GE SOCIAL SCIENCE OUTCOMES

General Education Area D: Social Science

Courses in this area acquaint you with basic principles, methodologies, theoretical problems, and applications in those sciences whose field of study is human behavior in its social environment.

D1-3 Basic Requirements (12 units)
Criteria: Courses fulfilling the Basic Social Science requirements present the fundamental principles and methods of inquiry that are grounded in social science disciplines. Students must take courses from three different departments.

1. Demonstrate, orally and in writing, recognition of the application of disciplinary concepts derived from at least three social or behavioral sciences in the study of human behavior, individually and in society.
   a. State at least two standard or basic theories and models
   b. Define key disciplinary terms
   c. Identify professional applications of disciplinary concepts

2. Demonstrate, orally and in writing, recognition of the inquiry methods used by at least one of the social or behavioral science disciplines.
   a. Identify key research issues
   b. Describe how hypotheses or research questions are formed
   c. List examples of data that are examined
   d. Describe how data are analyzed

3. Demonstrate, orally and in writing, the ability to describe how human diversity and the diversity of human societies influence our understanding of human behavior, individually and in societies, both local and global.

4. Demonstrate, orally and in writing, some knowledge of the political, social, and/or economic institutions of a country other than the United States.

5. Demonstrate, orally and in writing, the ability to describe major positions and contrasting arguments made on one or more significant contemporary issue area confronting US society as applied to human behavior. (Possible areas include: biomedical and health issues, class, crime, discrimination, education, energy, environment, gender, global economy, immigration, military intervention abroad, poverty, race, technology.)
Upper Division Social Science
GE Learning Outcomes

Over-all Goal: Courses meeting this requirement must apply the research findings of the social sciences to significant contemporary problems and emphasize advanced writing and information literacy skills.

1. Demonstrate an understanding of and ability to accurately apply disciplinary concepts of the social or behavioral sciences to the study of human behavior, individually and in society:
   a. Explain and use at least two standard or basic theories and models
   b. Define and use key disciplinary terms
   c. Explain and critique professional applications of disciplinary concepts

2. Demonstrate an understanding of and the ability to effectively conduct or plan research using an inquiry method of the social or behavioral sciences:
   a. Identify key research issues and conduct an appropriate literature review
   b. Write research-based hypotheses or research questions
   c. Collect data or use existing data to address important social issues
   d. Analyze data or describe how data should be analyzed

3. Explain in writing, using examples, how human diversity and the diversity of human societies influence our understanding of individual and collective human behavior.

4. Develop advanced skills in oral and written argument in the social or behavioral sciences. (Possible areas include: biomedical and health issues, socio-economic class, crime, discrimination, education, energy, environment, gender, global economy, immigration, military intervention abroad, poverty, race, technology.)