

# Liberal Arts: Social and Behavioral Sciences

## Academic and Career Pathway

Social and Behavioral Sciences (<https://www.miracosta.edu/academics/degree-and-certificate-programs/social-and-behavioral-sciences/>)

## Associate in Arts Degree

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Courses in this category emphasize the connection between human behavior and social, political, and economic institutions, and they promote an understanding of how societies and social subgroups operate. Students are encouraged to apply critical thinking techniques as they evaluate the way individuals act and have acted in response to their societies. The courses ensure opportunities for students to develop and communicate an understanding of the perspectives and methods of inquiry used in the social and behavioral sciences.

This area of emphasis provides students with lower-division major preparation for many disciplines within the social sciences, including criminal justice, economics, political science, psychology, sociology, and history.

### Graduation Requirements

- ▶ Complete a minimum of 60 degree-applicable units of credit (including major and general education courses).
- ▶ Complete all courses required in the major with a "C" or "P" or better.
- ▶ Complete a general education pattern of courses (see Associate Degrees (<http://catalog.miracosta.edu/degreecertificatetransferinfo/requirements/>)).
- ▶ Obtain a minimum GPA of 2.0 in the degree-applicable courses.
- ▶ Complete a minimum of 12 units in residence at MiraCosta College.

### Program Student Learning Outcome

Upon completion of this program, the student will be able to develop communication, critical thinking, and intellectual skills that effectively prepare them for lifelong learning and advanced study in a wide range of majors at the university level.

### Course Requirements

Select a minimum of 18 units from the following:

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| ADM 100  | Introduction to the Administration of Justice | 3 |
| ADM 200  | Concepts of Criminal Law                      | 3 |
| ANTH 102 | Cultural Anthropology                         | 3 |
| ANTH 103 | Introduction to Archaeology                   | 3 |
| ANTH 104 | Native American Cultures                      | 3 |
| ANTH 105 | Evolution of Human Behavior                   | 3 |

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| ANTH 107       | Gender, Sex, and Sexuality                               | 3 |
| ANTH 120       | Global Health  | 3 |
| ANTH 190       | Primate Behavior and Ecology                             | 3 |
| AUTO 111       | Car Culture  | 3 |
| BLST 100       | Introduction to Black Studies                            | 3 |
| CCS 100        | Introduction to Chicana/o Studies                        | 3 |
| CCS 232        | Critical Issues in Chicana and Latina Studies            | 3 |
| CHLD 112       | Child Growth and Development                             | 3 |
| CHLD 113       | Child and Adolescent Growth and Development              | 3 |
| CHLD 210       | Child, Family, and Community                             | 3 |
| CHLD 235       | Children in a Diverse Society                            | 3 |
| COMM C1000     | Introduction to Public Speaking                          | 3 |
| COMM 106       | Group Communication                                      | 3 |
| COMM 120       | Principles of Human Communication                        | 3 |
| COMM 135       | Gender Studies in Communication                          | 3 |
| COMM 144       | Race and Ethnicity in Communication                      | 3 |
| COMM 207       | Interpersonal Communication                              | 3 |
| COMM 212       | Argumentation  | 3 |
| COMM 220       | Introduction to Mass Communication                       | 3 |
| CSIT 160       | Technology, the Individual, and Society                  | 3 |
| CSIT 165       | Living in an Online World                                | 3 |
| ECON 100       | Survey of Economics                                      | 3 |
| ECON 101       | Principles of Economics: MACRO                           | 3 |
| ECON 102       | Principles of Economics: MICRO                           | 3 |
| ENGL C1000     | Academic Reading and Writing                             | 4 |
| ENGL C1001     | Critical Thinking and Writing                            | 4 |
| or ENGL C1001H | Critical Thinking and Writing (Honors)                   |   |
| ENGL 201       | Critical Thinking, Composition, and Literature           | 4 |
| or ENGL 201H   | Critical Thinking, Composition, and Literature (Honors)  |   |
| GEOG 102       | People, Place, and Time: Introduction to Human Geography | 3 |
| GEOG 104       | World Geography  | 3 |
| GEOG 108       | Environmental Sustainability and Society                 | 3 |
| GERO 101       | Introduction to Aging                                    | 3 |
| GERO 250       | Intergenerational Issues                                 | 3 |
| HIST 100       | World History to 1500                                    | 3 |
| or HIST 100H   | World History to 1500 (Honors)                           |   |
| HIST 101       | World History Since 1500                                 | 3 |
| or HIST 101H   | World History Since 1500 (Honors)                        |   |
| HIST 102       | History of the Modern Middle East                        | 3 |
| HIST 104       | Modern European History and Culture                      | 3 |
| HIST 107       | East Asian Societies                                     | 3 |
| HIST 110       | United States History to 1877                            | 3 |
| or HIST 110H   | United States History to 1877 (Honors)                   |   |
| HIST 111       | United States History Since 1877                         | 3 |

