

# SOCIAL SCIENCES CONCENTRATION

## Associate of Arts in Liberal Arts Degree

### Program Description

The focus of the Liberal Arts Program is to provide the student with a breadth of program offerings in a chosen field of study. Liberal Arts students may focus their program in the following concentration areas: Behavioral Science, English, History/Government, Humanities, Psychology, Social Science, or Sociology. All concentration electives must be selected in the chosen area of study.

### Program Outcomes

At the completion of this program, the student should be able to:

- Compose well-structured, unified and coherent expository assignments.
- Demonstrate information literacy through research assignments.
- Apply the principles of critical thinking to assess required readings and points of discussion.
- Describe the social, political and philosophical contexts that inform a Liberal Arts concentration.
- Describe the diverse cultural and behavioral influences on a Liberal Arts concentration.
- Apply a theoretical understanding to practical problems in a Liberal Arts field (Behavioral Science, English, History/Government, Humanities, Psychology, Social Science, or Sociology).

### Sociology Concentration Outcomes

At the completion of the Sociology Concentration, the students should be able to:

- Identify the functions and dysfunctions of six (6) social institutions.
- Interpret quantitative and qualitative data found in newspapers, online, and research journals.
- Evaluate competing theories and methods of Sociology.
- Describe in written and oral format, three current social problems facing the U.S.
- Formulate policy recommendations for three current social problems.
- Compare the historical modes of production to the current era of globalization.
- Survey the breadth and depth of one subfield of Sociology.

### Additional Information

1. Indicates course requires the completion of a prerequisite.

2. Six credits must be HIS

Note: All classes are offered in the fall and the spring unless otherwise designated:

F=Class is only offered in the Fall

S=Class is only offered in the Spring

General Education Requirements – see p. 98	Credits
<b>25 credits total</b>	
Computer Science	3 credits
ENG 101 English Composition I	3 credits
ENG 102 English Composition II <sup>1</sup>	3 credits
History/Government	3 credits
IDS 167 First Year Seminar	3 credits
Math	3 credits
Natural Science w/ Lab	4 credits
PSY 101 General Psychology	3 credits

Program Requirements – 36 credits total	Credits
SOC 101 General Sociology	3 credits
Open Electives	6 credits
Social Science Concentration Electives (see below) <sup>2</sup>	27 credits

**Total credits required for graduation 61 credits**

Social Science Concentration Electives	Credits
ECO 201 Microeconomics	3 credits
ECO 202 Macroeconomics	3 credits
GOV 105 Introduction to Political Science	3 credits
GOV 201 American Government	3 credits
GOV 211 State & Local Government	3 credits
GOV 212 International Relations (F)	3 credits
GOV 213 The American Presidency (F)	3 credits
GOV 217 Cooperative Government (S)	3 credits
GOV 290 Special Topics in Government (F)	3 credits
HIS 101 United States History I	3 credits
HIS 102 United States History II	3 credits
HIS 107 Colonial America (F)	3 credits
HIS 111 History of Western Civilization to the Age of Discovery (F)	3 credits
HIS 112 History of Western Civilization since the Age of Discovery (S)	3 credits
HIS 201 History of the Middle East	3 credits
HIS 240 History of the Cold War (F)	3 credits
HIS 260 The Civil War & Reconstruction (F)	3 credits
HIS 280 History of Plymouth (F)	3 credits
HIS 290 Special Topics in History (S)	3 credits
SOC 102 Contemporary Social Problems	3 credits
SOC 112 Interpersonal Communications	3 credits
SOC 140 Aging in America (F)	3 credits
SOC 203 Sociology of the Family (S)	3 credits
SOC 250 Women & Gender in Society (F)	3 credits
SOC 355 Race, Class, Gender & Social Justice (S)	3 credits

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Computer Science	3 credits	
ENG 101 English Composition I	3 credits	
IDS 167 First Year Seminar	3 credits	
Math	3 credits	
PSY 101 General Psychology	3 credits	
<b>Total</b>	<b>15 credits</b>	

Semester 2	Credits	Pre-Requisites
ENG 102 English Composition II	3 credits	ENG 101
History/Government	3 credits	
SOC 101 General Sociology	3 credits	
Social Sciences Concentration Elective	3 credits	
Social Sciences Concentration Elective	3 credits	
<b>Total</b>	<b>15 credits</b>	

Semester 3	Credits	Pre-Requisites
Open Elective	3 credits	
Social Sciences Concentration Elective	3 credits	
Natural Science Course w/ Lab	4 credits	
Social Sciences Concentration Elective	3 credits	
Social Sciences Concentration Elective	3 credits	
<b>Total</b>	<b>16 credits</b>	

Semester 4	Credits	Pre-Requisites
Open Elective	3 credits	
Social Sciences Concentration Elective	3 credits	
Social Sciences Concentration Elective	3 credits	
Social Sciences Concentration Elective	3 credits	
Social Sciences Concentration Elective	3 credits	
<b>Total</b>	<b>15 credits</b>	

### Semester Path:

Recommended course of study for a full-time student. It is recommended that students speak to an Academic Advisor before registering for courses each semester.

### Student Resources:

**Academic Advising**  
617-984-1720

**Dean's Office of Arts and Sciences  
& Professional Programs**  
617-405-5920

**Dean's Office of Allied Health**  
617-405-5960

**Dean's Office of Nursing**  
617-405-5990

**Financial Aid Office**  
617-984-1620

**Registrar's Office**  
617-984-1650

**Student Accessibility and  
Academic Support Services**  
617-405-5915