BEHAVIORAL SCIENCES

DEGREES, CERTIFICATES AND AWARDS

Associate in Arts Degree (A.A.)

DESCRIPTION

This major is highly recommended for transfer students because it provides a basic foundation for subsequent specialization in many fields of study such as criminal justice, sociology, psychology, human services, and social work to name a few. The value of the degree is now recognized by business and industry as it requires a variety of skills demanded in business, education, health, law, and government, as well as the social services. The general studies student should market educational accomplishments as a collection of career transferable skills in communication, public service, problem solving, production and personnel management.

PROGRAM LEARNING OUTCOMES

1. Use critical thinking skills regarding the diversity of individuals and groups within the role of culture, ethnic and economic factors when describing behaviors, attitudes and feelings of people in society.
2. Apply critical thinking skills to explain how anthropology, psychology and sociology influence one another as well as individuals and groups in society.
3. Apply the scientific method to investigate, interpret and discuss Behavioral Science issues and social problems.

ASSOCIATE DEGREE PROGRAM

The Associate in Arts (AA) or the Associate in Science (AS) Degree involves satisfactory completion of a minimum of 60 semester units with a C average or higher, including grades of C in all courses required for the major, and fulfillment of all IVC district requirements for the associate's degree along with all general education requirements. The degree provides a sound basis for transfer to upper division institutions for additional degrees or for higher vocational preparation. To be eligible to receive an Associate Degree the student must complete the requirements for the major, the District requirements for an Associate Degree, and the General Education requirements. In addition students must maintain a minimum grade point average and meet the minimum grade requirements of their program. Detailed information is available in the college catalog.

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

Of the career opportunities identified many will usually require the completion of degree requirements at 4-year colleges and universities.

- All Human Service Careers
- Sociologist
- Social Worker
- Youth Counselor
- Criminologist
- Public Opinion Analyst
- Social Scientist
- Recreation Program Director
- Parole, Probation or Correctional Officer
- University and College Teachers
- Employment Counselor
- Lawyer
- Public Relations Consultant
- Statistician
- Gerontologist
- Child Care Program
- Developer
- Urban and Regional Planner
- Community Organization Worker
- Interviewer/Researcher
- Social Program Planner
- Market Researcher
- Law Enforcement Officer
- Mental Health Counselor

Gainful Employment: Federal regulations require institutions to provide students with Gainful Employment information for specific certificate programs offered at IVC. Please click on our Programs of Study link to view the information for each certificate program: **http://www.imperial.edu/courses-and-programs/programs-of-study/**

TRANSFER PREPARATION

Courses that fulfill major requirements for an associate degree at Imperial Valley College may not be the same as those required for completing the major at a transfer institution offering a bachelor's degree. Students who plan to transfer to a four-year college or university should schedule an appointment with an IVC Counselor to develop a student education plan (SEP) before beginning their program.

Transfer Resources:

www.ASSIST.org – CSU and UC Articulation Agreements and Majors Search Engine

www.CSUMentor.org – CSU System Information

www.universityofcalifornia.edu/admissions/index.html - UC System Information

www.aiccu.edu – California Independent Colleges and Universities, Association of

http://wiche.edu/wue - Western Undergraduate Exchange Programs

FINANCIAL AID

Paying for the cost of a college education requires a partnership among parents, students and the college. As the cost of higher education continues to rise we want you to know that IVC offers a full array of financial aid programs – grants, work study, scholarships, and fee waivers (we do not participate in the federal loan programs). These programs are available to both full and part time students who are seeking a degree or certificate. For those who qualify, financial aid is available to help with tuition, fees, books and supplies, food, housing, transportation, and childcare. Please log onto our website for additional information: **www.imperial.edu/students/financial-aid-and-scholarships/**

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ASSOCIATE DEGREE PROGRAM

BEHAVIORAL SCIENCE MAJOR – A.A. DEGREE

The requirement for the major in Behavioral Science may be satisfied by taking 18 units from the following list. Three units in each field of study are recommended. No more than 12 units may be taken in any one discipline.

ALL COURSES FOR THIS MAJOR MUST BE COMPLETED WITH A MINIMUM GRADE OF "C" OR BETTER.

I. Required courses for the major (18.0 units)

Anthropology and Biology			
ANTH	100	Physical Anthropology	3.0
ANTH	102	Cultural Anthropology	3.0
BIOL	100	Principles of Biological Science	4.0
BIOL	122	General Zoology II	4.0
Psychology and Child Development			
CDEV	103	Child, Family and Community	3.0
MATH	119	Elementary Statistics	4.0
OR			
PSY	214	Statistical Methods in Behavioral Sciences (4.0)	
PSY	101	Introduction to Psychology	3.0
PSY/CDEV	104	Child Growth and Development	3.0
PSY/ADS	120	Introduction to Counseling	3.0
PSY	142	Psychology of Adjustment	3.0
PSY	144	The Psychology of Interpersonal Relationships	3.0
PSY	146	Psychology of Human Sexuality	3.0
PSY	200	Biological Psychology	3.0
PSY	202	Learning	3.0
PSY	204	Developmental Psychology: Conception to Death	3.0
PSY/SOC	206	Social Psychology	3.0
PSY	208	Abnormal Psychology	3.0
PSY	212	Research Methods in Psychology	3.0
PSY/ADS	220/221	Practicum	3.0
Sociology and Social Work			
SOC	101	Introductory Sociology	3.0
SOC	102	Contemporary Social Problems	3.0
SOC	110	Marriage and the Family	3.0
SOC/ADS	150	Sociology of Minority Groups	3.0
SOC/PSY	206	Social Psychology	3.0
SOC/AJ	224	Criminology (Formerly SOC/AJ 124)	3.0
SW	220	Introduction to Social Work	3.0

Total Major Units	18.0
IVC Graduation Requirements and GE Pattern:	30.0
Electives (as needed to reach 60 degree applicable units)	____
Total Maximum Units:	**60.0**