Sociology

Sociology in Arts Degree

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Upon completion of this program, the student will be able to:

- articulate the sociological perspective to human behavior.
- compare and contrast the major theoretical orientations in sociology.
- analyze and assess the role of theory and social research methods in sociology.
- evaluate data, draw reasonable conclusions, and apply these conclusions to personal, community, and societal-level issues.
- explain how the science of sociology produces knowledge about society, social interaction, and human behavior.
- integrate content knowledge and cognitive skills, i.e., logical thinking, problem-solving, and critical reasoning, when completing exams, term papers, and additional class assignments.
- apply sociological principles that contribute to the foundation for life-long personal growth and development of effective interpersonal and social skills.
- apply sociological principles to education, employment, and everyday life.

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Associate in Arts (A.A.) Degree

The Associate in Arts degree may be obtained by completion of the required program, plus general education requirements, plus sufficient electives to meet a 60-unit total. See SCC graduation requirements.

Transfer Information

In addition to the course requirements, transfer students should complete the general education requirements for the university to which they plan to transfer. Students can also use the Sacramento City College General Education pattern to obtain the degree; however, these courses do not necessarily fulfill the general education requirements of transfer institutions. Students should see a counselor regarding academic planning.

Associate Degree for Transfer

A Degree with a Guarantee.

Sociology

Associate in Arts for Transfer

Program Information

The sociology major is designed to prepare students for further study in sociology leading to the BA, MA, MSW, and/or Ph.D. degrees. This program is for students who plan seamless transfer to a California State University (CSU.) Completion of the CSU General-Breadth or IGETC general education pattern is required. It is highly recommended that students meet with a counselor because major and general education requirements vary for each college/university.
To earn an associate transfer degree, students must complete the following requirements:

(1) Completion of a minimum of 60 semester units or 90 quarter units that are eligible for transfer to the California State University, including both of the following:

(A) The California State University General Education-Breadth Requirements or the Intersegmental General Education Transfer Curriculum (IGETC).

(B) A minimum of 18 semester units or 27 quarter units in a major or area of emphasis, as determined by the community college district.

(2) Obtainment of a minimum grade point average of 2.0. Students must earn a “C” or better in all courses required for the major or area of emphasis.

ADTs also require that students must earn a “C” or better in all courses required for the major or area of emphasis.

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- apply sociological principles to social institutions such as education, employment, medicine and religion.

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Associate in Arts for Transfer Degree
The Associate in Arts in Sociology for Transfer (AA-T) degree may be obtained by completion of 60 transferable, semester units with a minimum 2.0 GPA, including (a) the major or area of emphasis described in the Required Program, and (b) either the Intersegmental General Education Transfer Curriculum (IGETC) or the California State University General Education-Breadth Requirements.

Sociology (SOC)

SOC 99 Workplace Success: 3 Units

A Sociological Map to Succeeding in the Workplace

Prerequisite: None.

Hours: 54 hours LEC

This course teaches students how to use the sociological perspective to reconceptualize the workplace and develop the interpersonal and organizational skills it requires. It is a non-transferable course designed for students in need of strategies to help them attain success in the workplace.

SOC 300 Introductory Sociology 3 Units

Prerequisite: None.

Advisory: ENGWR 101 and ENGRD 110 or ESLW 340 and ESLR 340, with grades of “C” or better. LIBR 318 with grade of “C” or better.

General Education: AA/AS Area V(b); CSU Area D0; IGETC Area 4J

Course Transferable to UC/CSU

Hours: 54 hours LEC

This course examines the elements and experience of social life. Analysis and discussion of social structure, culture, deviation behavior, social institutions, stratification, inequality, and social change will be explored within a domestic and global framework. (C-ID SOCI 110)

SOC 301 Social Problems 3 Units

Prerequisite: None.

Advisory: ENGWR 101 and ENGRD 110 or ESLW 340 and ESLR 340, with grades of “C” or better. LIBR 318 with grade of “C” or better.

General Education: AA/AS Area V(b); CSU Area D0; IGETC Area 4J

Course Transferable to UC/CSU

Hours: 54 hours LEC

This course examines current social problems at the global, national, regional, and local level from a sociological perspective. (C-ID SOCI 115)
SOC 302 Introduction to Social Research 3 Units
Methods
Prerequisite: SOC 300 with a grade of “C” or better
Advisory: ENGRD 300 (College Composition) or ESLW 340 and STAT 330 with grades of “C” or better
General Education: AA/AS Area II(b); CSU Area D; IGETC Area 4J
Course Transferable to UC/CSU
Hours: 36 hours LEC; 54 hours LAB
This course examines theoretical and ethical principles in social science research with an applied emphasis on research design, utilization of qualitative and quantitative techniques, data coding, data cleaning and organization, descriptive and inferential analysis, and the writing of research reports. Students will be introduced to the application of statistical software for quantitative areas of course work. (C-ID SOCI 130)

