



# Program Map: General Social Sciences

Completion Award  
**AA Degree, DTA**

Program Length  
**6 Quarters**

Program Code  
**SSED**

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This is the General Social Sciences program map for the Social Sciences & Education Area of Study. The map is a general guide for a suggested course of study. Please work with your academic advisor regarding your specific goals and transfer requirements.

## Suggested Order

| Order | Category  | Course  | Credits |
|-------|---|---|---------|
| 1     | College Success   | COLL 101: College Success   | 5       |
| 2     | Communication Skills 1  | ENGL& 101: Composition I  | 5       |
| 3     | Social Sciences 1   | <b>Choose one:</b><br>ANTH& 100: Survey of Anthropology<br>HIST & 146, 147, or 148: U.S. History I, II, or III<br>PSYC& 100: General Psychology<br>POLS& 101: Intro Political Science<br>SOC& 101: Contemporary Global Issues<br>SOC& 101: Introduction to Sociology  | 5       |
| 4     | Math  | <b>Choose one:</b><br>MATH& 146: Introduction to Statistics<br>MATH& 141: Precalculus I   | 5       |
| 5     | Communication Skills 2  | ENGL& 102: Composition II   | 5       |
| 6     | Social Sciences 2<br><br>(Must be in a different subject area than Social Sciences 1) | <b>Choose one:</b><br>ANTH& 100: Survey of Anthropology<br>ANTH& 206: Cultural Anthropology<br>ANTH& 234: Religion and Culture<br>ECON& 201: Microeconomics<br>ECON& 202: Macroeconomics<br>HIST& 147, 147, or 148: U.S. History I, II, or III<br>POLS&101: Intro Political Science<br>POLS& 202: American Government<br>POLS& 203: International Relations<br>POLS& 204: Comparative Government<br>PSYC& 100: General Psychology<br>SOC& 101: Contemporary Global Issues<br>SOC 115: Understanding Diversity | 5       |
| 7     | Humanities I  | CMST& 220: Public Speaking  | 5       |

**30 Credits**

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| <b>8</b>          | <b>Social Sciences 3</b><br>(Must be in a different subject area than Social Sciences 1 and 2) | <b>Choose one:</b><br>ANTH& 100: Survey of Anthropology<br>ANTH& 206: Cultural Anthropology<br>ANTH& 234: Religion and Culture<br>ECON& 202: Macroeconomics<br>HIST& 146, 147, or 148: U.S. History I, II, or III<br>POLS& 101: Intro Political Science<br>POLS& 202: American Government<br>POLS& 203: International Relations<br>POLS& 204: Comparative Government<br>PSYC& 100: General Psychology<br>SOCSI 101: Contemporary Global Issues<br>SOC 115: Understanding Diversity                       | 5              |
| <b>9</b>          | <b>Natural Science 1</b><br>(Non Lab)  | <b>Choose one:</b><br>ENVS& 100: Survey of Environmental Science<br>GEOG 120: Introduction to Physical Geography<br>C SC 100: Introduction to Computer Science   | 5              |
| <b>45 Credits</b> |  |  |                |
| <b>10</b>         | <b>Humanities 2</b>  | <b>Choose one:</b><br>CMST& 102: Introduction to Mass Media<br>CMST 201: Social Media & Society<br>ENGL& 244: American Literature I<br>ENGL& 245: American Literature II<br>ENGL& 254: World Literature I<br>ENGL& 255: World Literature II<br>ENGL 250: Intercultural Literature<br>IS 103: Women's Voices Arts and Humanities<br>IS 105: Popular Culture<br>PHIL& 101: Introduction to Philosophy<br>PHIL 130: Ethics  | 5              |
| <b>11</b>         | <b>Natural Sciences 2</b><br>(With Lab)  | <b>Choose one:</b><br>BIOL&100L: Survey of Biology<br>BIOL 150L: Introduction to Marine Biology<br>ENVS& 101L: Introduction to Environmental Science   | 5              |
| <b>12</b>         | <b>Academic Elective</b><br>(Social Science Emphasis)  | <b>Choose one:</b><br>ECON& 201: Microeconomics<br>ECON& 202: Macroeconomics<br>HIST&126, 127 or 128: World Civilizations I, II, or III<br>HIST& 214: Pacific Northwest History<br>PSYC& 100: General Psychology<br>POLS& 101: Intro Political Science<br>POLS& 202: American Government<br>POLS& 203: International Relations<br>POLS& 204: Comparative Government<br>PSYC& 200: Lifespan Psychology<br>PSYC 210: Cognitive Psychology<br>PSYC& 220: Abnormal Psychology<br>PSYC 250: Social Psychology | 5              |

