

Social Science 101

Introduction to Social Sciences

3 units; 3 hours lecture

Recommended Preparation: Eligibility for English 1A

Degree applicable Transfer CSU, USC

This course introduces students to the fields of study that comprise the social sciences and their interrelationship. Students will be introduced to the basic theories and methods of social science disciplines and how their contributions facilitate our understanding of the social and cultural worlds humans inhabit and the problems experienced by contemporary societies. This course also exposes students to the concepts and techniques that are used in social science research and in career choices available to students pursuing a degree in the social sciences.

Course Objectives:

1. Define social science and explain its relevance for the understanding of the formation of contemporary human society.
 - a. Essay exams
2. Explain the historical origins of the social sciences.
Essay exams
3. Identify the disciplines that constitute the social sciences and explain the career pathways associated with these disciplines.
Essay exams
4. Explain social science research methods and how they aid social scientists in understanding the nature, growth, and functioning of humans and human society.
Essay exams
5. Explain how the physical world has influenced human lifestyles.
Essay exams
6. Identify the various theories and agents of socialization and how socialization occurs throughout a person's life.
Essay exams
7. Identify the factors that lead to the social construction of differences.
Essay exams.
8. Explain the role and function of culture on human progress and the evolution of societies.
Essay exams
9. Explain how people and societies allocate resources.
Essay exams
10. Explain the primary function of government and identify its relationship to society.
Essay exams

Student Learning Outcomes (SLO):

1. Theory
Upon completing this course, students will be able to identify and apply the principles, methods, and theories associated with social sciences disciplines.
2. Application
Upon completing this course, students will be able to identify and apply the basic principles and procedures of research methods in the social sciences.

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Student Code of Conduct

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Student Rights and Grievances Procedure 5530

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