

Degree in Social Science Transfer

Program Details

Do you want to understand how people think, how societies change, and how the world works? The Associate in Arts in Social Science Transfer program is designed to help you explore those big questions — while preparing you to continue your studies at a four-year university.

The Social Science Transfer Degree program has a threefold mission:

- To advance and disseminate knowledge concerning the nature, scope, and processes of the social sciences.
- To provide students with a rigorous foundation in the fundamental concepts, theories, and methodological skills necessary for advanced study in the social sciences.
- To cultivate the competencies and intellectual preparation required for successful transfer to four-year institutions and for entry into professional careers in related fields.

Graduates earn an Associate in Arts degree.

Program Outcomes

To fulfill its mission, the Social Science program has five outcome goals. Students graduating with an A.A. degree in Social Science will:

1. Understand and compare the key sociological theories, major concepts and mechanisms, which explain human thought and social behavior.
2. Engage in critical thinking to review empirical studies of the social sciences and apply the scientific method as a primary basis for engaging in critical thinking.
3. Evaluate ethical standards in social science theory and practice.
4. Create oral and written communications using the technical language of the social sciences.
5. Describe the impact of society and culture on human diversity from a social science perspective.

Academic Map

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A minimum of 20 classes and 62 credits is required. A minimum of 16 Credits at Massasoit. Note: A maximum of four 200-level PSYC courses may be used to satisfy program requirements. Note: A maximum of four 200-level SOCI courses may be used to satisfy program requirements. Note: Each course completed and passed can only fulfill one program requirement. The same course cannot be used to satisfy multiple program requirements.

Semester 1

3 Credits in either ANTH 101, ECON 201, or GEOG 201
(Intro to Anthropology, Principles of Economics I, or Human Geography)
3 Credits in SOCI 104
Principles of Sociology
3 Credits in ENGL 101
English Composition I
3 Credits in either SPCH 105, SPCH 107, or SPCH 121
(Speech Communication, Oral Interpretation, or Argumentation and Debate)
3 Credits in History elective

Semester 2

3 Credits in PSYC 101
General Psychology
3 Credits in ENGL 102
English Composition II
3 Credits in History elective
3 Credits in either Humanities or Modern Language elective
3 Credits in Social Science elective

Semester 3

3 Credits in Math elective - Introduction to Statistics or higher
3 Credits in Psychology elective
3 Credits in Sociology elective
3 Credits in Literature elective
4 Credits in Lab Science elective

Semester 4

3 Credits in Humanities or Modern Language elective
4 Credits in Lab Science elective
3 Credits in Social Science elective
3 Credits in General elective
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This academic map is a suggested semester-by-semester guide to keep you on a clear path to program completion. Please note that some classes are offered only in certain semesters, have prerequisites, or minimum passing grades. Winter and/or Summer Session classes may be available for some classes. Your [academic advisor](#) will provide you with clear direction needed to stay on course and discuss scheduling options with you. Taking courses not reflected on this map may result in courses not counting toward the completion of your requirements.