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| <b>12</b>    | Academic Elective   | <b>Continued options:</b><br>POLS& 101: Intro Political Science<br>POLS& 202: American Government<br>POLS& 203: International Relations<br>POLS& 204: Comparative Government<br>SOCSI 101: Contemporary Global Issues<br>SOC 230: Sociology of Gender and Sexuality   |                |
| <b>13</b>    | Humanities 3<br><br>(Must be in a different subject area from Humanities 2)                   | <b>Choose one:</b><br>CMST& 102: Introduction to Mass Media<br>CMST 201: Social Media & Society<br>ENGL& 255: World Literature II<br>ENGL 250: Intercultural Literature<br>IS 103: Women's Voices Arts and Humanities<br>IS 105: Popular Culture<br>PHIL& 101: Introduction to Philosophy<br>PHIL 130: Ethics   | 5              |
| <b>14</b>    | Academic Elective<br><br>(Social Science Emphasis)  | <b>Choose one:</b><br>ECON& 201: Microeconomics<br>ECON& 202: Macroeconomics<br>HIST&126, 127 or 128: World Civilizations I, II, or III<br>HIST& 214: Pacific Northwest History<br>PSYC& 100: General Psychology<br>POLS& 101: Intro Political Science<br>POLS& 202: American Government<br>POLS& 203: International Relations<br>POLS& 204: Comparative Government<br>PSYC& 200: Lifespan Psychology<br>PSYC 210: Cognitive Psychology<br>PSYC& 220: Abnormal Psychology<br>PSYC 250: Social Psychology<br>POLS& 101, 202, 203, 204<br>SOCSI 101: Contemporary Global Issues<br>SOC 230: Sociology of Gender and Sexuality | 5              |
| <b>15</b>    | Natural Sciences 3<br><br>(Must be in a different subject area from Natural Sciences 1 and 2) | <b>Choose one:</b><br>ASTR& 100: Survey of Astronomy<br>BIOL&100L: Survey of Biology<br>BIOL 150L: Introduction to Marine Biology<br>ENVS& 100: Survey of Environmental Science<br>ENVS& 101L: Introduction to Environmental Science<br>GEOG 120: Introduction to Physical Geography  | 5              |
| <b>16</b>    | Academic Elective   | Any academic elective **  | 5              |
| <b>17</b>    | Academic Elective   | Any academic elective **  | 5              |
| <b>18</b>    | Academic Elective   | <b>Choose one:</b><br>ECON& 201: Microeconomics<br>ECON& 202: Macroeconomics<br>HIST&126, 127 or 128: World Civilizations I, II, or III<br>HIST& 214: Pacific Northwest History<br>PSYC& 100: General Psychology  | 5              |

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**Total credits required: 90**

\*\*Academic electives should be chosen that support a student's primary academic interests and transfer needs with help from an Area of Study Advisor. See AA degree Guide: <https://pencol.edu/sites/default/files/Programs/program-documents/Associate-in-Arts-2019-2020.pdf>



# Social Sciences & Education

## Area of Study Outcomes

### Communication Competencies

- Students in the Social Sciences will learn to use written, spoken, visual and symbolic methods of communication to explore and explain how social processes operate.
- The Social Sciences emphasize listening to understand as it is an essential element of the communication process.

### Quantitative Reasoning

- Use basic numeracy skills to manipulate both qualitative and quantitative data.
- Employ the tools of mathematics to study social processes.
- Recognize relationships—patterns, correlations and causal relationships—in social phenomena.
- Use the scientific method to investigate social phenomena.

### Information Competencies

- Recognize and formulate an information need.
- Find, access and retrieve qualitative and quantitative information to understand the nature and outcomes of social processes.
- Evaluate the credibility of information and its source.
- Synthesize and apply qualitative and quantitative information.

### Critical Thinking

- Use alternative perspectives—ideas, concepts, theories—to understand social processes.
- Evaluate the scope and limitations of alternative perspectives.
- Apply critical thinking to explore the limits and barriers to understanding.
- Recognize how individual perspectives and values influence critical thinking and the self-reflective process.

### Personal and Interpersonal Competencies

- Recognize the importance of accepting ownership for one's own learning.
- Work cooperatively and collaboratively with others.

- Function under conditions of ambiguity, uncertainty, and conflict.
- Understand human interactions in the world using the concepts of inequality, diversity, culture, history, social cognition and political systems.

## Career Pathways

By earning a degree or certificate in the area of Social Sciences & Education you'll be on your way to any of the following career opportunities listed below:

- Corrections officer
- Early childhood educator
- Emergency manager
- Historian
- Homeland security specialist
- Human service assistant
- Law enforcement officer
- Political scientist
- Professor
- Pre-school teacher
- Sociologist
- Teacher K-12

## Program Notes

Please note that many universities require a foreign language and intermediate algebra (Math 98 at PC) as admissions criteria. Select from three subject areas to fulfill Social Science, Natural Science and Humanities Distribution requirements. Please refer to the AA degree guide for additional information.

**Possible additional pre-college classes depending upon placement level:** Engl 90 (5 credits) and Math 63/90 (5-10 credits).