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| or HIST 111H   | United States History Since 1877 (Honors)        |   |         |   |   |
| HIST 113       | American Military History                        | 3 |         |   |   |
| HIST 115       | Women in American History                        | 3 |         |   |   |
| HIST 116       | History of the Americas to 1830                  | 3 |         |   |   |
| HIST 117       | History of the Americas Since 1830               | 3 |         |   |   |
| HIST 141       | Mexican American History Through 1877            | 3 |         |   |   |
| HIST 142       | Mexican American History Since 1877              | 3 |         |   |   |
| HIST 145       | African American History to 1877                 | 3 |         |   |   |
| HIST 146       | African American History Since 1877              | 3 |         |   |   |
| HIST 150       | History of Mexico                                | 3 |         |   |   |
| HIST 165       | California History                               | 3 |         |   |   |
| NUTR 108       | Cultural Aspects of Foods and Nutrition          | 3 |         |   |   |
| PHIL 100       | Critical Thinking and Argumentative Writing      | 3 |         |   |   |
| POLS C1000     | American Government and Politics                 | 4 |         |   |   |
| POLS 101       | Introduction to Political Science                | 3 |         |   |   |
| or POLS 101H   | Introduction to Political Science (Honors)       |   |         |   |   |
| POLS 103       | Comparative Government                           | 3 |         |   |   |
| POLS 150       | Introduction to International Relations          | 3 |         |   |   |
| PSYC C1000     | Introduction to Psychology                       | 3 |         |   |   |
| or PSYC C1000H | Introduction to Psychology (Honors)              |   |         |   |   |
| PSYC 100       | Psychology of Personal Growth                    | 3 |         |   |   |
| PSYC/SOC 103   | Social Psychology                                | 3 |         |   |   |
| PSYC 104       | Statistics for Behavioral Science                | 4 |         |   |   |
| or PSYC 104H   | Statistics for Behavioral Science (Honors)       |   |         |   |   |
| PSYC 114       | Abnormal Psychology                              | 3 |         |   |   |
| PSYC 115       | Human Sexuality                                  | 3 |         |   |   |
| PSYC 121       | Human Development                                | 3 |         |   |   |
| PSYC 125       | Psychology of Women                              | 3 |         |   |   |
| PSYC/SOC 145   | Psychology/Sociology of the Family               | 3 |         |   |   |
| PSYC 170       | Psychology of Aging: Adult Development and Aging | 3 |         |   |   |
| PSYC 205       | Research Methods in Psychology                   | 3 |         |   |   |
| PSYC 211       | Learning and Behavior Modification               | 3 |         |   |   |
| PSYC 260       | Physiological Psychology                         | 3 |         |   |   |
| READ 100       | Critical Reading and Thinking                    | 3 |         |   |   |
| SOC 101        | Introduction to Sociology                        | 3 |         |   |   |
| or SOC 101H    | Introduction to Sociology (Honors)               |   |         |   |   |
| SOC 102        | Contemporary Social Problems                     | 3 |         |   |   |
| SOC 105        | Introduction to Justice Studies                  | 3 |         |   |   |
| SOC 120        | Introduction to Women's Studies                  | 3 |         |   |   |
| SOC 125        | Introduction to Statistics in Sociology          | 4 |         |   |   |
| SOC 130        | Introduction to Gender Studies                   | 3 |         |   |   |
| SOC 140        | Introduction to LGBT Studies                     | 3 |         |   |   |
| SOC 205        | Introduction to Research Methods in Sociology    | 3 |         |   |   |
| SOC/ETHN 207   | Race and Ethnic Relations                        | 3 |         |   |   |
|                |  |   | SOC 232 | Critical Issues in Chicana and Latina Studies | 3 |
|                |  |   | SOC 250 | Introduction to Pacific Studies               | 3 |