This program offers students the opportunity to study aspects of the human experience and the intricate relationship among them.

The Associate in Arts Degree can be obtained by completing a total of 60 units, including the 18-unit major, general education requirements and electives. The 18-unit major is composed of courses selected from the six subject areas shown below. All courses for this major must be completed with a grade of C or better or a P if the course is taken on a pass-no pass basis.

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**Social Science**

SOCS 022  3 Units
Minority Grp Rel

Course Advisory: SCC minimum English standard. Examination of the historical, economic, psychological, and sociological aspects of majority-minority group relationships (ethnic, racial and gender) in the United States and selected cross-cultural situations. Three hours lecture.

SOCS 023  3 Units
The African-American Family

Course Advisories: Eligibility for ENGL 001 and SCC minimum Math standard. Analyze theory and research dealing with the modern African-American family, its structure, and functions. Course survey will include an examination of the historical changes, differing family patterns, and influences of contemporary society as it impacts the African-American family. Social policies will also be examined. Three hours lecture.

SOCS 025  3 Units
Mexican-American Experience

Course Advisory: SCC minimum English standards. Interdisciplinary examination of the historical, economic, psychological, and sociological aspects of the Mexican-American experience. Three hours lecture.

SOCS 026  3 Units
Filipino-American Experience

Course Advisory: SCC minimum English standards. Interdisciplinary examination of the historical, economic, political, and sociological aspects of the Filipino-American experience in the United States. Emphasis on various problems of assimilation. Three hours lecture.

SOCS 027  3 Units
Native American Experience

Course Advisories: ENGL 001; SCC minimum Math standard. Introduction to the diverse cultures of the Native American people of North, Central and South America. Emphasis is on Native American voices in the expression of cultural views and in the experience of conflicting values. Three hours lecture.
Social Sciences

SOCS 028 3 Units
Introduction to African Studies
Course Advisories: Eligibility for ENGL 001 and SCC minimum Math standard. Introduction to African studies, including African history, political development, culture and literature, economic issues and Africa’s role in world affairs. Three hours lecture.

SOCS 030 3 Units
Peace, Non-Violence and Conflict Resolution
Course Advisories: Eligibility for ENGL 001. Introduces the student to the study of peace, non-violence and peaceful conflict resolution. The course is designed for students interested in the fundamental issues of peace, justice and conflict resolution in our society. It offers students an opportunity to reflect on the peace writings of both past and contemporary authors and is an examination of justice, peace and peace-makers, in the U.S. and worldwide. Three hours lecture.

SOCS 049 1-3 Units
Social Science Honors
Prerequisites: Completion of 24 units of college credit with a minimum GPA of 3.3; a minimum of 5 units in the discipline with a grade of 'B' or better; an ability to work independently; permission of the division Dean based on instructor availability. Independent study designed for honor students who intend to major in social sciences. Repeatable 3 times. Three to nine hours weekly by arrangement.

SOCS 051 3 Units
Mediation
Course Advisories: Eligibility for ENGL 001. Introduces the student to the study of Mediation. This course is designed to provide students with the framework and analytical skills needed to conduct mediation. Emphasis is placed on the mediation process, the role of the mediator, communication skills and listening skills and the human dynamics of conflict. Mediation is a process by which parties submit their dispute to a neutral third party who works with them to reach a mutually agreeable settlement of their dispute. This course is beneficial for those persons pursuing Human Services, Business, Social Services, Speech and other majors that require analytical communication skills. The mediators role is to assist disputing parties in reaching peaceful resolutions to conflict. Three hours lecture.

SOCS 053 3 Units
Civil Rights Travel
Course Advisory: SCC minimum English and Math Standards. The Civil Rights Movement is one of the most significant sources of social change in the United States during the 20th century. This is a travel study course that will analyze the structure and dynamics of the Civil Rights Movement from a Social Science perspective. Students will be required to pay for the cost of travel. Repeatable 3 times. (2 wks course)

Special Topics
These courses, numbered 048 or 098 depending upon their transferability, are courses of contemporary interest centered on changing knowledge and important issues in the field. Announcements of Special Topics courses appear in the Schedule of Classes.