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## **Liberal Arts - Area of Emphasis for Social and Behavioral Science**

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The Social and Behavioral Science area of emphasis allows students to take courses that prepare them for possible majors within the fields of criminology, business, economics, geography, psychology, history, sociology, political science, and related disciplines. The student is provided the opportunity to learn a variety of theories and perspectives, behavioral and sociological concepts, historical context with respect to particular times, places, events and significant figures, production and distribution analysis, and American and comparative government. This area of emphasis prepares students for baccalaureate majors including but not limited to: Chicano studies, child development, criminology, economics, geography, history, mass communication and journalism, political science, psychology, and sociology and social work.

Upon completion of the social and behavioral science program, the student will be able to:

- Understand the global significance of past political, cultural, and economic issues and how they have impacted contemporary events.
- Recognize will analyze and differentiate between different economic solutions to social issues.
- Demonstrate an understanding of how physical systems affect human systems and of how human actions affect physical systems.
- State different types of governments and explain their historical developments and political processes within a given country.
- Identify different theories on personality development.
- Recognize the various types of sources used within the social science discipline, including primary and secondary sources.
- Analyze the legitimacy and validity of the various sources used within the social science discipline, including discerning facts from opinions, biases, the validity of data collection, and public opinion polls

Students must fulfill the following requirements to qualify for an associate degree:

- Complete the Associate Degree requirements
- Complete major course requirements as specified in the catalog with a C or better
- Complete electives to reach a total of 60 degree applicable units
- Maintain a grade point average of 2.00 overall
- Complete the English and math competency requirements with a C or better

**Required Courses (Select at least 18 units from the following courses. Courses must be selected from two or more disciplines listed below:**

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<i>Course #</i>	<i>Title</i>	<i>Units</i>
AGBUS 040	Introductory Agricultural Economics	3
AOJ 001	Introduction to Criminal Justice	3
AOJ 029	Criminology	3
BUS 020	Introduction to Business	3
CD 002	Teaching in a Diverse Society	3
CD 005	Child Development	3
CD 006	Child and Adolescent Development	3
CD 010	Child, Family and Society	3
CD 021	Infant and Toddler Caregiving	3
CD 024	School Age Development	3
COM 005	Interpersonal Communication	3
COM 006	Intercultural Communication	3
CRPSCI 019	California Water	3
ECON 001A	Macroeconomics	3
ECON 001B	Microeconomics	3
GEOG 002	World Regional Geography	3
GEOG 003	Cultural Geography	3
GEOG 018	Geography of California	3
HIST 004A	Western Civilization to 1700	3
HIST 004B	Western Civilization From 1700	3
HIST 017A	History of the United States 1492-1877	3
HIST 017B	History of the United States 1865-PRESENT	3
HIST 020	World History I	3
HIST 021	World History II	3
HIST 032	Cultural History of the Chicano	3
HIST 044	Women's Roles in United States History	3
KINES 002	Introduction to Sport and Exercise Psychology	3
LING 011	Introduction to Linguistics	3
POLSCI 001	American Government	3
POLSCI 002	Comparative Government	3
POLSCI 004	Introduction to International Relations	3
POLSCI 005	Introduction to Political Theory	3
POLSCI 010	Modern Politics	3
POLSCI 020	Legal and Judicial Reasoning	3
PSYCH 001	Introductory Psychology	3
PSYCH 002	Abnormal Psychology	3
PSYCH 003	Developmental Psychology	3
PSYCH 004	Personal Psychology	3
PSYCH 005	Biological Psychology	3
PSYCH 006	Research Methods in Psychology	3
SOC 001	Introduction to Sociology	3
SOC 002	Critical Thinking and Social Problems	3
SOC 003	Marriage and Family Relations	3
SOC 005	Cultural Sociology	3
SW 020	Introduction to Social Work and Human Services	3
	<b>Total</b>	<b>18</b>

*Click here to see the recommended course sequence for the [Liberal Arts: Social & Behavioral Science AA Pathway](#)*