SOC 305 Critical Thinking in the Social Sciences 3 Units
Prerequisite: ENGRD 300 with a grade of “C” or better, or the equivalent
General Education: AA/AS Area V(b); AA/AS Area II(b); CSU Area A3; IGETC Area 1B
Course Transferable to UC/CSU
Hours: 54 hours LEC
This course examines the definitional and contextual nature of social issues. It develops a “critical thinking” approach, which integrates interdisciplinary principles and incorporates a comparative framework utilizing literary criticism, logic, argumentation, and persuasion to analyze and compare the content and validity of social problems. This course specifically explores how the media and scientific community collect, interpret, and report social data. Combining critical thinking tools with the sociological perspective will help students to question the assumptions that surround social phenomena and influence human behavior.

SOC 310 Marriage and the Family 3 Units
Same As: FCS 320
Prerequisite: None.
Advisory: ENGRD 110 and ENWR 101, or ESLW 340 and ESLR 340, with grades of “C” or better. LIBR 318 with grade of “C” or better.
General Education: AA/AS Area V(b); AA/AS Area II(b); CSU Area D7; CSU Area E1; IGETC Area 4G
Course Transferable to UC/CSU
Hours: 54 hours LEC
This course examines the social, psychological, historical, and economic factors relating to changing family, courtship, marriage, and partnership patterns. This course will include examination and analysis of social constructions of childhood, adolescence, and early, middle, and late adulthood. Exploration of changing gender roles, courtship patterns, and parenting will also be included. Emphasis will be placed on diversity of families and family forms. (Credit may be awarded for either SOC 310 or FCS 320 but not both.) (C-ID SOCI 130)

SOC 312 The Child, the Family and the Community 3 Units
Same As: ECE 314
Prerequisite: None.
Advisory: ENGRD 110 and ENWR 101; or ESLR 340 and ESLW 340 and ESL 114; or ECE 312; and LIBR 318 with grades of “C” or better
General Education: AA/AS Area V(b); AA/AS Area II(b); CSU Area D; CSU Area E1; IGETC Area 4
Course Transferable to UC/CSU
Hours: 54 hours LEC
This course is an examination of the developing child in a societal context focusing on the interrelationship of family, school, and community and emphasizing historical and socio-cultural factors. The processes of socialization and identity development will be highlighted, showing the importance of respectful, reciprocal relationships that support and empower families. Influences on growth and development including media, social class, gender, sexual orientation, racial/ethnic groups, and their relationship to family behavior will be studied. Students will identify and evaluate personal family dynamics and consequences. Students may receive credit for ECE 314 or SOC 312, but not both. (C-ID SOCI 130)

SOC 318 Introduction to Crime, Deviance, and Social Control 3 Units
Same As: ADMJ 349
Prerequisite: None.
Advisory: ENGRD 110 and ENWR 101, or ESLW 340 and ESLR 340, with grades of “C” or better. LIBR 318 with grade of “C” or better.
General Education: AA/AS Area V(b); CSU Area D; IGETC Area 4
Course Transferable to UC/CSU
Hours: 54 hours LEC
This course introduces various sociological perspectives regarding issues of crime, deviance, and social control. Particular attention is paid to the analysis of how laws and cultural norms shape the definition and meaning of crime and deviance. Topics covered include street crimes, corporate crimes, white-collar crimes, domestic violence, drugs and alcohol abuse, lifestyle crimes, prison systems, capital punishment, rehabilitation, and the trend towards privatization of prisons. Field trips may be required. Credit may be earned for ADMJ 349 or SOC 318 but not for both. (C-ID SOCI 160)

SOC 319 Sociology of Law and Justice 3 Units
Prerequisite: None.
Advisory: ENGRD 110 and ENWR 101, or ESLW 340 and ESLR 340, with grades of “C” or better. LIBR 318 with grade of “C” or better.
General Education: AA/AS Area V(b)
Course Transferable to CSU
Hours: 54 hours LEC
This course introduces various perspectives on the formation and use of law as an organizing principle of society as well as how societal forces can, in turn, influence the law. Special attention will be focused on unequal access to, uses of, and outcomes from the law and its various agencies. Topics covered include the historical perspectives of law as an institution and its processes, the enabling and constraining role of law in social movements, punishment, environmental law, torts, constitutional law, and the Patriot Act.

