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
- 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/](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.aiicu.edu – California Independent Colleges and Universities, Association of
- [http://wiche.edu/wue - Western Undergraduate Exchange Programs](http://wiche.edu/wue)

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/](http://www.imperial.edu/students/financial-aid-and-scholarships/)
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