

SOCIAL SCIENCE (SSCI)

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

SSCI1100 | Introduction to Macro & Micro Economics | Lecture (3 Credits)

Fundamental economic issues and theories are explored through discussion and research. Current events, policy perspectives, and case studies are used to process and apply economics to everyday life.

General Education: Social Sciences

SSCI1200 | World Geography | Lecture (3 Credits)

Explore the world through the fascinating cultures, architecture, traditions, politics, people and urban settings of vastly different countries. Examine urban geography in terms of concentration, infrastructure, economy, and environmental impacts.

General Education: Social Sciences

SSCI2400 | Sociology of Positive Thinking | Lecture (3 Credits)

Explore the concepts of positive social interactions in your personal environment and their impact on meaningful relationships, individually and within the collective community.

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SSCI2500 | Essentials of Global Health | Lecture (3 Credits)

Explore a world of health systems with comparative analysis of regions. Topics include global well-being and the four blue zones of happiness, health challenges caused by geographical location and cultural influences, along with health systems solutions for these problems.

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SSCI2700 | Decoding Society Through Symbols & Color | Lecture (3 Credits)

Color and symbols can have a profound effect in not only conveying information, but also shaping moods and influencing decisions. In this course, students uncover society's hidden meanings of colors and symbols by analyzing their cultural, social, and psychological implications. Students integrate course concepts with a signature project in which color and symbols come alive in their future professions.

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.