

Behavioral Sciences

Degree Type

Associate of Arts

Program Description

The Associate of Arts in Behavioral Science is an interdisciplinary program designed for students who plan to transfer to a four-year institution to earn a bachelor's degree in a social science OR who seek entry-level work in various human service positions. In addition to general education, students will take required courses covering foundational topics in multiple related disciplines. They will also take electives giving them broad academic experience in psychology, sociology and criminology. Students interested in social services but unsure of which discipline to pursue should consider the flexibility and exploration opportunities this program offers. This program is designed for students who want to help people, but do not know which people they want to help.

Career Opportunities

Graduates of this program will be prepared for transfer to a four-year college or university.

AND/OR

Graduates of this program will be prepared for entry-level employment in the field of social and behavioral sciences.

Examples include:

- Human Resources intern
- Pharmacy Technician
- Home Health Aide
- Law Enforcement Officer
- Office Administrator
- Assistant Counselor
- Assistant Teacher/Teacher's Aide
- Social Worker Assistant

Program Objectives

Upon completion of the program, the student will be able to:

1. Attain proficiency in the basic concepts, theories, and methods of inquiry in behavioral sciences.
2. Evaluate ethical principles of the behavioral sciences.
3. Collect and compose academic research that summarizes the behavioral sciences literature, utilizing proper APA formatting.

Obtaining the Degree

To earn the Behavioral Science Associate of Arts degree, students must:

- Matriculate in the program;
- Satisfactorily complete all degree requirements, including General Education and Major Requirements of the degree.

General Education Requirements

| Course Code | Title | Credits |
|-------------|--|---------|
| BEH 101 | Behavioral Science Exploration | 1 |
| | Elective - Science with Lab | 4 |
| | CIT 100 or Higher Level | 3 |
| | COM 101 or COM 110 | 3 |
| ENG 110 | English Composition I** | 3 |
| | Elective - Humanities | 3 |
| | Elective - Math | 3 |
| | Elective - Social Science | 3 |
| | Elective - Cultural Awareness and Diverse Perspectives | 3 |
| | Elective - Value & Ethics | 3 |

Major Requirements

| Course Code | Title | Credits |
|-------------|----------------------------------|---------|
| PSY 100 | General Psychology** | 3 |
| SWK 100 | Introduction to Social Work | 3 |
| CRJ 110 | Introduction to Criminal Justice | 3 |
| ENG 205 | Research Writing | 3 |

Cultural Awareness and Diverse Perspectives Electives

| Course Code | Title | Credits |
|-------------|---|---------|
| ANT 100 | Introduction to Cultural Anthropology** | 3 |
| ART 101 | Introduction to Art History** | 3 |
| ART 105 | Drawing Fundamentals | 3 |
| ART 110 | Introduction to Painting and Sculpting** | 3 |
| ASL 101 | American Sign Language I | 3 |
| CIV 100 | Western Civilization: Ancient through Renaissance** | 3 |
| CIV 110 | Western Civilization: Renaissance to Present** | 3 |
| ENG 250 | Women and Literature | 3 |
| ENG 271 | World Literature | 3 |
| FLM 110 | Introduction to American Cinema | 3 |
| GEO 100 | Introduction to Geography | 3 |
| HIS 200 | American Immigration | 3 |
| HUM 100 | Introduction to Humanities | 3 |
| MUS 100 | Introduction to Music | 3 |
| MUS 200 | History of Rock n' Roll | 3 |
| PSY 215 | Death and Dying | 3 |
| REL 100 | World Religions/Religious Studies | 3 |
| SOC 100 | Introduction to Sociology** | 3 |
| SOC 200 | Contemporary Social Issues | 3 |
| SOC 205 | Race, Class, and Gender in Society | 3 |
| SPA 101 | Spanish I | 3 |
| SPA 102 | Spanish II | 3 |

Values and Ethics Electives

Students must select one course to meet the Value and Ethics requirement. The selected course may not meet any other program or general education requirement.

| Course Code | Title | Credits |
|-------------|---|---------|
| AST 100 | Introduction to Astronomy | 3 |
| BUS 130 | Personal Consumer Finance | 3 |
| CIV 100 | Western Civilization: Ancient through Renaissance** | 3 |
| CIV 110 | Western Civilization: Renaissance to Present** | 3 |
| CIV 200 | Ancient Rome and the Barbarians | 3 |
| ENG 105 | Effective Writing for the Workplace | 3 |
| ENG 215 | Creative Writing | 3 |
| ENG 220 | Business Letter and Report Writing | 3 |
| ENG 225 | Technical Writing | 3 |
| ENG 235 | Survey of American Literature II | 3 |
| ENG 245 | Survey of British Literature II | 3 |
| ENV 110 | Introductory Environmental Science | 3 |
| | GLG 102 and GLG 103 | 4 |
| GOV 100 | Introduction to American National Government** | 3 |
| GOV 210 | Current Events and Public Policy Issues | 3 |
| HIS 100 | U.S. History I: Discovery through Reconstruction** | 3 |
| HIS 110 | U.S. History II: Reconstruction to Present** | 3 |
| HIS 205 | American Popular Culture | 3 |
| HIS 210 | The Civil War and Reconstruction | 3 |
| HIS 215 | History through Film | 3 |
| HIS 250 | World War II through Film | 3 |
| LIF 111 | Health and Wellness | 3 |
| PHI 100 | Critical Thinking | 3 |
| PHI 110 | Introduction to Philosophy** | 3 |
| PHI 200 | Introduction to Ethics | 3 |
| REL 100 | World Religions/Religious Studies | 3 |
| REL 200 | Understanding the Bible | 3 |

