's Cultural Landscapes (3)	
GEOG 320	World Regional Geography (3)	
HIST 300	History of Western Civilization (3)	
HIST 302	History of Western Civilization (3)	
HIST 305	Women in Western Civilization (3)	
HIST 307	History of World Civilizations to 1500 (3)	
HIST 308	History of World Civilizations, 1500 to Present (3)	
HIST 364	Asian Civilization (3)	
HIST 365	Asian Civilization (3)	
HIST 373	History of Mexico (3)	
HIST 480	History of Western Civilization - Honors (3)	
HIST 481	History of Western Civilization - Honors (3)	
HUM 300	Classical Humanities (3)	
HUM 310	Modern Humanities (3)	
HUM 320	Asian Humanities (3)	
HUM 330	Humanities of the Americas (3)	
MUFHL 330	World Music (3)	
PHIL 353	Religions of the Far East (3)	
PHIL 354	Religions of the West (3)	
POLS 301	Introduction to Government: United States (3)	
POLS 322	Political Ideologies (3)	
SOC 300	Introductory Sociology (3)	
SOCS 310	International Studies - Peace and Conflict Studies (3)	
SOCS 312	International Studies - Current International Development Issues (3)	

¹The history course used to meet this requirement may not be used towards the 9 unit elective requirement.

SOCSOC 310 International Studies - Peace and Conflict Studies 3 Units

Advisory: ENGWR 102 or 103, and ENGRD 116 with a grade of "C" or better; OR ESLR 320 and ESLW 320 with a grade of "C" or better; OR placement through assessment process.

General Education: AA/AS Area V(b); CSU Area D7; IGETC Area 4G Course Transferable to UC/CSU

Hours: 54 hours LEC

This course examines the political and socioeconomic causes of peace and conflict. It also includes an analysis of inter- and intra-state war, terrorism, ethnic conflict, gender issues and conflict, Just War Theory, post-conflict reconciliation and peace in international relations.

SOCSOC 312 International Studies - Current International Development Issues 3 Units

Advisory: ENGWR 102 or 103, and ENGRD 116 with a grade of "C" or better; OR ESLR 320 and ESLW 320 with a grade of "C" or better; OR placement through assessment process.

General Education: AA/AS Area V(b); CSU Area D7; IGETC Area 4G Course Transferable to UC/CSU

Hours: 54 hours LEC

This course deals with current socio-economic and political issues in developing countries. It presents alternative theories of development with a particular focus on the issues of globalization including political and social change.