SOCIAL SCIENCES, GENERAL

SSCI 1  Introduction to the Social Sciences
Units: 3 Hours: 3 Lecture
Transferable: CSU; UC; CSU-GE: D7; IGETC: 4G; GAV-GE: D2
A broad introduction to key terms, concepts, principles, and unifying frameworks found in the major social science disciplines. Cultivation of research, reasoning, writing, and problem-solving/ critical analysis germane to social science and with a particular focus on student life experience.

SSCI 270A  Introduction to the Social Sciences
Units: 3 Hours: 3 Lecture
Prerequisite: Completion of English 420 with a grade of ‘C’ or better or Assessment recommendation.
Advisory: Eligible for English 250.
Transferable: No; GAV-GE: A3
An introduction to key concepts, principles, frameworks and issues in the major social science disciplines of history, economics, and political science for students wishing to get a broad overview. Development of research, reasoning, writing, topical reading, and critical analytical skills germane to politics, economics, and social change will be emphasized so students will build skills to evaluate contemporary policies and practices of governments, groups, and individuals. This course has the option of a letter grade or pass/no pass.

SSCI 270B  Introduction to the Social Sciences
Units: 3 Hours: 3 Lecture
Prerequisite: Completion of English 420 with a grade of ‘C’ or better or Assessment recommendation.
Advisory: Eligible for English 250.
Transferable: No; GAV-GE: A3
An introduction to key concepts, principles, frameworks and issues in the major social science disciplines of psychology, sociology, and anthropology for students wishing to get a broad overview. Development of techniques and practice in research, reasoning, writing, topical reading, and critical analytical skills germane to the understanding of individuals, groups, and societies will be emphasized so students will build skills to think critically about contemporary policies and practices of groups, societies, and governments. This course has the option of a letter grade or pass/no pass.

SSCI 410A  Themes in Social Science: Introduction to History
Units: 1 Hours: 1 Lecture
Transferable: No
This course serves as an introduction to history. It will focus on a selected theme such as immigrant experience, slavery, U.S. Constitution, or Native American experience, among many other possible themes, in order to introduce students with key terms, concepts, principles, and unifying frameworks found in history. This course will also cultivate research, reasoning, writing, and critical analysis relevant to the social sciences.

SOCIOLOGY

SOC 1A  Introduction to Sociology
Units: 3 Hours: 3 Lecture
Advisory: Eligible for English 250 and English 260.
Transferable: CSU; UC; CSU-GE: D0; IGEC: 4J; GAV-GE: D2; CAN: SOC 2
Analysis of the structure and dynamics of human society focusing on the development of culture, the socialization process, group behavior, social inequality, deviance, sexism, racism, and ageism, major social institutions, and human ecology. Emphasizes contemporary American society.

SOC 1B  Introduction to Sociology: Social Problems
Units: 3 Hours: 3 Lecture
Advisory: Sociology 1A
Transferable: CSU; UC; CSU-GE: D0; IGETC: 4J; GAV-GE: D2; CAN: SOC 4
Sociology 1B is a course centering on the application of sociological concepts to the analysis of human ecology, social movements, social change, deviance and other selected social problems. Emphasis is placed on the study and analysis of problems in contemporary American society.

SOC 3  Sociology of Minorities
Units: 3 Hours: 3 Lecture
Advisory: Eligible for English 250 and English 260.
Transferable: CSU; UC; CSU-GE: D0; IGETC: 4J; GAV-GE: D2, F
The study of selected American ethnic/racial minorities from a sociohistorical perspective. Focus is on understanding the reasons for, and the solutions to, problems relating to majority/ minority relations.

SOC 4  Sociology of Women and Men
Units: 3 Hours: 3 Lecture
Advisory: Eligible for English 250 and English 260.
Transferable: CSU; UC; CSU-GE: D0, D4; IGETC: 4J; GAV-GE: D2
Analysis of the nature of women’s and men’s traditional and changing roles in society including development of women’s and men’s potential, relationships in marriage, influence of mass media, employment practices, legal provisions and women’s and men’s liberation.

SOC 10  Mass Media and Society
Units: 3 Hours: 3 Lecture
Advisory: English 250, English 260
Transferable: CSU; UC; CSU-GE: C2, D0; IGETC: 4J; GAV-GE: C2, D2
This course helps us understand the 20th century revolution in mass media by focusing on the history, economics and social impact of the newspaper, book publishing, magazine, film, television, public relations, advertising and music industries. We will study audience, propaganda and mass communication theory; we will discuss new technology, ethnic media in the U.S., ethical issues and attempts to regulate or control the media. Honors students will complete more in-depth analysis of media issues, and will finish a media-related research project. This course is also listed as JOUR 10. This course has the option of a letter grade or pass/no pass.

SOC 21  Marriage and the Family
Units: 3 Hours: 3 Lecture
Advisory: Eligible for English 250 and English 260.
Transferable: CSU; UC; CSU-GE: E2; GAV-GE: E2
Survey of information on preparation for marriage, including dating, courtship, engagement, mate selection, adjustment and parenthood. Time will also be spent on the study of families and how they function.

SPANISH

SPAN 1A  Elementary Spanish
Units: 5 Hours: 5 Lecture, 2.5 Laboratory
Transferable: CSU; UC; CSU-GE: C2; GAV-GE: C2; CAN: SPAN 2, SPAN SEQ A
Beginning course with emphasis on understanding and speaking Spanish; introduction to reading and writing Spanish. This course will also introduce students to Hispanic culture and institutions.