

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, Programs & Transfer Requirements section of this Catalog.

Sociology is the specific examination of the social forces that shape the self, institutions, culture, and various social problems that emerge from our social order. This training is ideal for students interested in careers in social work, law, and criminology.

**Career Opportunities**

Sociology is applicable to multiple issues in our diverse world. As a result, students who study sociology are prepared for academic study and careers across many disciplines. Every organization can use a sociologist. Students who complete our programs work in a variety of academic and applied settings from marketing, social work, business, criminology, the public sector, law enforcement, health, medicine, and even programming.

**Program Learning Outcomes**

*Upon successful completion of this program, students will be able to:*

- After earning an AA degree in sociology, you will be able to transfer to a four-year college or university with robust sociological training.
- After earning an AA degree in sociology, you will be able to apply your sociological imagination to promote the common good in business, the public sector, human service, and community contexts.

**Degree Major Requirements**

DEPT/NO.	TITLE	UNITS
SOC 1	Introduction to Sociology	3
SOC 2	Social Problems	3
<b>Select one course (3 units) from the following:</b>		
SOC 3	Sociology of Women (3)	3
SOC 5	Minority Groups (3)	
<b>Select three courses (9-10 units) from the following:</b>		
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>	
SOCS 125	Statistics for the Social Sciences (3)	

**Minimum Required Units: 18-19**

**Recommended Course Sequence**

	COURSE	UNITS	REQUIREMENT	COA GE AREA
<b>FALL 1</b>	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 <b>or</b> ENGL 1AS Composition and Reading (w/ support)	4 or 5	GE	4A
	COUN 24 College Success <b>or</b> COUN 30 Personal Growth and Development	3	Elective	COUN 30 - 2

**Total Number of Units 14-17**

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

**Total Number of Units: 15**

<b>FALL 2</b>	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 <b>or</b> AFRAM 31 African-American History: 1865-1945	3	GE	2 or 3 <b>or</b> 2 & 5
	HUMAN 40 Religions of the World <b>or</b> HUMAN 60 Introduction to LGBTQ Studies	3	Elective	3 <b>or</b> (2 or 3)
	PSYCH 7A Psychology of Childhood <b>or</b> PSYCH 7B Adolescent Psychology	3	Elective	2

**Total Number of Units: 15**

<b>SPRING 2</b>	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 <b>or</b> 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.

Sociology is the scientific study of everyday life. This approach to academic studies provides students with an analysis of social life, social change, and the social factors and consequences of human behavior using the methods of social science research. Sociologists examine the structure of groups, sub-cultures, organizations, and societies, and how people interact within these contexts. The subject ranges from the families of origin, families of choice, to organized crime, state crime and white collar crime, to religious cults; from the divisions of race, sexuality, gender and social class to the shared beliefs of a common culture; and from the sociology of work to the sociology of populations, health, and the environment..

In order to earn the AA-T in Sociology, students are required to: • Complete 60 semester CSU- transferable units, including the major requirements for this subject. • Complete the California State University-General Education-Breadth pattern (CSU GE-Breadth); or the Intersegmental General Education Transfer Curriculum (IGETC) pattern. • Complete a minimum of 18 semester units in the major • Obtain of a minimum grade point average (GPA) of 2.0. • Earn a grade of C or higher in all courses required for the major. A "P" (Pass) grade is also an acceptable grade for courses in major if the course is taken on a Pass/No Pass basis.

### Career Opportunities

The skills you gain with an **Associate Arts Degree in Sociology for Transfer** are applicable across fields of study and are useful for careers in: education, community organizing, labor research, violence prevention advocates, activists, human service, community service, research and data science, marketing, social work, business, criminology, government, and with various non-profit organizations that help address systemic social problems.

