SOCIAL SCIENCE

Program Description
The Associate of Arts (AA) degree is designed for students who intend to continue their education and obtain a baccalaureate degree. The AA with an emphasis in social science is the appropriate choice for students who will take upper division coursework in the arts, humanities, or social and behavioral sciences. The degree program includes the Colorado Statewide General Education Core and meets the lower division general education requirements at institutions in Colorado. The social science emphasis provides students with the opportunity to develop a broad understanding of the various disciplines which traditionally constitute the social sciences: anthropology, history, political science, sociology, psychology, economics and geography.

The Social Science graduate certificate is designed for high school teachers who already have a BA and need the credentials required by the Higher Learning Commission to teach history and political science courses for lower-division college level credit.

Students in this certificate program will acquire 18 credit hours of graduate coursework in the fields of history and political science. The courses are spread over a two-year period, as shown in the schedule below.

In addition, the program allows students to explore history and political science in greater depth, and to prepare themselves for masters-level graduate degrees in these fields. The transferability of these courses towards a specific master’s degree is not guaranteed, and would depend on the individual Master’s program to which the students choose to enter.

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Programs of Study
Associates
• Social Science, Liberal Arts (AA) (http://catalog.coloradomesa.edu/areas-study/social-science/social-science-liberal-arts-aa)

Graduate
• Social Science (Graduate Certificate) (http://catalog.coloradomesa.edu/areas-study/education-teacher-licensure/social-science-graduate-certificate)