

**Social Science****SOCIAL SCIENCE – SOCSC**

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**Possible career opportunities**

Social science fields are many and varied, as are the associated career opportunities. Careers with all levels of government, research and teaching are all possibilities. Most career options require more than two years of college study.

**SOCSC-110 The American Social Experience**

3 units SC

- 54 hours lecture per term
- Recommended: Eligibility for ENGL-122 or equivalent

This course is an interdisciplinary examination of the various interpretations developed within the social sciences of the roles of individuals and their experiences in American society. The course considers the roles of social institutions, federal, state, and local governments, and surveys the ideas and values that played a part in shaping America's cultural image. The course surveys the significant contributions of Asian Americans, Latinos, African Americans, Native Americans, and women in shaping the evolution of the concept of American individualism. It also examines critical events in the shaping of social, political, and economic identity among national and gender groups in American society and culture. CSU, UC

**SOCSC-111 Money, Power and Politics in the United States**

3 units SC

- 54 hours lecture per term
- Recommended: Eligibility for ENGL-122 or equivalent

This course is a multidisciplinary, integrative study of the concepts of democracy and the historical, political and economic processes through which democracy has arisen in the United States. The United State Constitution and state and local government in California will be emphasized. Particular attention is given to the contributions to American democracy by diverse social groups and the international context of American political and economic life. CSU, UC

**SOCSC-120 Women and Social Change in the United States: 1890-Present**

3 units SC

- 54 hours lecture per term
- Recommended: Eligibility for ENGL-122 or equivalent

This course presents an overview of the history of U.S. women from the Progressive Era (1890) to the present, emphasizing the commonalities of women's experiences. It examines differences among women based on their ethnic identification, social class and region, including the interaction between and contributions of Native American, African American, Asian American and Latina women. Topics of emphasis will include political, economic and cultural change in the U.S., change fostered by women, and the transformed roles of women in the family within the continuity of the United States experience. Students will analyze the political philosophies of the framers of the U.S. Constitution and the rights and obligations of citizens under the U.S. Constitution with an emphasis on gender issues. CSU, UC

**SOCSC-123 American Popular Culture**

3 units SC

- 54 hours lecture per term
- Recommended: Eligibility for ENGL-122 or equivalent

This course is an interdisciplinary examination of popular culture's changing nature in American society. Looking through the lens of popular culture, this course will examine social and political institutions, such as federal and California state government, and various values that shape American popular culture. The course considers the significant contributions of Asian American, Latino, African American, Native American, and Jewish communities in shaping the evolution of American popular culture, and considers the importance of women as both producers and consumers of popular culture. CSU, UC

**SOCSC-155 Topics in Social Science**

.3-4 units SC

- Variable hours

A supplemental course in the social sciences to provide a study of current concepts and problems in social sciences and related substantive areas. Specific topics will be announced in the schedule of classes. CSU

**SOCSC-220 Women in United States Society**

3 units SC

- 54 hours lecture per term
- Recommended: Eligibility for ENGL-122 or equivalent

This course is a multicultural and interdisciplinary examination of women's changing roles in U.S. society. The social institutions and values that shape those roles, including federal, state, and local governments, as well as the U.S. and California Constitutions will be explored. Significant events and developments that shape the social, political, and economic status of women, as well as the importance of race/ethnicity, class, region, and sexual orientation in differentiating the experiences and opportunities for women will also be presented. CSU, UC

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### **SOCS-298 Independent Study**

.5-3 units SC

- *Variable hours*
- *Note: Submission of acceptable educational contract to department and Instruction Office is required.*

This course is designed for advanced students who wish to conduct additional research, a special project, or learning activities in a specific discipline/subject area and is not intended to replace an existing course. The student and instructor develop a written contract that includes objectives to be achieved, activities and procedures to accomplish the study project, and the means by which the supervising instructor may assess accomplishment. CSU

### **SOCS-299 Student Instructional Assistant**

.5-3 units SC

- *Variable hours*
- *Note: Applications must be approved through the Instruction Office. Students must be supervised by a DVC instructor.*

Students work as instructional assistants, lab assistants and research assistants in this department. The instructional assistants function as group discussion leaders, meet and assist students with problems and projects, or help instructors by setting up laboratory or demonstration apparatus. Students may not assist in course sections in which they are currently enrolled. CSU