
SOCIOLOGY

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department

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.
- Contrast the strengths and limitations of various social research methods.

Degrees and Certificates

Course Number	Course Title	Units
FRNC050B	Basic French Conversation and Culture	3 units
FRNC051A	Intermediate French Conversation and Culture	3 units
FRNC051B	Intermediate French Conversation and Culture	3 units
GEOG002	Introduction to Cultural Geography	3 units
GERM001A	Beginning German	5 units
GERM001B	Beginning German	5 units
ITAL001A	Beginning Italian	5 units
ITAL001B	Beginning Italian	5 units
ITAL002A	Intermediate Italian	5 units
ITAL002B	Intermediate Italian	5 units
ITAL050A	Basic Italian Conversation and Culture	3 units
ITAL050B	Basic Italian Conversation and Culture	3 units
ITAL051A	Intermediate Italian Conversation and Culture	3 units
ITAL051B	Intermediate Italian Conversation and Culture	3 units
JNS001A	Beginning Japanese	5 units
JNS001B	Beginning Japanese	5 units
MATH010	Elementary Statistics	4 units
MATH010H	Honors Elementary Statistics	4 units
PSYC001	General Psychology	3 units
PSYC001H	Honors General Psychology	3 units
SPAN001A	Beginning Spanish	5 units
SPAN001B	Beginning Spanish	5 units
SPAN002A	Intermediate Spanish	5 units
SPAN002B	Intermediate Spanish	5 units
SPAN003A	Advanced Spanish Oral and Written Composition	5 units
SPAN003B	Advanced Spanish Oral and Written Composition	5 units
SPAN050A	Basic Spanish Conversation and Culture I	3 units
SPAN050B	Basic Spanish Conversation and Culture II	3 units
SPAN051A	Intermediate Spanish Conversation and Culture I	3 units
SPAN051B	Intermediate Spanish Conversation and Culture II	3 units
SPAN070A	Spanish for Medical Professionals - Beginners	3 units
SPAN070B	Spanish for Medical Professionals - Intermediate	3 units

Total Major Units: 21-23 units

To be awarded an Associate Degree, a student must:

1. Achieve a grade of "C" or better in the major requirements.
2. Completion of WVC, CSU-Breadth, or IGETC General Education patterns. Students whose goal is to obtain a bachelor's degree should complete the CSU-Breadth or IGETC General Education pattern.
3. Complete additional degree applicable units to meet the minimum 60-unit Associate Degree requirements.