

SOCIAL SCIENCES, Associate in Arts Degree - 5090

Social Science Department

CIP Code: 45.0101

The Social Sciences AA program is designed for students who plan to seek a four-year degree in anthropology, economics, geography, political science, history, public administration, sociology, or related field, at a four-year institution. Students are able to select their social science courses to fit their area of interest through the Social Science electives. Since the requirements of senior institutions vary widely, it is essential to choose an intended transfer institution as soon as possible and carefully follow the program described in that institution's college catalog. This program may be completed entirely through asynchronous instruction. In addition, Students may complete 75% of this program at the Harrisburg, Lancaster and York campuses through on-campus/in-person instruction. The remaining coursework must be completed through various modalities (e.g., hybrid, synchronous remote instruction and asynchronous instruction). Lastly, this program may be completed at the Gettysburg and Lebanon campuses through various modalities (e.g., hybrid, synchronous remote instruction and asynchronous instruction) in addition to on-campus/in-person instruction.

Transfer Opportunities

This transfer curriculum is provided as a guide for students planning to transfer to a baccalaureate degree granting institution.

Competency Profile

This curriculum is designed to prepare students to:

- Explain major theoretical perspectives in the field
- Describe basic research methodologies in the field
- Gain information from scholarly sources and to correctly provide citation of the same
- Define and utilize the basic terminology used in the field
- Demonstrate critical thinking skills by evaluating major issues or challenges in the field and present possible solutions
- Demonstrate critical thinking skills by applying major theories and/or findings in the field to cross-cultural and/or global issues

PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS (TOTAL CREDITS = 60)

General Education		Major Requirements	Other Required Courses
ENGL 101 English Composition I	3	CIS Elective**	3
ENGL 102 English Composition II	3	Social Science Electives***	12
COMM 101 Effective Speaking	3		15
Humanities & Arts Core Elective	3		
Humanities & Arts Elective or Social & Behavioral Science Core Elective	3		
Mathematics Core Elective	3		
Science with a Laboratory Core Elective	3		
Social & Behavioral Science Core Elective*	3		
First-Year Seminar Elective	1		
Wellness Elective	1		
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* Select the following courses: ANTH 101, 205; COMM 253; GEOG 201, 230; HIST 102; PSPL 205; PSYC 229; SOCI 201, 202, 203, or 205.

**Students are to select any CIS course, except CIS 100. CIS 105 is recommended.

***Students select from the following subjects: ANTH; CJ; ECON; GEOG; HIST; HUMS; PSPL; PSYC; SOCI.

****Students are to select courses that are appropriate for their intended transfer institution

RECOMMENDED SEQUENCE FOR FULL-TIME STUDENTS

Part-time students can complete this program by taking one or more courses each semester.

Fall Semester I		Spring Semester I		Fall Semester II		Spring Semester II	
CIS Elective**	3	COMM 101	3	Science w/ a Lab Core Elective	3	Social Science Elective***	3
ENGL 101	3	ENGL 102	3	Social Science Electives***	6	Transfer Electives****	13
FYS Elective	1	Humanities/Arts or Social/Behavioral Science Core Elective	3	Transfer Elective****	6		
Humanities/Arts Core Elective	3	Mathematics Core Elective	3				
Social Science Core Elective***	3	Social/Behavioral Science Core Elective*	3				
Wellness Elective	1						