The Social Science degree provides an interdisciplinary approach to academic studies. The purpose of the program is for students to gain an understanding of the interconnectedness of various scientific disciplines. The interdisciplinary approach enables students to understand how issues and events are shaped by diverse socio-economic, political, ecological, biological and geographical forces.

**Student Learning Outcomes**

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

- research and analyze topics from an interdisciplinary perspective.
- integrate various social-scientific perspectives into the understanding of the subject matter.
- compare and contrast the relative contribution of courses offered in various disciplines to an overall understanding of issues and events.
- develop a personal interpretation about issues and matters under study.
- identify and explain various forces that interact to shape events and social occurrences.
- define and describe issues and events within an interdisciplinary perspective.

**Requirements for Degree**

18 Units

A minimum of 18 units from the following: 18

Transferable courses must be selected from four of the following areas: anthropology, economics, geography, history, philosophy, political science, psychology (except PSYC 335), and sociology. Courses used for General Education purposes cannot be used for this degree.

**Associate Degree Requirements:** The Social Science Associate in Arts (A.A.) Degree may be obtained by completion of the required program, plus general education requirements, plus sufficient electives to meet a 60-unit total. See ARC graduation requirements.

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**International Studies (IS)**

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