

## Social Sciences Curriculum Review: Spring 2014

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**Mission:** The mission of the Social Sciences Department (SSD) at Berkeley City College (BCC) is aligned with the larger College mission: to promote student success, provide educational opportunities and to transform lives. The Social Sciences Department (SSD) offers transfer level courses in multiple disciplines and these courses are structured to develop the skills needed to critically read college level social science scholarship, introduce students to the methodologies of the social sciences and to understand their own and others' lives in the context of social histories. Our courses and instructional goals reflect the values of BCC as a whole: academic excellence, commitment to multiculturalism and preparation for citizenship in a diverse and complex society.

**Programs:** The BCC SSD offers the following degrees:

- 1) Liberal Arts with an Emphasis in Social and Behavioral Sciences A.A. degree; → no A ↑
- 2) Sociology AA-T;
- 3) Psychology AA-T;
- 4) Political Science AA-T;
- 5) History AA-T;
- 6) Anthropology A.A. degree (note- the proposed Anthropology AA-T was just approved at the BCC Curriculum Committee in April 2014 and is awaiting approval at CIPD). ✓ Done

### Functions of the Program:

The SSD plays a critical role in students fulfilling their general education requirements, mentoring social sciences majors in transfer and ADT completion, and providing support for college-wide programs and learning communities.

The SSD at BCC offers courses that meet general education components for degree completion and transfer: IGETC (area 4, 3, and 5), CSU-GE (area B-2, C-2, D), UC-TCA (biological sciences, social and behavioral sciences). Outside of GE requirements and the degrees listed above, courses in the Social Sciences are embedded as requirements in the following degrees: Business Administration AA, Elementary Teacher Education AA-T, English Language/Writing AA, Global Studies AA, Liberal Arts with an Emphasis in Arts and Humanities, Community and Public Services AA, Social Services Paraprofessional AA. Outside of GE requirements, courses in the Social Sciences are embedded as requirements in the following certificates: Community and Public Services Certificate, Social Services Paraprofessional Certificate

### Individual Program Outcomes:

#### Liberal Arts with an Emphasis in Social and Behavioral Sciences Associate in Arts degree:

(under construction – will be finalized on 5/2/14 at SSD Retreat)

- 1) Identify social problems and use discipline-appropriate evidence and sound reasoning to propose solutions to those problems (BCC ILO: Critical Thinking)
- 2) Analyze the consequences of social actions and their impact on society and one's self (BCC ILO: Ethics and Personal Responsibility)
- 3) Identify and explain diverse customs, beliefs and lifestyles, as well as cultural, historical and geographical issues that shape perceptions (BCC ILO: Global Awareness and Valuing Diversity)

#### Anthropology A.A. (& future AA-T):

- 1) Explain core concepts of Anthropology including: biological, archaeological, and social cultural subfields (BCC ILO: Informational Competency, Critical Thinking, Global Awareness)
- 2) Demonstrate skills in the scientific methods used by contemporary anthropologists (BCC ILO: Informational Competency, Critical Thinking)
- 3) Describe an appreciation for the biological, historical, and cultural diversity of our world. (BCC ILO: Ethics and Personal Responsibility, Informational Competency, Global Awareness/Valuing Diversity)

by emphasizing quality instruction and sound curriculum that will expose students to contemporary theories, research methods, and skills used by anthropologists.

**Currently Scheduled Anthropology Classes:**

Anthropology 1: Introduction to Physical Anthropology  
 Anthropology 1L: Physical Anthropology Lab  
 Anthropology 2: Introduction to Archaeology and Prehistory  
 Anthropology 3: Introduction to Social and Cultural Anthropology  
 Anthropology 13: Urban Anthropology  
 Anthropology 18: Introduction to Anthropological Linguistics  
 Anthropology 55: Native American Cultures  
 Newly Articulated Classes:  
 None

**Anthropology Classes to Deactivate:**

Anthropology 7: Magic, Religion and Witchcraft  
 Anthropology 15: Male and Female: Anthropological Perspectives

**Proposed Anthropology Classes (in the Next Two Years)**

The Anthropology discipline will propose a forensic anthropology class

**Ethnic Studies** (Ethnic Studies, African American Studies, Asian American Studies, and Mexican and Latin-American Studies) In addition to the mission of the Social Sciences Department, the mission of the Ethnic Studies discipline at BCC is to provide students with a critical, comparative and interdisciplinary study of the histories, communities, cultures and contemporary issues of racial and ethnic groups in the United States.

