SOCIAL SCIENCE (SS)

SS144: Sociology
An understanding of the dynamics of human societies and group behavior is useful for any work environment or professional career. This course is an introduction to the basic concepts of the discipline of sociology. You will explore society and social life through the study of language, culture, race and ethnicity, gender, inequality, education, deviance, and sociological theory and methods. You are also encouraged, through course assignments and discussions, to examine the influences of society on your personal life.
Quarter Credit Hours: 5 | Prerequisite: None

SS230: Making History - The Founding Fathers
Americans use the term “Founding Fathers” all the time: not only are the Founders a popular subject in history, but they are also cited in modern political debates - almost as if they were still living authorities on contemporary issues. You will explore the culture of early America, the context that molded the Founders’ ideologies, and the issues that were central to their time. This course aims to unlock the mystery of the Founding Fathers and to provide you with an accurate, thorough assessment of their historical significance and enduring legacy.
Quarter Credit Hours: 5 | Prerequisite: None

SS236: American Government
This course provides you with an introduction to crucial knowledge about how federal, state, and local governments operate; and how citizens can positively affect change within our republic. The course examines the U.S. Constitution; federalism; the executive, legislative, and judicial branches; civil rights and civil liberties; how outside interests affect U.S. government; and U.S. foreign, domestic, and economic policies. This fundamental knowledge combined with critical thinking skills will be valuable personally and professionally.
Quarter Credit Hours: 5 | Prerequisite: None

SS236M1: The Constitution and Federalism
Analyze how different factors shaped the U.S. Constitution.
Quarter Credit Hours: 1 | Prerequisite: None

SS236M2: The Executive and Legislative Branches
Differentiate the executive and legislative branches of the U.S. government.
Quarter Credit Hours: 1 | Prerequisite: None

SS236M3: The Judicial Branch and Civil Rights and Civil Liberties
Analyze the judicial branch and the intersection of Civil Rights and Civil Liberties.
Quarter Credit Hours: 1 | Prerequisite: None

SS236M4: Politics Today - Political Parties and Outside Interests
Explain how outside interests shape U.S. government.
Quarter Credit Hours: 1 | Prerequisite: None

SS236M5: Politics Today - Domestic, Economic, and Foreign Policies
Analyze how the U.S. conducts governmental policies.
Quarter Credit Hours: 1 | Prerequisite: None

SS238: Civic Engagement and Policy
This is an introductory, interdisciplinary course on civic engagement and American public policy. In this course, you will examine how your engagement as a citizen can positively affect societal change from a bottom-up perspective. You will explore the intersection of public policy and citizen engagement from a civic, historical, and sociological perspective, enabling you to understand, analyze, and evaluate how effective civic agency can help improve the quality of life for your fellow citizens and country.
Quarter Credit Hours: 5 | Prerequisite: None

SS238M1: Civic Engagement and Public Policy
Identify how different factors shape public policy.
Quarter Credit Hours: 1 | Prerequisite: None

SS238M2: Public Policy in Theory and Practice
Explain the core theories of public policy.
Quarter Credit Hours: 1 | Prerequisite: None

SS238M3: Political and Nonpolitical Processes
Examine how policy analysis is used in public policy.
Quarter Credit Hours: 1 | Prerequisite: None

SS238M4: Intersections: Civic Engagement and Public Policy
Analyze the intersection of civic engagement and public policy.
Quarter Credit Hours: 1 | Prerequisite: None

SS238M5: Civic Agency and Special Interests
Evaluate the role of civic agency and special interests in public policy.
Quarter Credit Hours: 1 | Prerequisite: None

SS250: Technology and Society
Technology and Society is an introductory social science course that examines the profound impact technology has on society. In this course, you will examine how technological advances shaped the course of history; the intended and unintended effects of technological change; and the promises and perils of technology. In addition, you will explore how emerging technologies shape our present and future.
Quarter Credit Hours: 5 | Prerequisite: None

SS250M1: Technology and Human History
Explain how technological innovations shaped historical eras.
Quarter Credit Hours: 1 | Prerequisite: None

SS250M2: Technology and Everyday Life
Examine the promises and perils of emerging technologies.
Quarter Credit Hours: 1 | Prerequisite: None

SS250M3: Technology and Government
Investigate how technology affects the relationship between the government and citizens.
Quarter Credit Hours: 1 | Prerequisite: None

SS250M4: Technology and the Environment
Analyze how technology impacts the environment.
Quarter Credit Hours: 1 | Prerequisite: None

SS250M5: Information Technology and Society
Evaluate the role of information technology in society.
Quarter Credit Hours: 1 | Prerequisite: None
SS260: Gender and Society
This interdisciplinary course explores the importance of gender in human social interactions in a modern society. You will learn about how gender as a concept is shaped by history, culture, and globalization. The roles of men and women and the perceptions of self are examined through male-female expectations and social behaviors. This course is essential for understanding the impact and importance of gender in personal lives, social groups, and modern work environments.
Quarter Credit Hours: 5 | Prerequisite: None

SS270: Social Problems
This course explores the problems that transcend individual solutions, such as inequality, poverty, racial and gender discrimination, and environmental pollution, and how social problems affect us in our homes, in our communities, and in the workforce. Analysis of topics includes local, national, and global perspectives.
Quarter Credit Hours: 5 | Prerequisite: Any college composition course

SS290: Data in Our World - Introduction to Data Literacy
Data literacy is the ability to critically understand and evaluate information obtained from data. In today’s information-driven world, our society is inundated with data. Yet, you do not need a robust math background in order to become cognizant and adept with data literacy. During this course you will learn how to identify, understand, explain, demonstrate, evaluate, visualize, and present data in a meaningful way using real-world issues within a social science perspective. As a result, you will have a better understanding of how data is created, used, and understood within your profession.
Quarter Credit Hours: 5 | Prerequisite: None

SS290M1: Data Literacy Concepts
Identify the concept of data literacy.
Quarter Credit Hours: 1 | Prerequisite: None

SS290M2: Data Collection Processes
Illustrate the processes of data collection.
Quarter Credit Hours: 1 | Prerequisite: None

SS290M3: Data Sources
Analyze different sources of data in real-world applications.
Quarter Credit Hours: 1 | Prerequisite: None

SS290M4: Data Quality and Quantity
Differentiate the factors of quality and quantity when drawing connections with data.
Quarter Credit Hours: 1 | Prerequisite: None

SS290M5: Data Presentation and Visualization
Evaluate data presentation and visualization.
Quarter Credit Hours: 1 | Prerequisite: None

SS360: American Women
In this course, you will examine how gender shapes the experience of women in their social, political, and professional roles. The exploration includes the impact of class, ethnicity, and race on gender roles and expectations for women from the colonial era through the present day. Activism will be a critical part of discussions and activities, as well as women’s involvements in the public sector. Additionally, you will explore the cultural influence of women throughout American history including contributions of women to philosophy, literature, and art. Throughout the course, you will investigate themes of continuity and change in the lives of American women.
Quarter Credit Hours: 6 | Prerequisite: Any college composition course

SS368: Social Perspectives on Death and Dying
This course is designed to provide students with an introduction to the cultural dimensions of death and dying. This topic affects each of us because of our own mortality and our relationships with others who die, whether close to us or complete strangers. The primary goals of the course are to help students deepen their understanding of the cultural dimensions of death and dying and to enable them to become a more effective provider of support.
Quarter Credit Hours: 6 | Prerequisite: None