DEGREES

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:
1. research and analyze topics from an interdisciplinary perspective.
2. compare and contrast the relative contribution of courses offered in various disciplines to an overall understanding of issues and events.
3. develop a personal interpretation about issues and events within an interdisciplinary perspective.

Requirements for Degree 18 Units

A minimum of 18 units from the following: .................................................. 18 Transferrable 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
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:
1. evaluate his/her role as a member of a global network of interdependent societies.
2. formulate a cohesive understanding of world issues and events and incorporate that knowledge into his/her daily life and career.
3. analyze various social-scientific perspectives that explain the causes and consequences of globalization.
4. recognize people’s socio-economic, political, and geographical background.
5. analyze local and societal issues and problems within a global context.

Requirements for Degree 29 Units

A minimum of 6 units from the following: ........................................... 6
IS 305 Introduction to Middle East Studies (3)
IS 310 Peace and Conflict (3)
IS 311 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 351 Conversational German, Elementary (3)
GERM 352 Conversational German, Elementary (3)
GERM 401 Elementary German (4)
GERM 402 Elementary German (4)
GERM 411 Intermediate German (4)
GERM 412 Intermediate German (4)
ITAL 351 Conversational Italian, Elementary I (3)
ITAL 352 Conversational Italian, Elementary II (3)
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 351 Conversational Spanish, Elementary (3)
SPAN 352 Conversational Spanish, Elementary (3)
SPAN 361 Conversational Spanish, Intermediate (3)
SPAN 362 Conversational Spanish, Intermediate (3)
SPAN 401 Elementary Spanish (4)
SPAN 402 Elementary Spanish (4)
SPAN 411 Intermediate Spanish (4)
SPAN 412 Intermediate Spanish (4)

‘or any other transfer-level foreign language courses (300 - 499)

Associate Degree Requirements: The International Studies A.A. 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.

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**International Studies**

**IS 305  Introduction to Middle East Studies  3 Units**

*Advisory: Eligible for ENGRD 310 or ENGRD 312 AND ENGW 300; OR ESLR 340 AND ESLW 340.*

*General Education: AA/AS Area V(b); AA/AS Area VI; CSU Area D7*

*Course Transferable to 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 ENGW 300; OR ESLR 340 AND ESLW 340.*

*General Education: AA/AS Area V(b); AA/AS Area VI (effective Summer 2015); 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 ENGW 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 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.