### Program Learning Outcomes

*Upon successful completion of this program, students will be able to:*

- Define the core concepts of sociology (sociological theories, social structures, culture, social inequality and stratification, race, ethnicity, gender, and globalization). {Foundational Knowledge in Sociology}
- Apply a working sociological imagination to everyday life with a commitment to social justice and equality in our diverse world. {Critical Sociological Thinking}
- Successfully transfer to a four year college/university with robust sociological training. {Personal Enrichment & Lifelong Learning – Sociological Efficacy}

### Degree Major Requirements

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

**Minimum Required Units: 18-19**

**Recommended Course Sequence**

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

<sup>1</sup> 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
- Recommended Preparation: ENGL 1A or ENGL 1AS

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 11** **The Sociology of Health and Illness**

- 3 units, 3 hours lecture (GR or P/NP)
- Recommended Preparation: SOC 1

Health and Illness: Introduction to the social determinants (race, class, and gender) of health, social construction of illness, and political economy of medicine. 2208.00

### **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

# Spanish (SPAN)

**What does it mean to study Spanish?** The study of Spanish involves learning the words and rules of the language with the purpose of acquiring them with accuracy and using them to communicate with Spanish speakers worldwide.

**Why study Spanish?** The Spanish Program at COA provides courses that satisfy Foreign Language requirements at 4-year colleges and universities, provides marketable foreign language skills and offers cultural enrichment. This will enable students to:

- Communicate with native speakers at home and worldwide
- Increase employment potential
- Improve memory and cognitive skills
- Enhance travel worldwide
- Become more aware of cultural identities

Beyond communication, the skills acquired when learning languages can help students prepare for careers in education, journalism, linguistics, business and international relations.

## **SPAN 1A** **Elementary Spanish**

- 5 units, 5 hours lecture (GR or P/NP)
- Course is equivalent to two years of high school study.
- Acceptable for credit: CSU, UC

Development and application of language skills and cultural exploration of the Spanish speaking world: Study and practice in understanding, speaking, reading and writing Spanish; readings in Spanish and Latin-American life and culture; course conducted with Spanish as the primary language of instruction. 1105.00  
AA/AS area 3; CSU area C2; IGETC area 6A

## **SPAN 1B** **Elementary Spanish**

- 5 units, 5 hours lecture (GR or P/NP)
- Prerequisite: SPAN 1A
- Acceptable for credit: CSU, UC

Continuation of Spanish 1A: Development and application of language skills and cultural exploration of the Spanish speaking world; study and practice in understanding, speaking, reading and writing Spanish; readings in Spanish and Latin-American life and culture; course conducted with Spanish as the primary language of instruction. 1105.00

AA/AS area 3; CSU area C2; IGETC area 3B, 6A

## **SPAN 2A** **Intermediate Spanish I**

- 5 units, 5 hours lecture (GR or P/NP)
- Prerequisite: SPAN 1B
- Acceptable for credit: CSU, UC

Conversation, analysis and composition based on selected readings from short stories and articles on culture and history of the Spanish-speaking world: Exploration of culturally relevant topics; grammar review of indicative tenses, imperative and subjunctive mood; expansion of vocabulary and idioms; course conducted in Spanish. 1105.00

AA/AS area 3; CSU area C2; IGETC area 3B, 6A

## **SPAN 2B** **Intermediate Spanish II**

- 5 units, 5 hours lecture (GR or P/NP)
- Prerequisite: SPAN 2A
- Acceptable for credit: CSU, UC

Analysis and composition based on selected readings from Spanish and Latin American literature, articles on culture and history of the Spanish-speaking world: Exploration of culturally relevant topics; continued grammar review with emphasis on past subjunctive and sequence of tenses; advanced conversation; expansion of vocabulary and idioms; course is conducted in Spanish. 1105.00

AA/AS area 3; CSU area C2; IGETC area 3B, 6A

## **SPAN 22A** **Spanish for Bilingual Speakers I**

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

Spanish language and culture for students whose native language is Spanish: Critical reading and discussion of selected readings in Spanish with emphasis on reading development, spelling (orthography), grammar, lexical expansion, and composition. Cultural topics of Spain, Latin America, and Latinos in the US are emphasized in the class. This course is equivalent to two years of high school study. 1105.00

## **SPAN 30A** **Beginning Conversational Spanish**

- 3 units, 3 hours lecture (GR or P/NP)
- Acceptable for credit: CSU

Introduction to conversational Spanish: Use of modern colloquial Spanish in conversation, and elementary grammar. 1105.00

## **SPAN 30B** **Beginning Conversational Spanish**

- 3 units, 3 hours lecture (GR or P/NP)
- Recommended preparation: SPAN 30A
- Acceptable for credit: CSU

Continuation of SPAN 30A: Use of modern colloquial Spanish in conversation, and elementary grammar. 1105.00