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THE CAREER

Merriam-Webster defines social science as a discipline that "deals with the institutions and functioning of human society and with the interpersonal relationships of individuals as members of society." Career options in this field are wide and varied. They include archeology, demography, anthropology, social psychology, economics, international trade, foreign service, sociology, political science, criminology and law. ECC students who complete their associate degree in social science are prepared to enter an undergraduate major leading to training in these areas.

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

More specifically, social science positions include:

- ✓ Actuary
- ✓ Archeologist
- ✓ Bank Examiner
- ✓ Campaign Manager
- ✓ Cultural Anthropologist
- ✓ Cultural or Natural Resources Manager
- ✓ Demographic Analyst
- ✓ Financial Consultant, Analyst or Planner
- ✓ Foreign Service Officer
- ✓ Geographer
- ✓ Human Resources Professional
- ✓ Industrial Consultant
- ✓ International Research Specialist
- ✓ Labor Relations Specialist
- ✓ Local, State or National Politician
- ✓ Political Journalist, Researcher or Analyst
- ✓ Social Psychologist or Social Worker
- ✓ Social Science Educator
- ✓ Sociologist
- ✓ Statistician

THE PROGRAM

Students at East Central College who express an interest in a social science profession have several course options and electives available. Assuming appropriate placement scores, it is a two-year transfer degree, with flexibility to customize the program to the student's chosen career.

Social science consists of the 42-credit hour general education core plus the necessary electives in psychology, sociology, cultural ethics and anthropology. The academic program's strong humanities emphasis readies ECC graduates to complete a bachelor's degree in sociology, political science, geography, economics or other social science. In addition, the college provides various student activities, organizations and practicum experiences related to the discipline.

GENERAL EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS

East Central College requires each transfer student complete a 42 hour general education block. General education at ECC is organized around the institution's common learning objectives and coursework. A student is required to demonstrate skills in each of the following three areas:

- **Communicating (COM):** Improve written and oral communication skills; adapt and apply communication to academic and professional purposes, audiences and contexts; demonstrate the use of technology to analyze and communicate information; and use active listening and reading skills.
- **Creative/Critical Thinking (CTT):** Improve the application of relevant knowledge and theory to new ideas, positions or solutions; assess and analyze concepts and data; formulate meaningful questions; and interpret and evaluate evidence and arguments.
- **Ethics and Social Responsibility (ESR):** Develop cross cultural awareness and an understanding of global interconnectedness; apply multiple worldviews, analyze ethical choices and consequences; and understand the core values and accountability of citizenship in a democratic society.

PROFESSIONAL TRAITS

Those pursuing a career in this field should:

- ✓ Be objective, open-minded and sensitive to different cultures and social groups
- ✓ Demonstrate solid verbal, interpersonal and written communication skills
- ✓ Have intellectual creativity and curiosity
- ✓ Be efficient and thorough in their work
- ✓ Have strong analytical skills

ADMISSIONS REQUIREMENTS

Students must have completed:

- ✓ High school diploma or the equivalent (documentation must be sent to the registration office)
- ✓ Application for admission
- ✓ A placement test as specified by the college (some coursework requires minimum placement results)

TRANSFER OPTIONS

Many of the credits, particularly the general education electives earned with this degree, are accepted as transfer credits by four-year colleges and/or universities. Please note that transferring credit is decided by the bachelor degree-granting institution. Students seeking to transfer should communicate often with their faculty advisors and the East Central College transfer advisor. They should also make early contact with the four-year institution of their choice regarding the transferability of ECC credits and coursework.

SOCIAL SCIENCE

ASSOCIATE OF ARTS

PROGRAM OF STUDY

AA program (60 credit hours)

This program of study is for a full-time student; part-time study is also available. Please contact an academic advisor for full course options. All academic schedules are subject to change. For the most current schedule visit www.eastcentral.edu.

YEAR 1

FALL SEMESTER

COURSE	HOURS
FS 1000 Campus Orientation/ FS 1001 Foundation Seminar	1
EN 1223 English Comp I or EN 1233 Honors English Comp I	3
COM 1003 Oral Communications or COM 1103 Public Speaking	3
MT 1403 College Algebra	3
Creative and Critical Thinking Elective	3
Total Hours	13

SPRING SEMESTER

COURSE	HOURS
EN 1333/ EN 1343 English Comp II or Honors English Comp II	3
SC 1000 Laboratory Safety for Students	0
Life Science Requirement	3-5
Social Science Elective*	3
Communication Elective	3
Ethics and Social Responsibility Elective	3
Total Hours	15-17

YEAR 2

FALL SEMESTER

COURSE	HOURS
HI 1000/ PS 1000 Constitutions Study Module	0
History or Political Science Requirement	3
Social Science Elective*	3
Social Science Elective*	3
Ethics and Social Responsibility Elective: Global & Cross Cultural	3
Ethics and Social Responsibility Elective	3
Total Hours	15

SPRING SEMESTER

COURSE	HOURS
PHL 2103 Ethics	3
Physical Science Requirement	3-5
Social Science Elective*	3
Social Science Elective*	3
Social Science Elective*	3
Total Hours	15-17

*SOCIAL SCIENCE ELECTIVES

AN 1003 Introduction to Cultural Anthropology**	PS 1303 State & Local Government
AN 1103 Intro to Physical Anthropology & Archeology	PY 1103 General Psychology**
CJ 1013 Introduction to Criminal Justice	PY 1203 Research Methods
CJ 1023 Criminal Law & Procedures	PY 2103 Personal & Social Adjustment
CJ 1033 Rules of Criminal Evidence	PY 2203 Child Psychology
CJ 1043 Juvenile Procedures	PY 2403 Human Development
EC 2103 Principles of Macroeconomics	PY 2503 Adolescent Psychology
EC 2203 Principles of Microeconomics	SO 1103 General Sociology**
GE 1003 World Geography	SO 1203 American Social Problems**
HI 1103 U.S. History to 1865	SO 2103 Human Relations**
HI 1203 U.S. History 1865 to 1945	SO 2203 Marriage & Family**
PS 1103 Introduction to Political Science	SO 2303 Introduction to Social Work**
PS 1203 U.S. Government I: Nation & State	SO 2701 Independent Study - Sociology**

** Recommended transfer coursework for students planning to enter into a sociology program at the baccalaureate level