

SOCIAL SCIENCE

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Overview

The Social Science curriculum is a mixture of survey courses and interdisciplinary studies. The courses vary in their subject matter. Students who major in Social Science generally do so in order to prepare themselves for graduate training in a variety of fields.

TRANSFER MAJOR REQUIREMENTS in Social Science are available in the Counseling Center. In all cases, students should consult with a counselor for specific transfer requirements. Positions for which four-year graduates in Social Science are qualified include: civil service entry level management, entry into teacher training, entry into law school, entry into professional social work training and entry-level work in social service agencies.

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Degrees/Certificates

Social and Behavioral Sciences

AA or AS Degree

(formerly Social Science)

The Social and Behavioral Sciences degree provides students with a broad perspective on human behavior. Successful completion of the curriculum in Social and Behavioral Sciences offers students a breadth of knowledge that could be focused into single discipline degrees as well as applied to an interdisciplinary degree. By drawing from a select group of disciplines, students will study about themselves and others as members of a larger society. Topics and discussions strengthen students' ability to gather and apply information, evaluate how societies and social subgroups operate, gain knowledge to apply to life and think critically. The courses emphasize a span of social and behavioral disciplines. Students should choose the emphasis appropriate to their transfer institution or areas of interest. In all cases, students should consult with a counselor for more information on university admission and transfer requirements. Students must fulfill the following major requirements with grades of "C" or better, complete a minimum of 60 degree-applicable semester units (12 of which must be completed at Sierra College) with a grade point average of at least 2.0 and complete one of the following three general education patterns:

- Sierra College Associate Degree Requirements (<http://catalog.sierracollege.edu/student-resources/general-education/associate-degree-requirements>);
- California State University General Education Breadth (<http://catalog.sierracollege.edu/student-resources/general-education/california-state-university-general-education-breadth-requirements>) pattern;
- Intersegmental General Education Transfer Curriculum (IGETC) (<http://catalog.sierracollege.edu/student-resources/general-education/intersegmental-general-education-transfer-curriculum-igetc>).

Required Courses

Select 9 units from the following Behavioral Sciences: 9

ANTH 0002	Cultural Anthropology
ANTH 0004	Native Peoples of North America
ANTH 0005	Introduction to Archaeology
ANTH 0007	Native Peoples of California
ANTH 0009	Magic, Witchcraft, Ritual, Myth and Religion
ANTH 0027	Anthropology of Sex, Gender and Sexuality
COMM 0003	Small Group Communication
COMM 0005	Communication Foundations
COMM 0006	Performance of Diverse Literatures
COMM 0007	Intercultural Communication
COMM 0008	Interpersonal Communication
COMM 0070	Mass Communication: Media and Society
HDEV 0001	Human Development through the Lifespan
HDEV 0004	Child, Family, and Community
HDEV 0009	Child and Adolescent Development
HDEV 0025	Culture and Diversity in Early Childhood Education
NUTF 0010	Principles of Nutrition
PSYC 0100	General Principles of Psychology
PSYC 0103	Social Psychology
PSYC 0104	Developmental Psychology
PSYC 0105	Research Methods in Psychology
PSYC 0106	Psychology of Adjustment
PSYC 0108	Psychology of Death and Dying
PSYC 0110	Psychology of Intimate Relationships and Family (also HDEV 0021)
PSYC 0127	Psychology of Women
PSYC 0130	Human Sexuality
PSYC 0150	Alcohol, Drugs and Society
PSYC 0160	Psychology and Film
PSYC 0180	Cultural Psychology
SOC 0001	Introduction to Sociology
SOC 0002	Social Problems
SOC 0003	Race, Ethnicity and Inequality
SOC 0004	The Family (also HDEV 0022)
SOC 0005	Sociology of Women's Health

