



## **Social Sciences G.A.**

Career Community: Social Sciences

Curriculum Code: 1842

Effective: Fall 2025 – Summer 2030

### **Purpose of Major:**

This degree is designed for students wishing to work in a field related to Social Sciences, including Public Health Administration. Pathways included in this Career Community are Anthropology, Political Science, Psychology, and Sociology. This degree includes a set of courses common to all majors within the Career Community and the majority of transfer institutions. Students beginning college in this degree program are encouraged to work with academic and program advisors throughout their first few semesters of study to determine their specific major area and transfer institution.

Not all courses in this pathway transfer to all colleges. Students who wish to transfer to a four-year institution should select coursework indicated for that institution.

### **Milestones**

In addition to the required General Education courses in English and Mathematics, completion of ANTH 270, POLS 120, PSYC 200, and/or SOCL 120 with a 2.0 or higher is a key component for success in completing this program. Knowledge obtained in these courses is the foundation for learning in other required courses. Students are encouraged to contact their faculty if they need additional assistance with learning the concepts presented in these courses.

### **Additional Information**

A student must earn a minimum grade of 2.0 in all courses.

### **Contact Information**

For further information, including career options, course substitutions and waivers, etc., contact the Social Science and Humanities Department, Arts and Sciences Building, Room 2203, telephone number 517-483-1061 or the Academic Advising Department, Gannon Building – Star Zone, telephone number 517-483-1904.

**Social Sciences Career Community Courses** – *These courses are required for all Social Sciences programs (Anthropology, Political Science, Psychology, and Sociology). They should be taken before other Program Required or Limited Choice Courses. Some courses meet General Education requirements for Michigan Transfer Agreement (MTA). A minimum of 2.0 is required to meet LCC degree requirements for General Education courses and for all courses to transfer to other colleges (some colleges, and some programs within colleges, require a higher grade in a course)*

Course Code	Course Title	Credit / Billing Hours
ACAD 100	First-Year Experience	1 / 1

Course Code	Course Title	Credit / Billing Hours
COMM 120 or	Dynamics of Communication	3 / 3
COMM 130 or	Fundamentals Public Speaking	3 / 3
COMM 200 or	Small Group Communication	3 / 3
COMM 240 or	Interpersonal Communication	3 / 3
COMM 260 or	Nonverbal Communication	3 / 3
ENGL 122 or	Composition II	4 / 4
ENGL 132	Honors Composition II	4 / 4
ENGL 121 or	Composition I	4 / 4
ENGL 131	Honors Composition I	4 / 4
MATH 120 or	College Algebra	4 / 4
STAT 170	Introduction to Statistics	4 / 4

Notes:

ACAD 100 may be waived when students meet one of the following College-approved waiver criteria:

- Completion of 12 college-level credits with minimum grades of 2.0 shown on the LCC transcript (including transfer, if applicable), or
- Employment in the field of, or a field related to, the degree being sought, or
- For Health Careers students, successful completion of CHSE 100.

Students wishing to waive ACAD 100 should contact their advisor.

For future transfer to:

- Central Michigan University choose ENGL 122 and STAT 170.
- Eastern Michigan University choose ENGL 122.
- Grand Valley State University (Political Science BS) choose COMM 130 and STAT 170.
- Grand Valley State University (International Relations BA) choose COMM 130 and MATH 120.
- Michigan State University choose COMM 130 and MATH 120.
- University of Michigan Ann Arbor choose ENGL 122 and MATH 120.
- University of Michigan Flint choose ENGL 122 and MATH 120.
- Western Michigan University choose ENGL 122 and STAT 170.

**Social Sciences Career Community Courses, Limited Choices** – *Choose two courses as noted below.*

Course Code	Course Title	Credit / Billing Hours
ANTH 270	Cultural Anthropology	3 / 3
POLS 120	American Political System	4 / 4
PSYC 200	Introduction to Psychology	4 / 4
SOCL 120	Introduction to Sociology	4 / 4

Notes:

- Anthropology majors choose ANTH 270, and one other course from the list above.
- Political Science majors choose POLS 120, and any other course above.
- Psychology majors choose PSYC 200, and any other course above.
- Students considering transfer into a Public Health Administration or Social Work major choose SOCL 120, and any other course above.
- Sociology majors choose SOCL 120, and any other course above.

