Definition

“The Social Science disciplines offer a rigorous examination of human experiences. In studying various behavioral and social theories, research methods, perspectives of inquiry, and historical and cultural influences, students analyze the complex forces that shape human consciousness, interactions, activity, and social institutions.”

Competency and Knowledge Objectives:

To fulfill the social sciences requirement of the general education core, courses must require that students meet or exceed course expectations in four of the five objectives.

1. Demonstrate knowledge of the theoretical and conceptual frameworks of a particular Social Science discipline.

2. Develop an understanding of self and the world by examining the dynamic interaction of individuals, groups, and societies as they shape and are shaped by history, culture, institutions, and ideas.

3. Utilize Social Sciences approaches, such as research methods, inquiry, or problem-solving, to examine the variety of perspectives about human experiences.

4. Evaluate how reasoning, history, or culture informs and guides individual, civic, or global decisions.

5. Understand and interpret similarities and differences among and between individuals, cultures, or societies across space and time.