SOC 0009	Introduction to Crime, Deviance, and Social Control
SOC 0011	Introduction to Hip Hop and Social Justice
SOC 0024	Introduction to Sociology of Sport
SOC 0027	Sociology of Gender
SOC 0110	Introduction to Social Justice
SSCI 0010	Introduction to Ethnic Studies
SSCI 0013	Dialogues in American Culture
Select 9 units from the following Social Sciences: 9	
ADMJ 0050	Introduction to Administration of Justice
AGRI 0198	Food, Society and the Environment
AGRI 0215	Introduction to Agricultural Business and Economics
BUS 0049	Law and Society
ECON 0001A	Principles of Macroeconomics
ECON 0001B	Principles of Microeconomics
ESS 0001	The Environment and the Human Impact
GEOG 0002	Cultural Geography
GEOG 0003	Geography of California
GEOG 0005	World Regional Geography
HIST 0004A	Western Civilization to 1715
HIST 0004B	Western Civilization since 1715
HIST 0017A	History of the United States to 1877
HIST 0017B	History of the United States since 1865
HIST 0018A	The African American Experience in American History to 1877
HIST 0018B	The African American Experience in American History since 1877
HIST 0019A	History of Traditional East Asia
HIST 0019B	History of Modern East Asia
HIST 0020	California History
HIST 0021	Contemporary United States History
HIST 0022	American Military History
HIST 0023	Chicano/Mexican American History
HIST 0024	Russian History - 10th Century to Present
HIST 0025	Native American History
HIST 0027	Women in American History
HIST 0050	World History to 1500
HIST 0051	World History since 1500
LGBT 0001	Introduction to LGBT Studies/Queer Theory (also WMST 2)
POLS 0001	American Government
POLS 0002	Comparative Government
POLS 0003	International Relations
POLS 0004	Russian and East European Political Systems
POLS 0005	California Politics and Government
POLS 0007	Politics of the Developing World
POLS 0008	American Foreign Policy
POLS 0009	Politics of the Middle East

POLS 0012	Terrorism
POLS 0016	Introduction to Political Theory
POLS 0027	Women and Politics in a Global Society
SSCI 0020	African American Culture and Experience
SSCI 0030	Immigration, Community and Culture: The Asian American Experience
SSCI 0035	Immigrants and Refugees in America: The European Experience
SSCI 0041	Introduction to Native American Studies
SSCI 0045	Native American Cultures and the Impact of Federal Policy
SSCI 0050	Ethnic Images in Film
WMST 0001	Introduction to Women's Studies

Total Units 18

Courses

Understanding course descriptions (<http://catalog.sierracollege.edu/student-resources/course-information/understanding-course-descriptions>)

SSCI 0010. Introduction to Ethnic Studies

Units: 3

Hours: 54 lecture

Introduction to the diverse cultural, social, economic, historical, and political issues relating to the past and present life circumstances of Asian Americans, African Americans, Hispanic Americans, Native Americans, and other "old" and "new" immigrants. Topics also include majority-minority relations, implications of racism, and intergroup relations. (CSU, UC)

SSCI 0013. Dialogues in American Culture

Units: 3

Hours: 54 lecture

Introduces students to a variety of contemporary topics through guest lectures and discussions. Explores the rich diversity of people, cultures, and opportunities within America, emphasizing theoretical and practical understanding of diversity. Employing a wide range of interdisciplinary social and behavioral science perspectives. The lecture-discussions and films explore topics including ethnicity, aging, (dis) ability, social class, gender, sexual orientation, religion, race, identity, politics and science. (CSU, UC)

SSCI 0020. African American Culture and Experience

Units: 3

Hours: 54 lecture

Introduction to the study of African American culture and experience in the United States. Places the African American experience at the center of the discourse and incorporates methodology from other disciplines that serve as a foundation for integrative and comparative perspectives. A critical examination of the African American experience and its antecedents. (CSU, UC)

