

Applied Social Sciences, Certificate

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Do you want to deepen your experience using social science to identify and solve problems? This program offers you the chance to apply your social science knowledge to real-world problems.

Description

The certificate program in applied social sciences prepares students to apply social science tools to practical problems. Through collaboration, students develop case studies, engage in fieldwork, and learn both how to apply expert knowledge and how to communicate evidence. Working with stakeholders, students identify and solve problems, reform managerial structures and organizational systems, and drive social change.

At a glance

- **College/School:** [New College of Interdisciplinary Arts and Sciences](#)
- **Location:** [West Valley](#)

Program requirements

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The certificate in applied social sciences consists of 15 credit hours of coursework, of which a minimum of 12 hours must be upper division. A minimum of six upper-division credit hours must be completed through courses offered by the School of Social and Behavioral Sciences. A maximum of six credit hours may be shared between the certificate and a New College major. All courses used to satisfy requirements for the certificate must be passed with a "C" (2.00) or better.

Electives are not limited to the certificate elective list; see academic advisor prior to enrollment. Students are encouraged to take courses that develop breadth rather than limiting their selection to courses in one

particular discipline. A maximum of three credit hours of individualized instruction or internship may be applied toward the certificate.

Required Core Courses -- 6 credit hours

[SBS 304: Social Statistics I \(CS\)](#) or [SBS 404: Social Statistics II: Multivariate Analysis \(CS\)](#) (3)

[SOC 331: Environmental Sociology \(SB & G\)](#) (3)

Electives (minimum three upper-division credit hours) -- 6 credit hours

[ASB 339 / SBS 339 / POS 339 / SOC 339: Grassroots Social Movements \(SB\)](#) (3)

[ASB 340 / SOC 328: Migration and Culture \(SB & G\)](#) (3)

[ASB 394 / JHR 394 / POS 394 / SBS 394 / SOC 394: Special Topics](#) (3)

[ASB 484 / JHR 484 / POS 484: Internship](#) or [SBS 484: Internship](#) or [SOC 484: Internship](#) (3)

[ASB 492 / JHR 492 / POS 492 / SBS 492 / SOC 492: Honors Directed Study](#) (3)

[ASB 493: Honors Thesis \(L\)](#) or [JHR 493: Honors Thesis](#) or [POS 493 / SBS 493 / SOC 493: Honors Thesis \(L\)](#) (3)

[ASB 494 / JHR 494 / POS 494 / SBS 494 / SOC 494: Special Topics](#) (3)

[ASB 499 / JHR 499 / POS 499 / SBS 499 / SOC 499: Individualized Instruction](#) (3)

[JHR 305: Theory and Practice of Social Justice and Human Rights \(SB & G\)](#) (3)

[POS 150: Comparative Government \(SB & G\)](#) (3)

[POS 350: Comparative Politics \(SB & G\)](#) (3)

[SOC 241: Modern Social Problems \(SB\)](#) (3)

[SOS 111: Sustainable Cities \(\(HU or SB\) & G\)](#) (3)

Upper-Division Applied Project -- 3 credit hours

[ASB 484 / JHR 484 / POS 484: Internship](#) or [SBS 484: Internship](#) or [SOC 484: Internship](#) (3)

[ASB 493: Honors Thesis \(L\)](#) or [JHR 493: Honors Thesis](#) or [POS 493 / SBS 493 / SOC 493: Honors Thesis \(L\)](#) (3)

[ASB 499 / JHR 499 / POS 499 / SBS 499 / SOC 499: Individualized Instruction](#) (3)

[ENG 484 / ETH 484 / JHR 484: Pen Project Prison Teaching](#) (3)

Other applied project/experiential learning courses may apply with prior advisor approval.

Prerequisite courses may be needed in order to complete the requirements of this certificate.

Enrollment requirements

A student pursuing an undergraduate certificate must be enrolled as a degree-seeking student at ASU. Undergraduate certificates are not awarded prior to the award of an undergraduate degree. A student already holding an undergraduate degree may pursue an undergraduate certificate as a nondegree-seeking graduate student.

Career opportunities

The certificate program is recommended for students with academic or career interests in human resources, administration, journalism, social work, business, and community and civic work, as well as politics, organizing and advocacy, public policy, education and sustainability. Graduates may find employment in positions such as:

- educator
- human resources manager or assistant
- recruiter
- research project manager
- research specialist
- social worker

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