Northern Virginia Community College 2007-2008 Catalog

SOCIAL SCIENCES

Associate of Science Degree

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Purpose: The Associate of Science degree in Social Sciences is designed for persons who plan to transfer to a four-year college or university to complete a Bachelor of Science Degree (B.S.) in one of the social sciences. It also prepares students for some teacher certification programs. Students from the AS degree program major in a wide variety of fields, including: Anthropology, Economics, Government/Political Science, History, Mass Communications, Pre-law, Psychology, Public Administration, Social Work, and Sociology.

Transfer Information: This program provides transfer paths that include the general education courses and introductory major courses that students typically take during the first two years at a four year college or university when they are majoring in a social science. Because senior institutions differ in their requirements, students are strongly urged to work with their assigned advisor or a counselor and to acquaint themselves with the requirements of the major department in the college or university to which they plan to transfer. The responsibility for proper course selection rests with the student.

* Graduation requirements are certified by a faculty advisor at a campus offering this major.

Two Years		Credits
1st Semester		
ENG	111 College Composition I	3
¹ HIS	Elective	3
2 MTH	151 Math for the Liberal Arts I	
	or higher level MTH	3
3	Natural Science/Lab Elective	4
⁴ PED	116 Lifetime Fitness & Wellness	1
SDV	Elective	<u>1</u>
22 .	Total	15
2nd Semester		
⁵ ENG	112 College Composition II	3
6	Social Science Elective	3
2	152 Math for the Liberal Arts II	
	or higher level MTH	3
3	Natural Science/Lab elective	4
ITE	115 Intro to Computer Applications & Concepts	3
	Total	4 <u>3</u> 16
3rd Semester		
7	Humanities/Fine Arts Elective	3
⁴ PED/RPK	Elective	1
⁸ SOC	Elective	3
SPD	110 Introduction to Speech Communication or	
	SPD 126 Interpersonal Communication or	
	SPD 229 Intercultural Communication	3
6	Social Science Electives	<u>6</u>
	Total	<u>-</u> 16
4th Semester		
7	Humanities/Fine Arts Elective	3
9	General Education Elective	
6	Social Science Electives	9 <u>3</u>
	Total	15

Total credits for the A.S. Degree in Social Sciences = 62

¹HIS 101 or 102 are recommended to meet the Western Civilization requirement at many universities.

² Many universities require MTH 151 or higher while others require MTH 163 or 166 or higher, often including a

statistics course for majors in the social sciences. It is therefore important that students confer with a counselor to determine the appropriate mathematics courses for their intended transfer university.

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³ The science elective may be selected from biology, chemistry, physics, geology, or natural science courses with a lab component, listed on pages 54-55. Some four-year colleges require a two-semester sequence.

⁴ The PED requirement may be met by one of the following options: PED 116, 2 cr.; PED 116, 1 cr. plus a PED activities course, 1 cr.; or PED 116, 1 cr. plus RPK 205, 216, 225. PED 116 is offered as both a 1-credit and a 2-credit course.

⁵ ENG 125 may be substituted with the advice of a counselor or faculty advisor according to requirements of transfer institutions.

⁶The social science elective may be selected from the following: economics, geography, history, political science, psychology, or sociology (Includes anthropology). To meet requirements at many universities, students should enroll in at least one U.S. History course and one Western Civilization course. Students should consult with a counselor to determine the appropriate social science courses for their intended transfer university.

⁷ The humanities/fine arts elective may be chosen from the list on page 54. Electives should be selected with advice of a counselor or faculty advisor to meet requirements of the transfer institution.

⁸ SOC 201, 202, 211 or 212 are recommended to meet the Sociology requirement at many universities.

⁹ General Education electives may be met by one of the courses listed on page 54 of the catalog.