

Social Sciences Student Outcomes
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Students in social science courses will demonstrate competence in a substantial majority of the following outcomes:

1. Engage in critical analyses of social forces, issues, events, and institutions.
2. Critically analyze how social forces, issues, events, and institutions affect individuals.
3. Apply general theoretical principles of individual and social behavior to practical situations.
4. Use appropriate social science research methods based upon systematic quantitative and/or qualitative analysis.
5. Understand the role of individuals and institutions in generating cooperation, conflict, exploitation, and oppression locally and globally.
6. Participate in society as an informed, intentional, and thoughtful citizen.
7. Recognize general patterns of human societies across time and space.
8. Understand the influence of biological, personal, and social factors on the behavior of individuals.
9. Logically construct and evaluate arguments both orally and in writing.
10. Generate and test hypotheses based on empirical observations.