SSCI 0025. Mexican American/Latino Culture and Image*Units: 3*

Hours: 54 lecture

Introduction to Mexican American/Chicano/Latino culture using a comparative and interdisciplinary approach with focus on representation in media and popular culture. Course designed to provide an awareness of social, political, economic and cultural aspects of Mexican American, Chicano and Latino life in United States inclusive of social movements and protests. Field trips may be required. (CSU, UC)

SSCI 0028. Independent Study*Units: 1-3*

Designed for students interested in furthering their knowledge at an independent study level in an area where no specific curriculum offering is currently available. Independent study might include, but is not limited to, research papers, special subject area projects, and research projects. See Independent Study page in catalog. (CSU, UC-with unit limitation)

SSCI 0030. Immigration, Community and Culture: The Asian American Experience*Units: 3*

Hours: 54 lecture

Introduction to Asian American cultures in the United States from mid-1800's to present using a comparative and interdisciplinary approach. Examination of the development and evolution of Chinese, Filipino, Asian Indians, Japanese, Korean and Vietnamese communities within the context of social, historical, economic, and political forces within the United States. Topics include immigration and settlement issues, social movements, assimilation, media images, stereotypes and discrimination, community building, art and popular culture. Field trips may be required. (CSU, UC)

SSCI 0035. Immigrants and Refugees in America: The European Experience*Units: 3*

Hours: 54 lecture

Survey of immigration, acculturation, assimilation and cultures of peoples from northern, western, southern, eastern and central Europe. Includes a comparative overview of pre-immigration, immigration and post-immigration experiences of the people from these groups to the United States. (CSU, UC)

SSCI 0041. Introduction to Native American Studies*Units: 3*

Hours: 54 lecture

Survey of the cultures of Native American people of North America focusing on the social, religious, economic, and artistic nature of various native groups. Examination of the antiquity, distribution, and linguistic history of native cultures. Addresses the contemporary status of native cultural traditions taking into account social change and adaptation. Emphasis on geographic, cultural, historical, and botanical environment of local native cultures. An optional field trip may be included. (CSU, UC)

SSCI 0045. Native American Cultures and the Impact of Federal Policy*Units: 3*

Hours: 54 lecture

In-depth study of Native American cultures and the impact of state and federal laws pertaining to tribal sovereignty and self-governance. Covers the effects of and resistance to colonization and cultural appropriation upon Native American cultures and religions. Students gain a practical understanding of the legal, political and cultural challenges faced by Native American tribal nations in our own region and across the country. (CSU, UC)

SSCI 0050. Ethnic Images in Film*Units: 3*

Hours: 54 lecture

Interdisciplinary approach to study ethnic culture, race, socio-economic class, and gender in the United States through the medium of film. Examines film content for representation and accuracy, the multiple dimensions of media stereotypes, and the authenticity of diverse ethnic experiences with particular emphasis on gender, race and class. Note: not a course in film making or film criticism. (CSU, UC)

SSCI 0300F. Italian Life, Culture and Politics*Units: 3*

Hours: 54 lecture

Introduction to Italian life and culture through the exploration and examination of history, politics, economics, art, literature and traditions. Special attention will be given to the Medici banking system, the Italian City Republics as well as the period known as the Italian Renaissance. (CSU, UC)

SSCI 0300G. Oaxacan Life and Culture*Units: 3*

Hours: 54 lecture

Introduction to Oaxacan life and culture through exploration of its history, culture, politics, ecology and challenges. Emphasis includes the relationship between Southern Mexico and U.S. cultures. Involves field trips to local artisan villages, ecological preserves, museums, archeological sites and guest lectures. (CSU, UC)

Program Student Learning Outcomes (PSLOs)

- Read and discuss the influences of race, ethnicity, religion, economic status, gender, and sexual orientation.
- Evaluate and examine theories of race relations and the persistence of racism, classism, and sexism.
- Analyze the concepts of individual/institutional racism, cycles of oppression, matrix of domination and policies of exclusion.
- Identify, recognize and appreciate the extensive contributions of historically marginalized people in the formation of the U.S.