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. Students will explore society and social life through the study of language, culture, race and ethnicity, gender, inequality, education, deviance, and sociological theory and methods. Students are also encouraged, through course assignments and discussions, to examine the influences of society on their personal lives.
Quarter Credit Hours: 3 | Prerequisite: None

SS211: The 1960s - Setting the Stage
Apply key terms and concepts from the social sciences to an era's primary issues.
Quarter Credit Hours: 1 | Prerequisite: Any college composition course

SS211M1: The 1960s - A Brave New World
Describe how key historical events define an era.
Quarter Credit Hours: 1 | Prerequisite: Any college composition course

SS211M2: The 1960s - Building a Movement
Illustrate the various components of an era from a theoretical perspective.
Quarter Credit Hours: 1 | Prerequisite: Any college composition course

SS211M3: The 1960s - Striving Toward Equality
Show how social events of a previous era have impacted individual lives today.
Quarter Credit Hours: 1 | Prerequisite: Any college composition course

SS216: Community Engagement
This community engagement course provides students an academic and hands-on understanding of contemporary, civic participation. During this course, you will plan and complete an 8-hour service learning project at an organization of your choice. Once you have completed the service learning project, you will compose a service project portfolio that you can later show to potential employers. You will also study distinct types of service organizations: federal, state, and local government programs, nongovernment organizations (NGOs), nonprofit organizations (NGOs), and faith-based organizations (FPOs).
Quarter Credit Hours: 5 | Prerequisite: None

SS220: 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. Students 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 students with an accurate, thorough assessment of their historical significance and enduring legacy.
Quarter Credit Hours: 5 | Prerequisite: Any college composition course

SS236: People, Power, and Politics - An Introduction to American Government
The purpose of this introductory-level American government course is to provide students with crucial knowledge about how government works and about how they, as individual citizens, fit within that system. Focus is on the rights and obligations of citizens under the democratic political system established under the U.S. Constitution; the branches and levels of government; and the role of the media. This fundamental knowledge combined with critical thinking skills will be valuable personally and professionally.
Quarter Credit Hours: 5 | Prerequisite: Any college composition course

SS236M1: The Constitution and Federalism
Analyze how the U.S. Constitution allocates enumerated, implied, and inherent powers to federal, state, and local governments.
Quarter Credit Hours: 1 | Prerequisite: Any college composition course

SS236M2: The Executive and Legislative Branches
Analyze how the Executive and Legislative branches of American Government function.
Quarter Credit Hours: 1 | Prerequisite: Any college composition course

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: Any college composition course

SS236M4: Politics Today - Political Parties and Outside Interests
Explain how political parties, elections, and outside interests shaped the development of the U.S.
Quarter Credit Hours: 1 | Prerequisite: Any college composition course

SS236M5: Politics Today - Domestic, Economic, and Foreign Policies
Analyze how U.S. government conducts economic, domestic, and foreign policies.
Quarter Credit Hours: 1 | Prerequisite: Any college composition course

SS238: Civic Engagement and Public Policy
Identify how different factors shape public policy.
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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: The Technological Revolution - A Social Scientific Approach
This is a social science survey course that will examine science and technology from a variety of social science disciplines including sociology, psychology, history, political science, anthropology, and economics. The use of science and technology has been a driving force behind all of human history, and even more so today. This course will take an interactive approach to study the relationship between humanity and technology throughout time and across the globe.
Quarter Credit Hours: 5 | Prerequisite: Any college composition course

SS250M1: Shaping the History of Mankind
Explain the impact of technology on historical processes.
Quarter Credit Hours: 1 | Prerequisite: Any college composition course

SS250M2: Technology and Everyday Life
Illustrate the use of technology in daily life.
Quarter Credit Hours: 1 | Prerequisite: Any college composition course

SS250M3: The Effects on Social Institutions
Analyze how science and technology have changed social relationships.
Quarter Credit Hours: 1 | Prerequisite: Any college composition course

SS250M4: A Driving Force Toward Globalization
Illustrate the relationship between technology, policy, and problem solving.
Quarter Credit Hours: 1 | Prerequisite: Any college composition course

SS250M5: The Impact on Human and Environmental Health
Explain the impact of technology on human health.
Quarter Credit Hours: 1 | Prerequisite: Any college composition course

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