# Social Sciences

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

## Associate in Arts Degree
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 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.

## Program Outcomes
Students who complete an Associate Degree will be able to:
1. Be aware of the social and cultural aspects of human behavior.
2. Understand the relationship between individual/self, society and others.
3. Demonstrate understanding regarding diverse individuals and groups in society.
4. Understand diverse groups and the social and cultural aspects of relationships.
5. Think, read, and write critically with respect to the social sciences.
6. Apply the knowledge and skills to life experience, including employment, social and individuals.
7. Understand the purpose and value of social sciences across the curriculum.
8. Major in the Social Science field.

## REQUIRED COURSES

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<td>Introduction to American Government and Politics</td>
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**Total Units**: 18
SOCS 022  3 Units
Ethnic, Racial and Minority Group Relations in Harmony and Conflict
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 Advisory: 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 standard.
Interdisciplinary examination of the historical, economic, psychological, and sociological aspects of the Mexican-American experience. Three hours lecture.

SOCS 027  3 Units
Native American Experience
Course Advisory: 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.

SOCS 030  3 Units
Peace, Non Violence and Conflict Resolution
Course Advisory: 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 peacemakers, in the U.S. and worldwide. Three hours lecture.

SOCS 049  1.00 to 3.00 Units
Social Science Honors
Prerequisite: 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. Three to nine hours weekly by arrangement.

SOCS 051  3 Units
Mediation
Course Advisory: 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, Non-Violence and Race Relations
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. (2 week course).