**Currently Scheduled Ethnic Studies Classes:**

Ethnic Studies 1: Introduction to Ethnic Studies  
 Mexican and Latin-American Studies 30A/30B: Survey of Latin-American Films

**Newly Articulated Classes:** None

**Ethnic Studies Classes to Deactivate:**

African American Studies 1: Introduction to African American Studies  
 African American Studies 33: The Roots of African American Culture  
 Asian American Studies 30: Asian and Asian-Americans through Film  
 Asian American Studies 45B: Asian American History from 1945 to the Present

**Ethnic Studies Classes to Propose (in the Next Two Years):** To be decided.

The Ethnic Studies program will be undergoing a massive review with the arrival of our new full time Ethnic Studies instructor

**History:** In addition to the mission of the SSD, the mission of the History discipline at BCC is for students to think critically and deeply about the historical processes that have shaped the world we live in.

**Currently Scheduled History Classes:**

History 1: American Indian History and Culture  
 History 2A: History of European Civilization  
 History 2B: History of European Civilization  
 History 3A: World History to 1500  
 History 3B: World History: 1500 - Present  
 History 7A: History of the United States to 1877  
 History 7B: History of the United States to 1865  
 History 8B: History of Latin-American Civilization  
 History 10B: History of Africa Since 1750

relationship of behavior to physiology; and the nature of psychological disorders and how psychologists use their knowledge to help improve the quality of people's lives.

**Currently Scheduled Psychology Classes:**

- Psychology 1A: Introduction to General Psychology
- Psychology 6: Social Psychology
- Psychology 7A: Psychology of Childhood
- Psychology 10: Psychology and Life: Basic Principles
- Psychology 21: Lifespan Human Development
- Psychology 28: Introduction to Research Methods in Psychology
- Psychology 30: Psychology of Men and Women

**Newly Psychology Articulated Classes:** None

**Psychology Classes to Deactivate:** None

**Psychology Classes to Propose in the Next Two Years:**

- A "Biological Psychology";
- A "Psychology of Sex and Gender" class to replace Psychology 30.

**Social Science:** In addition to the mission of the SSD, the mission of the Social Science discipline at BCC is to provide students with a broad perspective on human behavior and stimulate an appreciation for, and understanding of, values, ideas, and artifacts of culture and society.

**Currently Scheduled Social Science Classes:**

- Social Science 1: Introduction to Women's Studies
- Social Science 2: Introduction to Diversity Issues
- Social Science 3: Comparative Social Movements Since the 1960s

**Newly Articulated Social Science Classes:** None

**Social Science Classes to Deactivate:**

Social Science 101: Introduction to Social Services\* (\*This class is being changed to an HUSV offering).

**Social Science Classes to Propose in the Next Two Years:** To be decided.

The incoming Ethnic Studies instructor may propose social science classes as cross listed with new Ethnic Studies classes. We are hoping to model our Ethnic Studies classes on the American Cultures requirement classes at UCB.

**Sociology:** In addition to the mission of the SSD, the mission of the Sociology discipline at BCC is to prepare students planning to transfer into the sociology major by providing a course of study in sociology that examines the systematic study of human social institutions and social relationships. Students pursuing the sociology major will study the role of social theory, sociological research methods, social organization and structure, social stratification and hierarchies, dynamics of social change, family structures, social deviance and control, and applications to the study of specific social groups, social institutions, and social problems.

**Currently Scheduled Sociology Classes:**

- Sociology 1: Introduction to Sociology
- Sociology 2: Social Problems
- Sociology 3\*: Sociology of Women
- \*see deactivation note
- Sociology 5: Minority Groups