**Major Required Courses, Limited Choice – Natural Sciences Lab or Applied Sciences and Technology Lab – *Select one lab course.***

Course Code	Course Title	Credit / Billing Hours
ANTH 275	Biological Anthropology	4 / 4
ANTH 280	Forensic Anthropology	3 / 3
ASTR 201	Introductory Astronomy	4 / 5
BIOL 120	Environmental Science	4 / 6
BIOL 121	Biol Foundation for Physiology	4 / 6
BIOL 125	Intro Biology for Non-Majors	4 / 6
BIOL 127	Cell Biology	4 / 6
BIOL 128	Organismal Biology	4 / 6
BIOL 145	Intro Anatomy and Physiology	4 / 6
BIOL 201	Human Anatomy	4 / 6
BIOL 202	Human Physiology	4 / 5
BIOL 203 and BIOL 204	Microbiology Microbiology Laboratory	3 / 3 1 / 3
BIOL 210	Natural Resource Conservation	4 / 6
BIOL 260	Botany	4 / 6
BIOL 265	Zoology	4 / 6
CHEM 135	Chemistry in Society	4 / 5
CHEM 151 and CHEM 161	General Chemistry Lecture I General Chemistry Lab I	4 / 4 1 / 3
CHEM 152 and CHEM 162	General Chemistry Lecture II General Chemistry Lab II	3 / 3 1 / 3
CHEM 182 and CHEM 192	Introductory Organic Chemistry Intro Organic Chem Lab	3 / 3 1 / 3
CHEM 262	Quantitative Analysis	3 / 6
CHEM 272	Organic Chemistry Laboratory	2 / 6
GEOG 206	Physical Geography	4 / 4
GEOG 220	Weather, Forecasting & Climate	4 / 4
GEOL 221	Physical Geology	4 / 6
GEOL 222	Historical Geology	4 / 6
GEOL 230	Environmental Geology	4 / 6
ISCI 121	Physical Science Concepts	4 / 6

Course Code	Course Title	Credit / Billing Hours
ISCI 131	Integrated Physical Science	4 / 6
PFHW 123	Human Nutrition	3 / 3
PHYS 120	The Art of Physics	4 / 5
PHYS 200	Intro to Applied Physics	4 / 5
PHYS 221	Introductory Physics I	4 / 6
PHYS 222	Introductory Physics II	4 / 6
PHYS 251	Physics I with Calculus	5 / 7
PHYS 252	Physics II with Calculus	5 / 7

**Major Required Courses, Limited Choices** – *Select 34 credits. To satisfy MTA, select two Humanities and Fine Arts courses from two different disciplines, not to include more than one foreign language course, and a second Natural Science course from a different discipline than the one selected for the Natural Sciences or Applied Sciences and Technology Lab.*

Course Code	Course Title	Credit / Billing Hours
ANTH 120	Introduction to Anthropology	3 / 3
ANTH 271	Medical Anthropology	3 / 3
ANTH 272	Food and Sustainability	3 / 3
ANTH 275	Biological Anthropology	4 / 4
ANTH 276	Introduction to Archaeology	3 / 3
ANTH 280	Forensic Anthropology	3 / 3
ANTH 300	Applied Field Survey Methods	4-8 / 4-8
ARTH 120 or ARTH 211 or ARTH 212 or ARTH 216	Masterpieces of Art & Music	4 / 4
	Art History to the Renaissance	4 / 4
	Art Hist from the Renaissance	4 / 4
	Contemporary Art	4 / 4
BIOL 120	Environmental Science	4 / 6
BIOL 121	Biol Foundation for Physiology	4 / 6
BIOL 125	Intro Biology for Non-Majors	4 / 6
CHEM 135	Chemistry in Society	4 / 5
CHEM 151 and CHEM 161	General Chemistry Lecture I	4 / 4
	General Chemistry Lab I	1 / 3
COMM 280	Intercultural Communication	3 / 3
ECON 201	Principles of Economics-Micro	4 / 4
ECON 202	Principles of Economics-Macro	4 / 4
ENGL 122 or ENGL 132	Composition II	4 / 4
	Honors Composition II	4 / 4
ENGL 200 or ENGL 208 or ENGL 211 or ENGL 212 or ENGL 220 or ENGL 255 or	Introduction to Literature	3 / 3
	Children's Literature	4 / 4
	World Literature I	4 / 4
	World Literature II	4 / 4
	Science Fiction	4 / 4
	American Lit to 1865	4 / 4

