

The **AA degree in Sociology** will be awarded upon satisfactory completion of the major course requirements listed below and the General Education requirements for the Associate in Arts Degree listed in the Degrees and Programs section of this Catalog.

After Earning an AA degree in Sociology, you will be able to:

1. transfer to a four year college or university with robust sociological training
2. apply your sociological imagination to promote the common good in business, the public sector, human service, and community contexts

Career Opportunities

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Degree Major Requirements:

| DEPT/NO. | TITLE | UNITS |
|----------|---------------------------|-------|
| SOC 1 | Introduction to Sociology | 3 |
| SOC 2 | Social Problems | 3 |

Select one course (3 units) from the following:

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| SOC 3 | Sociology of Women (3) | 3 |
| SOC 5 | Minority Groups (3) | |

Select three courses (9-10 units) from the following:

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| ANTHR 3 | Introduction to Social and Cultural Anthropology (3) | 9-10 |
| MATH 13 | Introduction to Statistics (4) | |
| PSYCH 1A | Introduction to General Psychology (3) | |
| PSYCH 1B | Introduction to General Psychology (3) | |
| PSYCH 7A | Psychology of Childhood (3) | |
| PSYCH 7B | Adolescent Psychology (3) | |
| SOC 3 | Sociology of Women (3) <i>(if not already selected above)</i> | |
| SOC 5 | Minority Groups (3) <i>(if not already selected above)</i> | |

Total Required Units: 18-19

Recommended Course Sequence

| | COURSE | UNITS | REQUIREMENT | COA GE AREA |
|---------------|--|--------|---------------------|-------------|
| FALL 1 | SOC 1 Introduction to Sociology | 3 | Major | 2 |
| | MATH 13 Introduction to Statistics (+213 Support Course) | 4 or 6 | Major Elective & GE | 4B |
| | ENGL 1A Composition and Reading or ENGL 1AS Composition and Reading (w/ support) | 4 or 5 | GE | 4A |
| | COUN 24 College Success or COUN 30 Personal Growth and Development | 3 | Elective | COUN 30 - 2 |

Total Number of Units 14-17

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| SPRING 1 | GEOG 1 Physical Geography or ANTHR 1 Introduction to Physical Anthropology | 3 | GE | 1 |
| | MUSIC 15A Jazz, Blues and Popular Music in the American Culture or MUSIC 15B Jazz, Blues and Popular Music in the American Culture | 3 | Elective | 3 & 5 |
| | COMM 1A Introduction to Speech or COMM 20 Interpersonal Communication Skills | 3 | GE | 4D |
| | SOC 5 Minority Groups | 3 | Major Elective | 2 & 5 |
| | PSYCH 1A Introduction to General Psychology or PSYCH 18 Psychology of Race and Ethnicity in the U.S. | 3 | Major Elective | 2 or 2 & 5 |

Total Number of Units: 15

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|---------------|--|---|----------------|---------------------------|
| FALL 2 | SOC 2 Social Problems | 3 | Major Elective | 2 |
| | SOC 3 Sociology of Women | 3 | Major Elective | 2 |
| | HIST 7A History of the United States to 1877 or AFRAM 31 African-American History: 1865-1945 | 3 | GE | 2 or 3 or 2 & 5 |
| | HUMAN 40 Religions of the World or HUMAN 60 Introduction to LGBTQ Studies | 3 | Elective | 3 or (2 or 3) |
| | PSYCH 7A Psychology of Childhood or PSYCH 7B Adolescent Psychology | 3 | Elective | 2 |

Total Number of Units: 15

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| SPRING 2 | SOC 120 Introduction to Research Methods | 3 | Elective | 2 |
| | ANTHR 3 Introduction to Social and Cultural Anthropology | 3 | Elective | 2 |
| | CIS 1 Introduction to Computer Information Systems | 4 | Elective | 4C |
| | LIS 74 Information Seeking Behavior | 3 | GE | 4C |
| | POSCI 1 Government and Politics in the United States or POSCI 26 U.S. and California Constitution | 3 | Elective | 2 |

Total Number of Units: 16

Please meet with a counselor to develop a personalized education plan to help you meet your specific goals.

