

**Sociology**

ASSOCIATE OF ARTS DEGREE (AA)

REQUIRED CREDITS: 60

DEGREE CODE: SOC-AA

**DESCRIPTION**

The Associate of Arts Degree with an Emphasis in Sociology offers basic skills in critical thinking, data analysis, writing, and oral communication to career oriented students and those preparing for advanced undergraduate study in sociology.

**STUDENT LEARNING OUTCOMES**

- Investigate individual and collective experiences of social life using the theoretical and methodological tools of sociology.
- Synthesize information from trends within sociology concerning culture, social structure, cultural diversity, and social inequality.
- Evaluate research findings in sociology by examining methods of sampling, measurement, data collection, analysis and interpretation, as well as ethical considerations in the research process.
- Formulate research questions, explanations or policy recommendations based on major sociological perspectives that address problems of behavior and interaction, social structure and social change.
- Develop an understanding of viable career choices in the application of sociological concepts, theory, and methods directed at improving social life.

**PLEASE NOTE** - The courses listed below may require a prerequisite or corequisite. Read course descriptions before registering for classes. All MATH and ENG courses numbered 01-99 must be completed before reaching 30 total college-level credits. No course under 100-level counts toward degree completion.

**GENERAL EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS (36 CREDITS)****MATHEMATICS (3 credits)**

MATH 120 or 123 or above; or STAT 152

**ENGLISH COMPOSITION (6-8 credits)**

See AA/AB/AS policy p. 45 for courses

**LITERATURE (3 credits)**

See AA/AB/AS policy p. 45 for courses

**ANALYTICAL REASONING (3 credits)**

See AA/AB/AS policy p. 45 for courses

**NATURAL SCIENCE (6-7 credits)**

(Two courses from the following, one must include a lab): ANTH 102; AST; BIOL 101 or above; CHEM 105 or above; ENV; GEOG 103, 104, 117; GEOL; PHYS

**HUMANITIES (6 credits)**

COM 101; **and** one course from the following: HIST; International Languages 111 or above; or PHIL 101, 119, 129, 201, 202, 203; RST

**FINE ARTS (3 credits)**

See AA/AB/AS policy p. 46 for courses

**U.S. AND NEVADA CONSTITUTIONS (6 credits)**

HIST 101 **and** HIST 102; or HIST 101 **and** HIST 217; or HIST 111 **and** HIST 102; or HIST 111 **and** HIST 217

**VALUES AND DIVERSITY**

All students **MUST** fulfill this requirement. Course chosen may also be used to fulfill the corresponding general education or special program requirements. See page 46 for list of choices.

**SPECIAL PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS (24 CREDITS)****CORE REQUIREMENTS (3 credits)**

SOC 289 Applied Skills in Sociology 3

**Elective #1 (3 credits)**

SOC 101 Principles of Sociology 3

SOC 101H Principles of Sociology – Honors 3

SOC 102 Contemporary Social Issues 3

**Elective #2 (6-7 credits)**

*Please note: Students CANNOT complete both SOC 240 and 241 to satisfy this section of the degree.*

SOC 207 Introduction to Sociological Theory 3

SOC 210 Introduction to Statistical Methods 4

SOC 240 Social Science Research Methods 3

SOC 241 Introduction to Research Methods 3

**Elective #3 (choose 6-7 credits)**

*Choose from each group*

*Group 1*

SOC 205 Ethnic Groups in Contemporary Societies 3

SOC 207 Introduction to Sociological Theory 3

SOC 210 Introduction to Statistical Methods 4

SOC 222 Terrorism and Political Violence 4

SOC 225 Media and Society 3

SOC 240 Social Science Research Methods 3

SOC 241 Introduction to Research Methods 3

SOC 261 Introduction to Social Psychology 3

SOC 270 Introduction to Deviant Behavior 3

SOC 275 Introduction to Marriage and Family 3

SOC 276 Aging in Modern Society 3

SOC 295 Sociology of the Future 3

SOC 298 Selected Topics in Sociology 3

*Group 2*

COM 217; ENG 107, 205; JOUR 102; PHIL 102; SOC

**NOTE: SOC 207, 210, 240; and 241 may only be counted once.**

**SOCIAL SCIENCE ELECTIVES**

6  
(Six credits must be from two different disciplines):

ANTH (except 102); CRJ 104; ECON; PHIL 135, 205, 207, 216, 244, 245, 246; PSC; PSY; WMST 113

**See Degree Plan on next page.**

- NOTE**
- Course numbers with the “B” suffix may be non-transferable for a NSHE baccalaureate degree.
  - Course numbers with the “H” suffix are designated Honors-level courses and can be used to fulfill equivalent general education requirements. For more information visit [www.csn.edu/honors](http://www.csn.edu/honors).
  - In no case, may one course be used to meet more than one requirement except for the Values and Diversity general education requirement (only AA, AS, and AB degrees) which may be used to fulfill the corresponding general education or emphasis requirement.
  - Students may elect to graduate using the degree requirements in effect at the time of matriculation, or when they declared or changed major or the current catalog. If a program is official after a student has matriculated, the student may choose the degree requirements of the new program. In no case may a student use a catalog which is more than six years old at the time of graduation.



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**FULL-TIME STUDENT DEGREE PLAN***Plan can be modified to fit the needs of part-time students by adding more semesters.*

| <b>FIRST SEMESTER</b>   | <b>Credits</b> |
|---|----------------|
| ENG 100 or 101 or 113   | 3-5            |
| COM 101 Oral Communication                                    | 3              |
| Complete Mathematics (see courses previous page)              | 3              |
| Complete Natural Science (No Lab – see courses previous page) | 3              |
| Complete Elective #1 (see courses previous page)              | 3              |
| <b>TOTAL CREDITS</b> .....                                    | <b>15-17</b>   |

| <b>SECOND SEMESTER</b>  | <b>Credits</b> |
|---|----------------|
| ENG 102 or 114  | 3              |
| Complete Humanities <sup>1</sup> (see courses previous page)    | 3              |
| Complete Natural Science (With Lab – see courses previous page) | 3-4            |
| Complete AA/AS/AB Fine Arts p. 46                               | 3              |
| Complete Elective #2 (see courses previous page)                | 3-4            |
| <b>TOTAL CREDITS</b> .....                                      | <b>15-17</b>   |

| <b>THIRD SEMESTER</b>                            | <b>Credits</b> |
|--|----------------|
| Complete AA/AB/AS Literature p. 45               | 3              |
| Complete AA/AB/AS Analytical Reasoning p. 45     | 3              |
| HIST 101 or HIST 111                             | 3              |
| Complete Elective #2 (see courses previous page) | 3-4            |
| Complete Elective #3 (see courses previous page) | 3-4            |
| <b>TOTAL CREDITS</b> .....                       | <b>15-17</b>   |

| <b>FOURTH SEMESTER</b>  | <b>Credits</b> |
|---|----------------|
| HIST 102 or HIST 217  | 3              |
| Complete Social Science Electives (see courses previous page) | 6              |
| Complete Elective #3 (see courses previous page)              | 3-4            |
| SOC 289 Applied Skills in Sociology                           | 3              |
| <b>TOTAL CREDITS</b> .....                                    | <b>15-16</b>   |

**DEGREE PLAN TOTAL CREDITS**..... **60-67**

<sup>1</sup>Under the “Humanities” heading on the General Education Requirements side, select from the choices that follow the sentence fragment “COM 101 and...”

