

# SOCIAL SCIENCE (SSCI)

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## **SSCI1000 | Psychology of Human Behavior | Lecture (3 Credits)**

The course begins with the foundational concepts of psychology (cognitive, behavioral, and health) and underscores the importance of having an ethical framework from which to make behavioral choices. We'll identify the factors, behaviors, and personal traits that influence behavior and examine the personal, social, and professional contexts in which we solve problems and make decisions.

**General Education:** Social Sciences

## **SSCI2800 | Sustainable Communities | Lecture (3 Credits)**

Prioritizing the preservation of natural resources, promoting environmentally friendly practices, and fostering social cohesion are some of the key tenets of sustainable communities. In this course, you'll discover how sustainable communities can be developed to meet the needs of the current population, while also ensuring resources are available for future generations. Learn how walkable neighborhoods, efficient transportation, and green spaces play a critical role in the development and resilience of communities. By analyzing varying theories you'll gain an understanding of how these key elements work together, and how they relate to our interconnected world, including: neighborhoods, schools, and industry. Through the lens of real-world examples, you'll complete a final project focused on your future profession.

## **SSCI2900 | Smart Cities | Lecture (3 Credits)**

Technology often plays a big – and negative – role in dystopian movies, but the reality is actually much more positive. In this course, you will examine the “smart city” concept and its impact on our future. Course readings, videos, and podcasts will help you distinguish between the benefits and the risks of using technology to make cities smart. You will analyze real-life applications of the smart city concept. And through reflection and discussion, you will form a perspective on the best way to use technology to serve a population.