Social Sciences Program (AA or BS)

The social science program of courses deals with mankind’s political, social, economic and psychological interrelatedness as studied in the fields of sociology, anthropology, history, political science, communication studies, economics and psychology. Students in this program develop and refine their insights into human behavior through a wide range of social observation, inquiry and study. By allowing a considerable degree of freedom in choosing electives, the program permits a meaningful flexibility not found in more restrictive curricula.

Qualifications

Students must maintain an overall 2.0 cumulative average to graduate with a degree from Canisius.

Advisement

All students should have an advisor in the major and should contact the department directly to have an advisor assigned if they do not already have one. Meetings with academic advisors are required prior to students receiving their PIN for course registration each semester. All majors should work closely with their advisor in discussing career expectations, choosing their major electives, developing their entire academic program and planning their co-curricular or supplemental academic experiences.

Students interested in pursuing this degree at either the major or Associates level should contact an Associate Dean in the College of Arts and Sciences.

Curriculum

The associate of arts degree program in social sciences requires the completion of 60 credits of coursework. This program has two basic purposes:

1. It offers an immediate degree goal for students seeking a general introduction to the social sciences (psychology, sociology, political science, economics, and anthropology); and
2. It provides a basic foundation for those who wish to go on for a bachelor’s degree.

The program contains a second track designed for the prospective business major. Students who plan baccalaureate studies in the future are encouraged to choose the track which is more appropriate for them. If a student remains at Canisius College, all of the coursework in the associate degree program is transferable and applicable to the bachelor’s program.

Social Sciences Curriculum (Associate Degree)

Core Curriculum Requirements

All students complete Core Curriculum requirements as part of their overall Canisius Education. These requirements can be found at the Core Curriculum website (http://www.canisius.edu/academics/core).

Major Course Requirements

(8 courses)

Social Sciences Track

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Social Science Electives

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Electives

2 courses from the business core

Total Credits 18

Free Electives

Free electives are courses in addition to the Core Curriculum and major requirements sufficient to reach a minimum of 60 credit hours for graduation. Students may graduate with more but not less than 60 credit hours.

Other Associate’s Degree Regulations

The basic residency requirement for A.A. degrees is 30 credit hours, at least 15 of which must be completed in traditional classroom situations. No more than 30 credits may be transferred from another institution. Not all courses at other institutions are applicable to the associate degree, and transfer students are required to have a transfer evaluation completed by the college.

For more information contact the dean in the College of Arts and Sciences.

Curriculum

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All undergraduate students must complete either the Canisius Core Curriculum (http://catalog.canisius.edu/undergraduate/academics/curricular-information/core-curriculum) or the All-College Honors Curriculum (http://catalog.canisius.edu/undergraduate/academics/curricular-information/all-college-honors-program). Many schools refer to their college-wide undergraduate requirements as “general education”
requirements. We believe that the core curriculum and the honors curriculum are more than a series of required classes; they provide the basis for a Jesuit education both with content and with required knowledge and skills attributes that are central to our mission.

**Free Electives**

Students may graduate with more but not less than 120 credit hours. Free electives are courses in addition to the Canisius Core Curriculum or All-College Honors Curriculum and major requirements sufficient to reach the minimum of 120 credit hours required for graduation.

**Major Requirements**

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Total Credits 54

**Basic Social Sciences**

Select four courses each from four of the following departments, for a total of 16 courses:

- **Anthropology:**
  - ANT 121 & ANT 122 Biological Anthropology and Sociocultural Anthropology
  - Plus two 300/400 level courses

- **Communication Studies:**
  - Select two of the following:
    - COM 201 Oral Communication
    - COM 202 Communication Theory
    - COM 203 Writing for the Public Media
    - COM 204 Interpersonal Communication
    - COM 205 Mass Communication and Society
    - COM 206 Introduction to Research Methods
  - Plus two 300/400 level courses

- **Economics:**
  - ECO 101 & ECO 102 Principles of Macroeconomics and Principles of Microeconomics
  - Plus two 300/400 level courses

- **History:**
  - HIS 123 & HIS 124 History of the United States: The Colonial Period to Reconstruction and History of the United States: 1877 to the Present
  - Plus two 300/400 level courses

- **Political Science:**
  - PSC 103 & PSC 104 The American Constitution and American Political Process
  - Plus two 300/400 level courses

- **Psychology:**
  - PSY 101 & PSY 102 Introduction to Psychology I and Introduction to Psychology II
  - Plus two Psychology courses above 100 level

- **Sociology:**
  - SOC 110 & SOC 111 Introduction to Sociology and Contemporary Social Problems
  - Plus two 300/400 level courses

**Additional Courses**

Three additional 300/400 level courses in one of the chosen departments: Interdisciplinary courses may be substituted for one or more department courses