Courses in this category emphasize the connection between human behavior and social, political and economic institutions and promote an understanding of how societies and social subgroups operate. Students will be encouraged to apply critical thinking techniques as they evaluate the way individuals act and have acted in response to their societies. The courses will ensure opportunities for students to develop an understanding of the perspectives and methods of inquiry used in the social and behavioral sciences. This area of emphasis will provide students with lower-division major preparation for many disciplines within the social sciences including Criminal Justice, Economics, Political Science, Psychology, Sociology and History.

Learning Outcome(s)

Upon successful completion of the major requirements for this degree, students will be able to

• Think critically about how individuals are influenced by political economic, cultural and family institutions in various cultural settings
• Experience using social science methods of data collection and analysis in order to draw logical conclusions about individuals and society
• Discuss, compare and contrast, and analyze U.S. and world political systems in various historical periods
Emphasis Requirements (18 units minimum)

Anthropology
- ANTH 100/100H: Introduction to Cultural Anthropology
- ANTH 103: Introduction to Archaeology
- ANTH 104: Language and Culture

Chicano Studies
- CHIC 101: Introduction to Chicano Studies

Child Development
- CDEV 107: Child Growth and Development (DS1)
- CDEV 110: Child, Family, and Community (DS2)
- CDEV 205: Introduction to Children with Special Needs
- CDEV 206: Curriculum and Strategies for Children with Special Needs
- CDEV 221: Living and Teaching in a Diverse Society

Cinema Studies
- CINE 105: Mass Media and Society

Communication
- COMM 120/120H: Introduction to Intercultural Communication
- COMM 225/225H: Gender Communication

Computer Science
- CMPR 100: The Computer and Society

Counseling
- CNSL 150: Introduction to Human Services

Criminal Justice
- CJ 101: Introduction to Criminal Justice

Economics
- ECON 101: Principles/Micro
- ECON 102: Principles/Macro

English
- ENGL 278: Survey of Literature by Women

Ethnic Studies
- ETHN 101: Introduction to Ethnic Studies
Gender, Sexuality, and Women’s Studies
- GSWS 101: Introduction to Women’s Studies
- GSWS 102: Money, Sex, and Power

Geography
- GEOG 100/100H: World Regional Geography
- GEOG 102: Cultural Geography

History
- HIST 101/101H: World Civilizations to the 16th Century
- HIST 102/102H: World Civilizations Since the 16th Century
- HIST 118: Social and Cultural History of the United States
- HIST 120/120H: The United States to 1877
- HIST 121/121H: The United States Since 1877
- HIST 122: American History (Dynamics of Change)
- HIST 124: Mexican-American History in the United States
- HIST 127: Women in U.S. History
- HIST 133: History of California
- HIST 152: Latin American History
- HIST 162: Asian Civilizations
- HIST 240: Introduction to Peace and Conflict Studies

Interdisciplinary Studies
- IDS 155: Human Sexuality

Kinesiology
- KIN 109: Sport in US Society

Mathematics
- MATH 219/219H: Statistics and Probability

Political Science
- POLT 101/101H: Introduction to American Government
- POLT 200/200H: American Political Thought
- POLT 220: International Politics
- POLT 221: Women in American Politics
- POLT 230: Political Theory
Psychology

- PSYC 100/100H: Introduction to Psychology
- PSYC 157: Introduction to Child Psychology
- PSYC 160: Introduction to Lifespan Psychology
- PSYC 170: Multicultural Psychology
- PSYC 180: Psychology of Gender
- PSYC 200: Introduction to Biological Psychology
- PSYC 219: Introduction to Research Methods in Psychology
- PSYC 230: Psychology and Effective Behavior
- PSYC 240: Introduction to Social Psychology
- PSYC 250: Introduction to Abnormal Psychology

Sociology

- SOC 100/100H: Introduction to Sociology
- SOC 116/116H: Social Problems
- SOC 130: Relationships, Marriages, and Family Dynamics
- SOC 240: Introduction to Social Psychology