SOC 321 Race, Ethnicity and Inequality in the United States 3 Units
Prerequisite: None.
Advisory: ENGRD 110 and ENWR 101, or ESLW 340 and ESLR 340, with grades of “C” or better.
General Education: AA/AS Area V(b); AA/AS Area VI; CSU Area D; IGETC Area 4J
Course Transferable to UC/CSU
Hours: 54 hours LEC
This course examines patterns of ethnic relations. The course emphasis is domestic but includes investigations of global concerns. Topics include discrimination, prejudice, social stratification, inequality, racism, sexism, ageism, homophobia, and related subjects. (C-ID SOCI 150)
**SOC 335 Sociology of Aging**  
3 Units  
Same As: GERON 300  
Prerequisite: None.  
Advisory: ENGRD 110 and ENGRW 101 or ESLW 340 and ESLW 340 and ESL 114, and FCS 324, and LIBR 318 with grades of "C" or better.  
General Education: AA/AS Area V(b); AA/AS Area III(b); CSU Area D0; CSU Area E1; IGETC Area 4J  
Course Transferable to UC/CSU  
Hours: 54 hours LEC  
In this course students will examine the aging process with emphasis on social factors affecting and affected by an aging population. The course includes an analysis of demographics, history of aging in America, social conditions, resources and support systems, employment, retirement, social class, and cultural differences. Students will be encouraged to reflect on their status in the sociology of aging process. (Credit awarded for GERON 300 or SOC 335.)

**SOC 341 Sex and Gender in the U.S.**  
3 Units  
Same As: FCS 326  
Prerequisite: None.  
Advisory: ENGRW 101 and ENGRD 110, or ESLW 340 and ESLW 340, with grades of "C" or better. LIBR 318 with grade of "C" or better.  
General Education: AA/AS Area V(b); CSU Area D; CSU Area E1; IGETC Area 4  
Course Transferable to UC/CSU  
Hours: 54 hours LEC  
This course focuses on gender relations in American society. It examines historical, social, economic, political, and cultural forces in shaping gender identity, gender roles, and gender expectations. The goal of the course is to utilize sociological theories to explain gender experience as socially constructed rather than biologically determined. Specifically, the course examines the experience of people of diverse economic, racial, and ethnic origins within a historical and cross-cultural perspective. (Credit for FCS 326 or SOC 341.) (C-ID SOCI 140)

**SOC 343 Women and Social Action**  
3 Units  
Prerequisite: None.  
Advisory: ENGRW 101 and ENGRD 110, or ESLW 340 and ESLW 340, with grades of "C" or better. LIBR 318 with grade of "C" or better.  
General Education: AA/AS Area V(b); CSU Area D; IGETC Area 4  
Course Transferable to UC/CSU  
Hours: 54 hours LEC  
This course provides an overview of the ways in which women engage in deliberative social action to change the conditions of their lives and of their communities. The work of various social activists, past and present, will be analyzed in the context of sociological theory as applied to issues related to the institutions of family, health, religion, employment, sexual harassment, housing, and interpersonal violence.

**SOC 344 Sociology of Women's Health**  
3 Units  
Prerequisite: None.  
Advisory: ENGRW 101 and ENGRD 110, or ESLW 340 and ESLW 340, with grades of "C" or better. LIBR 318 with grade of "C" or better.  
General Education: AA/AS Area V(b); AA/AS Area III(b); CSU Area D; CSU Area E1; IGETC Area 4  
Course Transferable to UC/CSU  
Hours: 54 hours LEC  
This course provides a sociological analysis of health issues that concern women throughout their life course. The impact of physiology, psychology, culture, society, and politics upon women's well-being will be addressed using the feminist perspective.

**SOC 345 Global Women's Issues**  
3 Units  
Same As: WGS 302  
Prerequisite: None.  
Advisory: ENGRD 110 and ENGRW 101 with grades of "C" or better OR ESLW 340 and ESLW 340 with grades of "C" or better  
General Education: AA/AS Area V(b); CSU Area D; IGETC Area 4  
Course Transferable to UC/CSU  
Hours: 54 hours LEC  
The course will consider the conditions of women’s lives from the perspectives of global and transnational feminism, examining issues such as immigration, girls’ education, maternal health, globalization, economics, war and conflict, gender-based violence, and political activism. Students will seek to understand women’s lives by connecting global data about the status of women to material consequences for individual women and local communities. Using gender as a theoretical category of analysis, the course will explore how gender inequality and oppression create disproportionate suffering and lack of opportunities for women and girls. Students will learn to ask critical questions about the complex and intersecting aspects of the oppression of women, as well as develop an understanding of the culturally situated, creative, and heroic ways women are standing up to gender oppression and shaping change within their local communities and nations. Credit may be awarded for either WGS 302 or SOC 345 but not for both. WGS 302 was formerly known as SOCCS 352.