Course Code	Course Title	Credit / Billing Hours
ENGL 256 or ENGL 260 or ENGL 266 or ENGL 267 or ENGL 270 or ENGL 290	American Lit 1865 to Present African-American Literature British Lit to 1800 British Lit 1800 to Present Gender and Literature Shakespeare	4 / 4 4 / 4 4 / 4 4 / 4 4 / 4 4 / 4
GEOG 120	Introduction to Geography	3 / 3
GEOG 200	World Regional Geography	4 / 4
GEOG 202	Geography of North America	3 / 3
GEOG 206	Physical Geography	4 / 4
GEOL 222	Historical Geology	4 / 6
GRMN 121 or JAPN 121 or SPAN 121	Elementary German I Elementary Japanese I Elementary Spanish I	4 / 4 4 / 4 4 / 4
JAPN 122 or SPAN 122	Elementary Japanese II Elementary Spanish II	4 / 4 4 / 4
HIST 150 or HIST 211 or HIST 212 or HIST 214 or HIST 215 or HIST 216 or HIST 220 or HIST 235 or HIST 240 or HIST 250	African-American History U.S. History to 1877 U.S. History: 1877 to Present African History World History to 1500 World History since 1500 Michigan History Modern European History Latin American History History of Modern Asia	4 / 4 4 / 4 4 / 4 4 / 4 4 / 4 4 / 4 4 / 4 4 / 4 4 / 4 4 / 4
HONR 151	Honors Colloquy I	1 / 1
HONR 152	Honors Colloquy II	1 / 1
HONR 155	Community Service Practicum I	1 / 1
HONR 156	Community Service Practicum II	1 / 1
HUMS 140 or HUMS 160 or HUMS 215 or HUMS 223 or HUMS 224	Art of Being Human Mythology American Cultural Experience The Western World to 1500 The Western World since 1500	4 / 4 4 / 4 4 / 4 4 / 4 4 / 4
PFHW 123	Human Nutrition	3 / 3
PHIL 101 or PHIL 151 or PHIL 152 or PHIL 211 or PHIL 212 or PHIL 215	Introduction to Philosophy Intro to Logic & Critical Think Introduction to Ethics Philosophy: Ancient & Medieval Philosophy: Modern & Contemporary Philosophy of Religion	3 / 3 4 / 4 4 / 4 4 / 4 4 / 4 3 / 3
PHYS 120	The Art of Physics	4 / 5

Course Code	Course Title	Credit / Billing Hours
POLS 121	State and Local Government	4 / 4
POLS 201	Intro to Political Science	3 / 3
POLS 205	Political Science Internship	3 / 3
POLS 240	Introduction to Public Policy	3 / 3
POLS 250	Campaigns & Elections	3 / 3
POLS 260	Comparative Political Systems	3 / 3
POLS 270	International Relations	3 / 3
PSYC 175	Psyc of Death: Prep for Living	3 / 3
PSYC 202	Psychology of Personality	3 / 3
PSYC 203	Social Psychology	3 / 3
PSYC 205	Human Growth and Development	3 / 3
PSYC 209	Cognitive Psychology	3 / 3
PSYC 210	Brain and Behavior	3 / 3
PSYC 221	Child Psychology	3 / 3
PSYC 222	Adolescent Psychology	3 / 3
PSYC 240	Psychology of Human Sexuality	3 / 3
PSYC 250	Abnormal Psychology	3 / 3
RELG 150 or RELG 210 or RELG 230 or RELG 232	Intro to World Religions Comparative Religions Introduction to Christianity Introduction to Islam	4 / 4 3 / 3 3 / 3 3 / 3
SOCL 254	Marriage and Family	3 / 3
SOCL 255	Contemporary Social Problems	3 / 3
SOCL 260	Race and Ethnicity	3 / 3
STAT 170	Introduction to Statistics	4 / 4
STAT 215	Intro to Probability and Stats	4 / 4

### General Education – Applied Degrees

- English Composition or Applied English  
Social Sciences Career Community Courses meet this requirement.
- English Composition (second course)/Communication or Applied Communication  
Social Sciences Career Community Courses meet this requirement.
- Humanities and Fine Arts or Social Sciences or Applied Social Sciences  
Social Sciences Career Community Courses meet this requirement.
- Mathematics or Applied Mathematics  
Social Sciences Career Community Courses meet this requirement.
- Natural Sciences Lab or Applied Sciences and Technology Lab  
Major Required Limited Choice Courses meet this requirement.

### **Additional Credits**

After completing the course and credit requirements as noted on this pathway, students who fall short of the 60-credit minimum required for an Associate Degree may select any course(s)

needed to reach 60 credits, except those courses noted in number 7 in the [Institutional Requirements for Associate Degrees](#). Students are encouraged to use Degree Works and meet with an Advisor to ensure all requirements are met and for course recommendations.

## Minimum Total Credit Hours

60 credits / 60 billing hours

## Recommended Course Sequence

Semester I
ACAD 100
ENGL 121 or ENGL 131
Social Sciences Career Community, Limited Choice, 2 courses
Limited Choice Courses for students completing the Social Sciences GA

Semester II
COMM 120 or COMM 130 or COMM 200 or COMM 240 or COMM 260 or ENGL 122 or ENGL 132
MATH 120 or STAT 170
Limited Choice - Natural Sciences or Applied Sciences and Technology Lab
Limited Choice Courses for students completing the Social Sciences GA

Semester III
Students who have decided on an academic program within the Social Sciences Career Community should select that program through the Change of Program Request form and follow the coursework outlined for the associated pathway
Limited Choice Courses for students completing the Social Sciences GA

Semester IV
Limited Choice Courses for students completing the Social Sciences GA

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