

Social Science Course Descriptions

Important points about taking social science courses:

- Criminal Justice, History and Political Science courses do not have to be taken in sequence
- Economics, Psychology and Sociology course do need to be taken in sequence

Criminal Justice

CRJ 100. INTRODUCTION TO CRIMINAL JUSTICE

3 cr. hrs.

This course surveys the entire criminal justice process from law enforcement to the administration of justice through corrections. It discusses the history and philosophy of the system and introduces various career opportunities.

CRJ 110. INTRODUCTION TO LAW ENFORCEMENT

3 cr. hrs.

This course examines the history and philosophy of law enforcement, as well as the organization and jurisdiction of local, state, and federal agencies. It includes the duties and functions of law enforcement officers.

CRJ 150. INTRODUCTION TO CORRECTIONS

3 cr. hrs.

This course provides an introduction to the philosophical and historical foundations of corrections in America. Incarceration and some of its alternatives are considered.

CRJ 160. INTRODUCTION TO SECURITY

3 cr. hrs.

This course surveys the operation, organization and problems in providing safety and security to business enterprises. Private, retail, and industrial security is covered.

Economics

ECO 231. PRINCIPLES OF MACROECONOMICS

3 cr. hrs.

This course is an introduction to macroeconomic theory, analysis, and policy applications. Topics include the following: scarcity, demand and supply, national income analysis, major economic theories concerning monetary and fiscal policies as stabilization measures, the banking system, and other economics issues or problems including international trade.

ECO 232. PRINCIPLES OF MICROECONOMICS

3 cr. hrs.

This course is an introduction to the microeconomics theory, analysis, and applications. Topics include scarcity, the theories of consumer behavior, production and cost, markets, out-put and resource pricing, and international aspects of micro-economics.

History

HIS 101. WESTERN CIVILIZATION I

3 cr. hrs.

This course is a survey of social, intellectual, economic, and political developments, that have molded the modern western world. This course covers the ancient and medieval periods and concludes in the era of the Renaissance and Reformation.

HIS 102. WESTERN CIVILIZATION II

3 cr. hrs.

This course is a continuation of HIS 101, and it surveys development of the modern western world from the era of the Renaissance and Reformation to the present.

HIS 121. WORLD HISTORY I

3 cr. hrs.

This course surveys social, intellectual, economic, and political developments that have molded the modern world. Focus is on both non-western and western civilizations from the prehistoric to the early modern era.

HIS 122. WORLD HISTORY II

3 cr. hrs.

This course is a continuation of HIS 121. It covers world history - both western and non-western - from the early modern era to the present.

HIS 201. UNITED STATES HISTORY I

3 cr. hrs.

This course surveys United States history during colonial, Revolutionary, early national and antebellum periods. It concludes with the Civil War and Reconstruction.

HIS 202. UNITED STATES HISTORY II

3 cr. hrs.

This course is a continuation of HIS 201, and it surveys United States history from the Reconstruction era to the present.

Political Science**POL 200. INTRODUCTION TO POLITICAL SCIENCE**

3 cr. hrs.

This course is an introduction to the field of political science through examination of the fundamental principles, concepts, and methods of the discipline and the basic political processes and Colleges of organized political systems. Topics include approaches to political science, research methodology, the state, government, law, ideology, organized political influences, government bureaucracy, problems in political democracy, and international politics. Upon completion, students should be able to identify, describe, define, analyze, and explain relationships among the basic principles and concepts of political science and political processes and Colleges of contemporary political systems.

POL 211. AMERICAN NATIONAL GOVERNMENT

3 cr. hrs.

This course surveys the background, constitutional principles, organization, and operation of the American political system. Topics include the U.S. Constitution, federalism, civil liberties, civil rights, political parties, Interest groups, political campaigns, voting behavior, elections, the presidency, bureaucracy, Congress, and the justice system. Upon completion, students should be able to identify and explain relationships among the basic elements of American government and function as more informed participants of the American political system.

POL 220. STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT

3 cr. hrs.

This course is a study of the forms of organization, functions, Colleges, and operation of American state and local governments. Emphasis is placed on the variety of forms and functions of state and local governments, with particular attention to those in Alabama and to the interactions between state and local government and the national government. Upon completion, students should be able to identify elements of and explain relationships among the state, local, and national governments of the U.S. and function as more informed participants of state and local political systems.

Psychology

PSY 200. GENERAL PSYCHOLOGY

3 cr. hrs.

This course is a survey of behavior with emphasis upon psychological processes. This course includes the biological bases for behavior, thinking, emotion, and motivation, and the nature and development of personality.

PSY 210. HUMAN GROWTH AND DEVELOPMENT

3 cr. hrs.

This course is the study of psychological, social, and physical factors that affect human behavior from conception to death. Prerequisite: PSY 200.

Sociology

SOC 200. INTRODUCTION TO SOCIOLOGY

3 cr. hrs.

This course is an introduction to the vocabulary, concepts, and theory of sociological perspectives of human behavior.

SOC 210. SOCIAL PROBLEMS

3 cr. hrs.

This course examines the social and cultural aspects, influences, incidences and characteristics of current social problems in light of sociological theory and research. Prerequisite: SOC 200.