BEHAVIORAL AND SOCIAL SCIENCES REQUIREMENT

Behavioral and Social Science courses develop a student's ability to employ analytical and mathematical methods in examining the patterns and processes of human activities.

Six credits required.

Select courses from at least two of the following areas. Courses must be selected from outside the student’s major department.

Course List

ANT

ANT 101. Introduction to Anthropology: Biological. 3 Credits.
Fundamentals of human biological variation and evolution, including evolutionary theory and processes, human genetics, the nature of human biological diversity, adaptation, primate biology and behavior, the human fossil record, the evolution of disease, and population processes.
Gen Ed Attribute: Behavioral and Social Science Distributive.
Typically offered in Fall & Spring.

ANT 102. Introduction to Anthropology: Cultural. 3 Credits.
Comparative analysis of culture systems.
Gen Ed Attribute: Behavioral and Social Science Distributive.
Typically offered in Fall, Spring & Summer.

ANT 103. Introduction to Anthropology: Archaeology. 3 Credits.
Interpretation of culture through analysis of archaeological remains.
Gen Ed Attribute: Behavioral and Social Science Distributive.
Typically offered in Fall & Spring.

ECO

ECO 111. Principles of Economics (Macro). 3 Credits.
National income and its measurement. The determination of price levels, output, and employment. Money and credit, expenditures, and economic stability. Government fiscal and monetary policy.
Gen Ed Attribute: Behavioral and Social Science Distributive.

ECO 112. Principles of Economics (Micro). 3 Credits.
Principles underlying use and allocation of scarce productive resources. Consumption and production activities. Value, price, and income distribution. Considerations of economic efficiency and welfare.
Gen Ed Attribute: Behavioral and Social Science Distributive.

ECO 200. Personal Economics and Financial Planning. 3 Credits.
Students will acquire an understanding of the nature and scope of the economy and how it affects one’s life plans and goals. Topics covered include supply and demand, financial planning, personal taxes, retirement planning, investing in stocks and bonds, portfolio management, the time value of money, managing credit cards and debt, and insurance planning.
Gen Ed Attribute: Behavioral and Social Science Distributive.

GEO

GEO 101. World Geography. 3 Credits.
The scope of geography and understanding of the world’s regions generated by it. Human society is examined in a frame of spatial, environmental, and resource factors. Map skills and other ‘tools’ of geography are introduced.
Gen Ed Attribute: Behavioral and Social Science Distributive.
Distance education offering may be available.
Typically offered in Fall, Spring & Summer.

GEO 103. Human Geography. 3 Credits.
An inquiry into the theoretical and applied approaches to the study of human spatial behavior and the distribution of social problems.
Gen Ed Attribute: Behavioral and Social Science Distributive.
Distance education offering may be available.
Typically offered in Spring & Summer.

GEO 200. Global Cities. 3 Credits.
GEO 200 introduces students to historical and current spatial patterns within global cities. This class will discuss the major concepts of urban development and growth, globalization, and city systems using lectures, class discussion, and videos. The goal of the course is to provide the students with an understanding of the basic principles of geography and apply those principles to the study of cities across the globe. The course emphasizes the environmental and human characteristics that make cities distinctive collectively and individually.
Gen Ed Attribute: Behavioral and Social Science Distributive.
Distance education offering may be available.
Typically offered in Summer.

GEO 214. Introduction to Planning. 3 Credits.
The methods of analyzing problems of urban and regional planning. Emphasis is placed on systems of housing, recreation, transportation, industry, and commerce.
Gen Ed Attribute: Behavioral and Social Science Distributive.
Typically offered in Fall.

GEO 230. Environmental Conservation and Sustainability. 3 Credits.
An inquiry into the problems of resources protection, management and sustainability. Emphasis is placed on the United States.
Gen Ed Attribute: Behavioral and Social Science Distributive.
Typically offered in Fall & Spring.

PSC

PSC 100. U.S. Government and Politics. 3 Credits.
Devoted to understanding how the system works: political action, elections, interest groups, civil liberties, Congress, the presidency, and the courts are among the topics considered. Seeks to provide a framework in terms of which process and current issues become meaningful.
Gen Ed Attribute: Behavioral and Social Science Distributive.
Typically offered in Fall, Spring & Summer.

PSC 101. Politics of Diversity in the U.S.. 3 Credits.
Uses the issues of our time as vehicles to an understanding of the political process. Emphasis is on American politics but in a world-wide perspective. Topics considered may include economic, race, gender, and civil liberty issues among others.
Gen Ed Attribute: Behavioral and Social Science Distributive.
Distance education offering may be available.
Typically offered in Fall, Spring & Summer.

PSC 213. International Relations. 3 Credits.
Politics among nations, including politics carried on through international organizations. Examines power politics, techniques of diplomacy, and methods of current international organizations. Special attention to U.S. interests and policies. Offered each semester.
Gen Ed Attribute: Behavioral and Social Science Distributive.

PSY

PSY 100. Introduction to Psychology. 3 Credits.
Introduction to the scientific study of behavior. The multiple bases of human behavior with emphasis on the learning process. Basic concepts, principles, and methodology. Students may be required to become familiar with an ongoing research study in psychology as an out-of-class assignment.
Gen Ed Attribute: Behavioral and Social Science Distributive.
Distance education offering may be available.

SOC

SOC 200. Introduction to Sociology. 3 Credits.
Fundamentals of the sociological perspective on human behavior.
Gen Ed Attribute: Behavioral and Social Science Distributive.
Distance education offering may be available.
Typically offered in Fall, Spring & Summer.

SOC 240. Sociology of the Family. 3 Credits.
Comparative, historical, and cross-cultural analysis of the family institution.
Gen Ed Attribute: Behavioral and Social Science Distributive.
Distance education offering may be available.
Typically offered in Fall & Spring.
SOC 245. Environmental Sociology, 3 Credits.
Human society is currently threatening the environmental resources necessary to maintain life on Earth. This course unravels the deeper roots of our environmental crises and investigates potential solutions from a domestic and global perspective. Through lecture, films, and discussion we will focus on the interplay between social theories, social structure, social institutions, social inequality, social stratification, and the environment. Themes in this course will emphasize how culture shapes environmental processes and everyday life; articulate demographic theoretical perspectives of population growth; examine the social structure of society to better understand the social dynamics of environmental processes; and analyze environmental inequality along the bases of social class, gender, and race/ethnicity. This course is an introduction to the field, suitable for both majors and non-majors with interest in environmental issues and society.
Gen Ed Attribute: Behavioral and Social Science Distributive. Typically offered in Fall & Spring.