

LIBERAL ARTS: BEHAVIORAL AND SOCIAL SCIENCES

PROGRAM OVERVIEW

The Associate Degree in Liberal Arts: Behavioral and Social Sciences is concerned with providing a broad understanding of the social, cultural, and intellectual world in which we live. Behavioral and Social science students have a diverse interest in human problems and seek a liberal education in a broad spectrum of understandings, insights, and appreciations. Multidisciplinary in nature, this area of emphasis seeks to provide an understanding of the interrelationships and varied methodologies of its many subject areas. The goal of this area of emphasis is to develop students' intellectual and emotional understanding, appreciation, insights, and flexibility in order for them to succeed in government services, commerce or industry, and teaching. Students who receive an associate degree in the Social and Behavioral Sciences typically continue their studies at a university to receive a bachelor's degree in such disciplines as Anthropology, Child Development, Economics, Geography, History, Labor Studies, Political Science, Psychology, Social Work or Sociology.

PLEASE NOTE: All courses below transfer to CSU. Many courses are also transferable to UC. The courses that universities and colleges require for transfer vary. When selecting courses for transfer purposes, students should consult with a Counselor to determine the particular transfer requirements of specific transfer institutions.

REQUIREMENTS for the AA DEGREE

To qualify for this degree, you must meet these requirements:

- Minimum of 60 degree applicable units
- Minimum 2.0 GPA
- Complete one of the following general education patterns:
 - LACCD GE
 - CSU GE Breadth
 - IGETC
- Complete a minimum of 18 units in area of emphasis
- All courses must be completed with a grade of C or better.

PROGRAM LEARNING OUTCOMES (PLOs)

Upon completion of the Degree program, students are able to:

- Examine the perspectives, principles, theories, methods, and core concepts of the social and behavioral sciences within their contemporary, historical, cultural and geographical contexts.
- Apply and construct written, verbal, numeric or non-verbal expression to convey logical thought, analyze arguments and self-express.
- Compare and contrast the values, attitudes, modes of creative expression, and/or dynamics of interpersonal interactions of people from diverse cultural and societal backgrounds.

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Associate in Arts Degree

Major Units: 18

COURSE REQUIREMENTS

Complete minimum of 18 units taking at least 1 course from at least three different disciplines listed below:

Administration of Justice:

ADM JUS 001	Introduction to Administration of Justice	3
ADM JUS 002	Concepts of Criminal Law	3
ADM JUS 004	Principles and Procedures of the Justice System	3
ADM JUS 067	Community Relations I	3

Anthropology:

ANTHRO 102	Human Ways of Life: Cultural Anthropology	3
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Business:

BUS 001	Introduction to Business	3
BUS 005	Business Law I	3

Child Development:

CH DEV 001	Child Growth and Development	3
CH DEV 002	Early Childhood: Principles and Practices	3
CH DEV 010	Health, Safety and Nutrition	3
CH DEV 011	Child, Family and Community	3
CH DEV 042	Teaching in a Diverse Society	3
CH DEV 046	School Age Programs I	3

Economics:

ECON 001	Principles of Economics I	3
ECON 002	Principles of Economics II	3

Education:

EDUC 001	Introduction to Teaching	3
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Geography:

GEOG 002	Cultural Elements of Geography	3
GEOG 007	World Regional Geography	3

Health:

HEALTH 101	Introduction to Public Health	3
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History:

HISTORY 002	Introduction to Western Civilization II	3
HISTORY 011	Political and Social History of the United States I	3
HISTORY 012	Political and Social History of the United States II	3
HISTORY 041	The African American in the History of the United States I	3
HISTORY 042	The African American in the History of the United States II	3
HISTORY 043	The Mexican-American in the History of the United States I	3
HISTORY 044	The Mexican-American in the History of the United States II	3
HISTORY 052	Role of Women in the History of the U.S.	3
HISTORY 086	Introduction to World Civilization I	3
HISTORY 087	Introduction to World Civilization II	3

Kinesiology Major:

KIN MAJ 109	Women in Sport	3
KIN MAJ 120	History of Physical Education, Kinesiology and Sport	3

Labor Studies:

LABR ST 001	US Labor History	3
LABR ST 004	Labor in America	3

Political Science:

POL SCI 001	The Government of the United States	3
POL SCI 002	Modern World Governments	3
POL SCI 007	Contemporary World Affairs	3

Psychology:

PSYCH 001	General Psychology I	3
PSYCH 013	Social Psychology	3
PSYCH 014	Abnormal Psychology	3
PSYCH 032	Psychology of Women	3
PSYCH 041	Life-Span Psychology: From Infancy to Old Age	3
PSYCH 069	Psychology in Film	3
PSYCH 074	Research Methods in the Behavioral Sciences	3

Sociology:

SOC 001	Introduction to Sociology	3
SOC 002	American Social Problems	3
SOC 011	Race and Ethnic Relations	3
SOC 028	The Family: A Sociological Approach	3
SOC 031	Sociology of Gender	3

Total major units 18

General Education Requirements

Choose one of the following general education patterns:

- LACCD GE pattern 21 units
- CSU GE 39 units
- IGETC 37 units

Degree level electives units to meet 60-unit requirement

Total degree units 60

NOTE: Choosing a GE pattern to follow is based on your interest to transfer or not. Speak with your counselor or visit the University Transfer Center to find out more about which GE Pattern to follow if you are planning to transfer.