General Education Social and Behavioral Science Electives

Through the study of the social and behavioral sciences students acquire knowledge of the multiple causes and consequences of human activity. Central to this area of knowledge is a focus on the interaction of sociocultural and individual factors for understanding human thought, communication, and action.

Criteria:

Courses in the social and behavioral sciences will:

- Examine human thought and action—humans both as individuals and in various kinds of collectives;
- Provide explanation and description of research studies that test, develop, or support social and behavioral theories;
- Challenge students to think critically about the perspective of their discipline on individual and/or social behaviors, and
- Engage students in activities that apply knowledge and demonstrate understanding and synthesis of course content.

Student Learning Outcomes

As a result of their work in social and behavioral science courses students will:

- Know basic theoretical frameworks within the particular field of study or discipline;
- Explain social science research processes and the primary research methods of the field, and
- Apply theory and/or data to analyze individual behavior or social phenomena and to think critically about discipline-relevant issues.

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