The **Associate in Arts in Sociology for Transfer** (AA-T) is designed for students planning to transfer into the Sociology major at a California State University. A student pursuing this degree will meet the AB 1440 Transfer Curriculum Model for CSU.

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Program Learning Outcomes

Upon completion of this program a student will be able to:

- **Foundational Knowledge in Sociology:** Demonstrate a degree of mastery of the state of the discipline of Sociology Define the core concepts of sociology, theory and forms of applied research and the use of sociological data (social structures, culture, social stratification, race, ethnicity, gender, and globalization).
- **Critical Sociological Thinking:** Demonstrate a degree of proficiency at the life skills of critical thought and political consciousness to better access, evaluate, and interpret ideas found in sociological theory and research enabling people to be disciplined to communicate effectively, reach conclusions, and solve problems as a responsible global citizen — part of the social, political and economic structure in an unequal world — such that they may apply these in their professional pursuits should they choose a path of public service or community leadership, of simply community participants.
- **Personal Enrichment & Lifelong Learning – Sociological Efficacy:** Demonstrate a degree of capacity in personal sociological efficacy to assume responsible and healthy membership in society - in the application of sociological concepts explored in this learning experience (class, classes, program) in a meaningful manner to one’s own self defined reality in all spheres of social interaction in society (a) as part of their everyday life as engaged persons in the modern world system; and (b) in the context of global environmental (and other) challenges.
- Articulate the various social realities for people through an intersectional framework that provides a deeper understanding of an individuals experience as it relates to group membership. Thus enabling student capacity to discuss the interpersonal, institutional, cultural and structural mechanisms that produce and

maintain inequality in various social and political institutions; and, to be able to engage with such challenges and assume a degree of change agency in this context.

Degree Major Requirements

| DEPT/NO. | TITLE | UNITS |
|---|--|-------|
| SOC 1 | Introduction to Sociology | 3 |
| Required (two of the following): | | |
| SOC 2 | Social Problems (3) | 6-7 |
| SOC 120 | Introduction to Research Methods (3) | |
| MATH 13 | Introduction to Statistics (4) | |
| Required (two of the following): | | |
| SOC 3 | Sociology of Women (3) | 6 |
| SOC 5 | Minority Groups (3) | |
| SOC 8 | Crime and Deviance (3) | |
| PSYCH 12 | Human Sexuality (3) | |
| Required (one of the following): | | |
| ANTHR 3 | Introduction to Social and Cultural Anthropology (3) | 3 |
| HIST 18 | 20th Century American Protest Movements (3) | |
| POSCI 4 | Political Theory (3) | |
| Total Required Units: 18-19 | | |

Recommended Course Sequence

| | COURSE | | UNITS | REQUIREMENT | CSU GE AREA |
|-------------------------------|-------------------------------|---|-----------------|-----------------|------------------|
| FALL 1 | SOC 1 | Introduction to Sociology | 3 | Major | D |
| | MATH 13 | Introduction to Statistics (+213 Support Course) | 4 or 6 | Major | B4 |
| | ENGL 1A/1AS | Composition and Reading (w/ support) | 4 or 5 | GE | A2 |
| | LIS 74 PSYCH 1A | Information Seeking Behavior or Introduction to General Psychology ¹ | 3 | GE | E |
| Total Number of Units: | | | 14 to 17 | | |
| SPRING 1 | SOC 2 | Social Problems | 3 | Major | D |
| | SOC 5 | Minority Groups | 3 | Major, List A | D |
| | COMM 1A COMM 45 | Introduction to Speech or Public Speaking | 3 | GE | A1 |
| | ENGL 5 COMM 5 | Critical Thinking in Reading and Writing or Persuasion and Critical Thinking | 3 | GE | A3 |
| | ART 122 MUSIC 15A | World Art or Jazz, Blues & Pop Music in American Culture | 3 | GE | C1 |
| | Total Number of Units: | | | 15 | |
| FALL 2 | SOC 3 | Sociology of Women | 3 | Major | D |
| | PHIL 1 HUMAN 60 | Introduction to Philosophy or Introduction to LGBTQ Studies | 3 | GE | C2 |
| | GEOG 1 GEOG 1L PHYS 10 | Physical Geography and Physical Geography Laboratory or Introduction to Physics | 4 | GE | B1 & B3 or B1 |
| | ANTHR 3 | Introduction to Social and Cultural Anthropology | 3 | Major, List B | D |
| | POSCI 1 POSCI 26 | Government and Politics in the United States or U.S. and California Constitution | 3 | US/CA Politics | D |
| | Total Number of Units: | | | 16 to 17 | |
| SPRING 2 | SOC 120 | Research Methods | 3 | Elective | D |
| | HIST 7A HIST 7B | History of the United States to 1877 ¹ or History of the United States since 1865 ¹ | 3 | US History | C2 |
| | ANTHR 1 BIOL 10 | Introduction to Physical Anthropology or Introduction to Biology | 3 or 4 | GE | B2 or B2 & B3 |
| | CIS 1 GEOG 14 | Introduction to Computer Information Systems ¹ or Introduction to Geographic Information Systems | 3 | Elective | E or B1 & B3 |
| | PSYCH 12 HIST 18 | Human Sexuality or 20th Century American Protest Movement | 3 | Elective | D |
| | Total Number of Units: | | | 15 to 16 | |