Humanities Electives

| Course Code | Title | Credits |
|-------------|--|---------|
| ART 101 | Introduction to Art History** | 3 |
| ART 105 | Drawing Fundamentals | 3 |
| ART 110 | Introduction to Painting and Sculpting** | 3 |
| ASL 101 | American Sign Language I | 3 |
| ENG 205 | Research Writing | 3 |
| ENG 215 | Creative Writing | 3 |
| ENG 230 | Survey of American Literature I | 3 |
| ENG 235 | Survey of American Literature II | 3 |
| ENG 240 | Survey of British Literature I | 3 |
| ENG 245 | Survey of British Literature II | 3 |
| ENG 250 | Women and Literature | 3 |
| ENG 271 | World Literature | 3 |
| FLM 110 | Introduction to American Cinema | 3 |
| FRE 101 | French I | 3 |
| FRE 102 | French II | 3 |
| HUM 100 | Introduction to Humanities | 3 |
| MPR 100 | Introduction to Production | 3 |
| MUS 100 | Introduction to Music | 3 |
| MUS 200 | History of Rock n' Roll | 3 |
| PHI 100 | Critical Thinking | 3 |
| PHI 110 | Introduction to Philosophy** | 3 |
| PHI 200 | Introduction to Ethics | 3 |
| REL 100 | World Religions/Religious Studies | 3 |
| REL 200 | Understanding the Bible | 3 |
| SPA 101 | Spanish I | 3 |
| SPA 102 | Spanish II | 3 |

Math Electives

| Course Code | Title | Credits |
|-------------|--------------------------------------|---------|
| MAT 110 | Business Mathematics | 3 |
| MAT 116 | Mathematical Concepts & Applications | 3 |
| MAT 117 | Technical Math | 3 |
| MAT 126 | Elements of Mathematics I | 3 |
| MAT 127 | Elements of Mathematics II | 3 |
| MAT 145 | College Algebra | 3 |
| MAT 170 | Precalculus | 3 |
| MAT 200 | Probability and Statistics | 3 |
| MAT 204 | Discrete Mathematics | 3 |
| MAT 205 | Applied Calculus for Business | 4 |
| MAT 210 | Calculus I | 4 |
| MAT 220 | Calculus II | 4 |

Behavioral Science Electives

Choose 4

| Course Code | Title | Credits |
|-------------|--|---------|
| ANT 100 | Introduction to Cultural Anthropology** | 3 |
| SOC 125 | Drugs in Society | 3 |
| CRJ 115 | Ethics in Criminal Justice | 3 |
| CRJ 150 | Juvenile Justice | 3 |
| CRJ 175 | Constitutional Law | 3 |
| PSY 130 | Human Development Across the Lifespan | 3 |
| PSY 200 | Abnormal Psychology | 3 |
| PSY 210 | Psychology of Aging | 3 |
| PSY 215 | Death and Dying | 3 |
| SOC 100 | Introduction to Sociology** | 3 |
| SOC 200 | Contemporary Social Issues | 3 |
| SOC 205 | Race, Class, and Gender in Society | 3 |
| SOC 215 | Introduction to Women and Gender Studies | 3 |
| SWK 225 | Ethics in the Social Sciences | 3 |

Free Electives

| Total Credits | 62 |
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| Course Sequencing | |

Fall 1

| Course Code | Title | Credits |
|-------------|----------------------------------|---------|
| BEH 101 | Behavioral Science Exploration | 1 |
| | CIT 100 or Higher Level | 3 |
| ENG 110 | English Composition I** | 3 |
| PSY 100 | General Psychology** | 3 |
| SWK 100 | Introduction to Social Work | 3 |
| CRJ 110 | Introduction to Criminal Justice | 3 |

Spring 1

| Course Code | Title | Credits |
|-------------|--|---------|
| | Elective - Communication | 3 |
| | Elective - Math | 3 |
| | Elective - Behavioral Science | 3 |
| | Elective - Cultural Awareness and Diverse Perspectives | 3 |
| | Elective - Free | 3 |

Fall 2

| Course Code | Title | Credits |
|-------------|-----------------------------------|---------|
| ENG 205 | Research Writing | 3 |
| | Elective - Behavioral Science | 3 |
| | Elective - Science 3 or 4 Credits | 3-4 |
| | Elective - Value & Ethics | 3 |
| | Elective - Free | 3 |

Spring 2

| Course Code | Title | Credits |
|-------------|-------------------------------|---------|
| | Elective - Humanities | 3 |
| | Elective - Social Science | 3 |
| | Elective - Behavioral Science | 3 |
| | Elective - Behavioral Science | 3 |
| | Elective - Free | 3 |