

## Northern Virginia Community College 2008-2009 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.

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

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

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

<sup>2</sup> 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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<sup>3</sup>The science elective may be selected from biology, chemistry, physics, geology, or natural science courses with a lab component, listed under General Education Electives. Some four-year colleges require a two-semester sequence.

<sup>4</sup>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 activities course. PED 116 is offered as both a 1-credit and a 2-credit course.

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

<sup>6</sup>The social science elective may be selected from the social/behavioral sciences courses listed under General Education Electives. 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.

<sup>7</sup>Humanities/fine arts elective may be selected from the humanities/fine arts courses listed under General Education Electives. Electives should be selected with advice of a counselor or faculty advisor to meet requirements of the transfer institution.

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

<sup>9</sup>General Education Electives may be met by one of the courses listed under General Education Electives.