¹ This course must be taken at College of Alameda to count for the specific CSU GE Area.

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Sociology (SOC)

What is Sociology? Sociology is the scientific study of social lives of people, groups, and societies. Sociologists apply the rigors of the scientific method to relevant issues in the social world, from micro interaction like the public order, to macro forces like globalization. A sociological perspective is a remarkable tool that helps people analyze the practical impact and ethical implications of people's choices and decisions in the workplace, family, community, and wider society.

Why study Sociology at College of Alameda? Our lower-division courses introduce students to the most important concepts, methods, and empirical research in sociology. Students learn multiple methods of data collection, professional writing, and presentation skills, which help them succeed academically at four year colleges and universities and also make them marketable in the labor market.

SOC 1

Introduction to Sociology

- 3 units, 3 hours lecture (GR)
- Acceptable for credit: CSU, UC

Basic concepts, theoretical approaches, and methods of sociology: Analysis and explanation of social structure, group dynamics, socialization and the self, social stratification, culture and diversity, social change and global dynamics. 2208.00

AA/AS area 2; CSU area D; IGETC area 4; C-ID SOCI 110

SOC 2

Social Problems

- 3 units, 3 hours lecture (GR)
- Acceptable for credit: CSU, UC

Study of society through the application of sociological principles and critical thinking skills to the identification and analysis of selected social problems: Poverty, racism/sexism, drug abuse, crime, and population control. 2208.00

AA/AS area 2; CSU area D; IGETC area 4

C-ID SOCI 115

SOC 3

Sociology of Women

- 3 units, 3 hours lecture (GR or P/NP)
- Also offered as Hist 56. Not open for credit to students who have completed or are currently enrolled in Hist 56.
- Acceptable for credit: CSU, UC

Exploration of various conceptual frameworks regarding the status of women: Structure-function, role dynamics, dominant-subordinate minority group interaction, and concepts of oppression-liberation with emphasis on current trends of the movement. 2208.00

AA/AS area 2; CSU area D; IGETC area 4; C-ID SOCI 140

SOC 5

Minority Groups

- 3 units, 3 hours lecture (GR)
- Acceptable for credit: CSU, UC

Analysis of racial, religious, and ethnic minority groups: General principles of dominant-minority group relations. 2208.00

AA/AS area 2, 5; CSU area D; IGETC area 4; C-ID SOCI 150

SOC 49

Independent Study in Sociology

- .5-5 units, .5-5 hours lecture (GR or P/NP)
- Acceptable for credit: CSU

In-depth exploration of an area or problem of the student's choice not covered by regular catalog offerings in Sociology. Student must obtain approval from an appropriate faculty member. For more details, see the section on independent study in the college catalog. 2208.00

SOC 120

Introduction to Research Methods

- 3 Units, 3 Hours Lecture (GR or P/NP)
- Prerequisite: SOC 1
- Recommended Preparation: MATH 13
- Acceptable for credit: CSU, UC

Introduction to empirical research for the social sciences: Nature of theory, hypotheses, variables, ethics of research; application of qualitative and quantitative analytic tools including survey, observational, experimental, case study, and comparative 2208.00

AA/AS area 2; CSU area D; IGETC area 4

C-ID SOCI 120; C-ID POLS 160