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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.

### 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.

### Requirements for Certificate 29 Units

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| ANTH 310  | Cultural Anthropology                                      | 3              |
| HIST 307  | History of World Civilizations to 1500 (3)                 | 3 <sup>1</sup> |
| 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              |
| <i>And a minimum of 8 units from the following:</i>         |  | 8              |
| Transfer level foreign language courses (numbered 300-499). |  |                |
| <i>And a minimum of 9 units from the following:</i>         |  | 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)               |                |

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| 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)   |
| SOCSOC 310 | International Studies - Peace and Conflict Studies (3)               |
| SOCSOC 312 | International Studies - Current International Development Issues (3) |

<sup>1</sup>The 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.

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### **SOC 300 Introductory Sociology 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 D0; IGETC Area 4J; TCSU SOC 110*

*Course Transferable to UC/CSU*

*Hours: 54 hours LEC*

This course examines society in terms of the interactions of groups and cultures. Involves a consideration of family, government, education, and religion as basic American institutions. Emphasis on scientific method of approach.

### **SOC 301 Social Problems 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 D0; IGETC Area 4J; TCSU SOC 120*

*Course Transferable to UC/CSU*

*Hours: 54 hours LEC*

This is a survey of social problems of present day American culture including a study of their causes and an evaluation of proposed solutions and methods of treatment. Attention is directed to unemployment, poverty, physical, and mental disease, delinquency, crime and related problems.

### **SOC 315 Introduction to Corrections 3 Units**

*Prerequisite: PSYC 300.*

*Course Transferable to CSU*

*Hours: 54 hours LEC*

This course covers the development, function and administration of federal, state, county and city law enforcement institutions. Causes and impact of crime and delinquency upon society. Treatment programs at local, state and federal correctional institutions, adult and juvenile, including probation and parole. Lectures, field trips, interviews and report writing.

### **SOC 320 Minorities in America 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); AA/AS Area VI; CSU Area D0; IGETC Area 4C; IGETC Area 4J*

*Course Transferable to UC/CSU*

*Hours: 54 hours LEC*

This course examines patterns of racial and ethnic group relations in the United States of America. The course employs basic sociological approaches to the study of race and ethnicity, with an emphasis on a comparative analysis of historical, social, and economic factors affecting intergroup and intragroup dynamics. The topics include prejudice, discrimination, racism, racial and ethnic stratification, assimilation patterns among groups, demographic shifts, civil rights and other related topics.

### **SOC 325 Chicano Culture 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 D0; IGETC Area 4J*

*Course Transferable to UC/CSU*

*Hours: 54 hours LEC*

This course examines the individual Chicano(a) and their culture pattern within the United States; the acquisition of their culture, innovation, adaptation and direction of their cultural development.

### **SOC 335 Sociology of Aging 3 Units**

*Same As: GERON 300*

*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 III(b); CSU Area E1*

*Course Transferable to UC/CSU*

*Hours: 54 hours LEC*

This course examines the aged and aging process with emphasis on social factors affecting and affected by an aging population. It includes an analysis of demographics, history of aging in America, social conditions, resources and support systems, employment, retirement, social class/cultural differences. Not open to students who have completed GERON 300.

### **SOC 342 Women in American Culture 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); AA/AS Area VI; CSU Area D0; IGETC Area 4J*

*Course Transferable to UC/CSU*

*Hours: 54 hours LEC*

This course is an examination of Native American, Anglo American, African American, Hispanic American, and Asian American women's roles in American society within a historical and cross-cultural perspective. The focus of this course is an analysis and discussion of gender relations in the home, family, the work place, and the treatment of women in the mass media and in the health care system.

### **SOC 350 Sociology of Popular Culture 3 Units**

*Course Transferable to UC/CSU*

*Hours: 54 hours LEC*

This course analyzes the historical development and emergence of American popular culture and the relationship between contemporary popular culture, social institutions and collective behavior. Further, it considers popular culture within the context of social, political, and economic changes in the United States and includes an analysis of theories of popular culture, hegemony, advertising, music, and film.

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**295/495 Independent Studies in Subject 1-4 Units**

*Formerly: Independent Studies 49I*

*Prerequisite: College courses basic to the study*

An Independent Studies course involves an individual student or small group of students in study; research, or activities beyond the scope of regularly offered courses, pursuant to agreement among the college, faculty member, and student(s). Studies having to do with transfer programs are numbered 495, and studies related to two-year vocational programs are numbered 295. For more information see Instructional Program: Independent and Special Study in the front of the catalog

**299/499 Experimental Offering in (Subject) 1-4 Units**

*Formerly: Special Studies 49*

*Prerequisite: College course basic to the study*

An experimental offering scheduled to provide students with the opportunity to pursue studies of special interest which are not covered in established catalog courses. Specific studies are designated according to the subject field to be studied. Studies having to do with transfer programs are numbered 499, and studies related to two-year vocational programs are numbered 299.