**SOC 350 Sociology of Popular Culture**  
3 Units  
Prerequisite: None.  
General Education: AA/AS Area V(b); CSU Area D0; IGETC Area 4J  
Course Transferable to UC/CSU  
Hours: 54 hours LEC  
This course analyzes the historical development and emergence of American popular culture and the relationship between contemporary popular culture, social institutions, and collective behavior.

**SOC 375 Introduction to Community Development**  
3 Units  
Prerequisite: None.  
Advisory: ENGRW 101 or ESLW 340 with a grade of "C" or better  
General Education: CSU Area D0  
Course Transferable to CSU  
Hours: 54 hours LEC  
This course explores the basic principles of community development. Students will analyze models of successful community practice and learn how to create social capital. Case study methods will be used to explore resource mapping, problem assessment, and strategies for funding nonprofit organizations.

**SOC 380 Introduction to Social Services**  
3 Units  
Prerequisite: None.  
Advisory: ENGRW 101 and ENGRD 110 or ESLW 340 and ESLW 340 with grades of "C" or better.  
General Education: AA/AS Area V(b)  
Course Transferable to CSU  
Hours: 54 hours LEC  
This course will provide a comprehensive overview of social services. Students will study the full range of organized activities of private, nonprofit, and public sector organizations that seek to prevent, alleviate, or contribute to the solutions of recognized social problems or to improve the well-being of individuals, groups, or communities. This is the introductory course for students interested in careers in applied sociology. This course will provide a multicultural perspective and the opportunity to practice developing skills of critical analysis.
SOC 481 Social Problems – Honors 3 Units
Prerequisite: None.
Advisory: LIBR 318 and SOC 300 with grades of “C” or better; ENGRD 101 and ENGRD 110 or ESLW 340 and ESLW 340 with grades of “C” or better.
General Education: AA/AS Area V(b); CSU Area D; IGETC Area 4
Enrollment Limitation: Eligibility for the Honors Program with a GPA of 3.0 or higher.
Course Transferable to UC/CSU
Hours: 54 hours LEC
This course examines current social problems at the global, national, regional, and local level from a sociological perspective. This honors section uses an intensive seminar style of instructional methodology with extensive research projects on social problems designed to challenge motivated students. (C-ID SOCI 115)

SOC 482 Sociology of Race, Ethnicity, and Inequality – Honors 3 Units
Prerequisite: None.
Advisory: LIBR 318 and SOC 300 with grades of “C” or better; ENGRD 101 and ENGRD 110, or ESLW 340 and ESLW 340, with grades of “C” or better.
General Education: AA/AS Area V(b); AA/AS Area VI; CSU Area D; IGETC Area 4
Enrollment Limitation: Eligibility for admission to the Honors Program.
Course Transferable to UC/CSU
Hours: 54 hours LEC
This course examines patterns of ethnic relations. Topics include discrimination, prejudice, social stratification, inequality, racism, sexism, ageism, homophobia, and related subjects. This honors section uses an intensive seminar style of instructional methodology with extensive research projects on race and ethnicity designed to challenge motivated students.

SOC 483 Topics in Sociology .5-4 Units
Prerequisite: None.
Advisory: SOC 300 and ENGRD 310 and ENGRD 101 or ESLW 340 and ESLW 340, with grades of “C” or better.
Course Transferable to UC/CSU
Hours: 72 hours LEC
This course provides an examination of specific topics from a sociological perspective. The particular subject to be covered each semester will be determined by the Sociology Department and depend on topical events. Students may earn from .5-4 units. Consult the schedule of classes for specific topics. UC transfer credit will be awarded only after the course has been evaluated by enrolling at the UC campus. The units completed for this course cannot be counted towards the minimum 60 units required for admissions.

SOC 495 Independent Studies in Sociology 1-3 Units
Prerequisite: None.
Course Transferable to UC/CSU
Hours: 162 hours LAB
This course involves an individual student or small groups of students in study, research, or activities beyond the scope of regular offered courses, pursuant to agreement among college, faculty members, and students. Independent studies in sociology offers students a chance to do research that is more typical of theoretical and applied sociology. Students may also choose to explore unique sociological topics under the direction of a sociology faculty member. UC transfer credit will be awarded only after the course has been evaluated by enrolling UC campus. The units completed for this course cannot be counted towards the minimum 60 units required for admissions.

SOC 499 Experimental Offering in Sociology .5-4 Units
Prerequisite: None.
Course Transferable to UC/CSU
Hours: 54 hours LEC, 75 hours LAB
See Experimental Offering. UC transfer credit will be awarded only after the course has been evaluated by enrolling UC campus. The units completed for this course cannot be counted towards the minimum 60 units required for admissions.