

GENERAL STUDIES: SOCIAL SCIENCE EMPHASIS

This degree provides an opportunity for students to earn an Associate of Arts (AA) degree in a comprehensive area of study and is intended for the student who is not currently preparing to transfer to a university. A minimum of 60 semester units must be completed with an overall Grade Point Average (GPA) of 2.0 or better in all degree-applicable units. Only courses numbered 1-299 may be applied toward this associate degree.

Social Sciences courses provide theory and instruction on the role of institutions, groups and individuals in society. These courses focus on the interaction of social, historic, economic, political, geographic, linguistic, religious, and/or cultural factors, with emphasis on the ways humans understand the complex nature of their existence. Courses emphasize the understanding of human and societal development within the context of issues which could divide people and culture (e.g., racism, colonialism, geopolitical issues and economic inequities) and the complex relationships between culture, individual development and historical context. Courses include discussion of skills and practices used by the social sciences: data collection, hypothesis development and testing, and critical evaluation of evidence.

Learning Outcomes: Upon successful completion of the program, students will be able to:

- Form a provable thesis, develop it through factual research, distinguish between fact and opinion, and make effective rhetorical choices in relation to audience and purpose.
- Analyze and evaluate complex issues or problems, draw reasoned conclusions and/or generate solutions, and effectively communicate their results.
- Analyze and interpret human thought, achievement, and expression relevant to such branches of knowledge as philosophy, literature, and/or the fine and performing arts, and to communicate the results.
- Critically examine and comprehend human nature and behavior, social traditions, and institutions.
- Examine interactions and interconnections across cultures.

Associate in Arts Degree

Associate Degree Major Requirements

Units

REQUIRED CORE:

Select 18 units from at least two disciplines from courses listed below: 18

ADMJ 2	Introduction to Administration of Justice (3)
ANTH 2	Introduction to Biological Anthropology (3)
ANTH 4	Introduction to Cultural Anthropology (3)
ANTH 6	Introduction to Archaeology and Prehistory (3)
ANTH 20	Native Peoples of North America (3)
ANTH 21	Ancient Civilizations of Mesoamerica (3)
ANTH 30	Gender in Global Perspective (3)
ECED 1	Child Growth and Development (3)
ECED 55	Child, Family and Community (3)
ECED 56	Teaching in a Diverse Society (3)
ECON 1	The American Economic System (3)
ECON 2	Principles of Economics: Macro (3)
ECON 4	Principles of Economics: Micro (3)
ENGL 9	Great Books and Civil Liberties (3)
ETNC 6	Culture in American Film (3)
ETNC 10	Introduction to Social Justice (3)
ETNC 14	Sociology of Latinos and Latinas (3)
ETNC 16	African-Americans in American Government (3)
ETNC 18	Latinos in American Government (3)
ETNC 20	Native Peoples of North America (3)
ETNC 21	Ancient Civilizations of Mesoamerica (3)
ETNC 22	Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders in Amer. Society (3)

