SOCIOLOGY

Associate in Arts Degree

A student obtaining an Associate of Arts degree in Sociology (Sociology, AA) will be able to demonstrate critical thinking, analytic problem solving, and communication skills. Students apply these skills to understand diverse communities, their interactions, and social change, and/or to use scientific methods to find empirical answers to complex social questions. The Sociology Program at West Valley College is primarily transfer oriented. It prepares students to enter 4-year Sociology or any Sociology-related program at the university level.

Program Learning Outcomes

Upon successful completion of this program a student will be able to:

- Evaluate social science research methodologies and/or apply empirical research to human behavior.
- Identify and distinguish various major theoretical perspectives within sociology and how these differ from other social science disciplines
- Analyze the major dimensions of the diversity of human social experiences using scientific discourse.

Major Core Requirements (6 units)

Course Number	Course Title	Units
SOCI001	Introduction to Sociology	3 units
Select one:		
SOCI002	Social Problems	3 units
SOCI002H	Honors Social Problems	3 units

Major Electives List A (12 units)

Course Number	Course Title	Units
SOCI003	Social Psychology: A Sociological Perspective	3 units
SOCI012	Introduction to Research Methods	3 units
SOCI020	Sociology of Race and Ethnicity	3 units
SOCI028	Sociology of Gender	3 units
SOCI040	Marriage and Family Sociology	3 units
SOCI045	Sociology of Human Sexuality	3 units

Major Electives List B (3-5 units)

Course Number	Course Title	Units
ANTH003	Introduction to Cultural Anthropology	3 units
ANTH003H	Honors Introduction to Cultural Anthropology	3 units
ASLA060A	American Sign Language I	5 units
ASLA060B	American Sign Language II	5 units
ECON001A	Principles of Macroeconomics	4 units