ETNC 24 African Americans in United States History to 1865 (3)
 ETNC 25 African Americans in United States History Since 1865 (3)
 ETNC 30 Women in Cross-Cultural Perspective (3)
 ETNC 40 The African Experience (3)
 ETNC 45 Introduction to Language and Society (3)
 GENT 1 Prehistory and Earliest Civilizations (to 1200 B.C.) (1)
 GENT 2 Foundations of the Classical World (1200-500 B.C.) (1)
 GENT 3 The Golden Age of Greece (500-300 B.C.) (1)
 GENT 5 The Medieval World: Part I (400-1100) (1)
 GENT 6 The Medieval World: Part II (1100-1350) (1)
 GENT 7 The Early Renaissance (1350-1520) (1)
 GENT 8 Late Renaissance and Reformation (1520-1600) (1)
 GENT 9 Foundations of the Modern World (1600-1690) (1)
 GENT 10 The Age of Reason (1690-1775) (1)
 GENT 11 Reaction and Revolution (1775-1815) (1)
 GENT 12 The Age of Progress (1815-1870) (1)
 GENT 13 The End of Innocence (1870-1918) (1)
 GENT 14 Between the Wars (1918-1945) (1)
 GENT 15 World War II to the Present (1945-Present) (1)
 GENT 21 Medieval and Renaissance Europe (400-1520) (3)
 GENT 22 The Age of Revolution (1690-1870) (3)
 GENT 23 The Modern World (1870-Present) (3)
 GEOG 2 Introduction to Physical Geography (3)
 GEOG 4 Introduction to Human Geography (3)
 GWOS 1 Introduction to Gender and Women's Studies (3)
 GWOS 2 Leadership and Community Development (3)
 GWOS 4 Gender, Sexuality, and Popular Culture (3)
 GWOS 6 Psychology of Women (3)
 GWOS 10 Gender in American Politics (3)
 GWOS 12 Women in United States History (3)
 GWOS 30 Gender in Global Perspective (3)
 GWOS 40 Introduction to Feminist Theory (3)
 HIST 4 Western Civilization I (3)
 HIST 5 Western Civilization II (3)
 HIST 7 World History to 1500 (3)
 HIST 8 World History Since 1500 (3)
 HIST 12 Women in United States History (3)
 HIST 15 History of California (3)
 HIST 17 United States History to 1877 (3)
 HIST 18 United States History From 1865 (3)
 HIST 20 History of Mexico (3)
 HIST 24 African Americans in United States History to 1865 (3)
 HIST 25 African Americans in United States History Since 1865 (3)
 HIST 40 The African Experience (3)
 HIST 47 History of the Ancient Mediterranean/Near East (3)
 HUMA 40 Introduction to Feminist Theory (3)
 LING 15 Introduction to Linguistics (3)
 LING 25 Introduction to Language and Gender (3)
 LING 30 Introduction to the History of the English Language (3)
 LING 35 Introduction to Nonverbal Communication (3)
 LING 45 Introduction to Language and Society (3)
 LING 46 Introduction to Psycholinguistics (3)
 LING 49 Introduction to Discourse Analysis (3)

LING 50	Introduction to Standard American English (3)
PHIL 40	Introduction to Feminist Theory (3)
POLS 1	Introduction to American Government and Politics (3)
POLS 2	Introduction to Comparative Government and Politics (3)
POLS 3	Introduction to Political Theory and Thought (3)
POLS 4	Introduction to International Relations (3)
POLS 5	Politics of Developing Countries (3)
POLS 10	Women in American Politics (3)
POLS 16	African-Americans in American Government (3)
POLS 18	Latinos in American Government (3)
PSYC 1	General Psychology (3)
PSYC 3	Introduction to Social Psychology (3)
PSYC 6	Psychology of Women (3)
PSYC 25	Lifespan Development (3)
PSYC 35	Introduction to Abnormal Psychology (3)
PSYC 38	Biological Psychology (3)
PSYC 40	Human Sexuality (3)
PSYC 50	Health Psychology (3)
SIGN 10	Structure and Culture of American Sign Language (3)
SOCI 1	Introduction to Sociology (3)
SOCI 2	Contemporary Social Problems (3)
SOCI 3	Introduction to Social Psychology (3)
SOCI 11	Mass Media and Popular Culture (3)
SOCI 12	Introduction to Gender and Sexuality (3)
SOCI 13	Introduction to Race and Ethnicity (3)
SOCI 14	Sociology of Latinos and Latinas (3)
SOCI 15	Introduction to Research Methods (3)
SOCI 22	Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders in Amer. Society (3)
SOCI 40	Sociology of Marriage and Families (3)
SPCH 4	Intercultural Communication (3)
WRLD 4A	The Roman Republic and Rise of Empire (500 BCE-14 CE) (1)

TOTAL MAJOR UNITS

18

Associate Degree Requirements (as described above)

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Complete Competency Requirements and MPC General Education Pattern for a total of 60 degree-applicable units (see pages 72-73, 76 in the 2017-18 MPC Catalog).

TOTAL DEGREE UNITS

60
