Social Sciences Foundations (SOCS)

Courses

SOCS 1010 Foundations in Anthropology (4 Credits)
Anthropology is the exploration of human diversity in time and space. It develops a framework for understanding how culture provides human beings with the ability to interpret, change, create, and even destroy their world. The thread of this course will lead us through many different areas of the world, each with its own micro-environment and its own traditions, ideas, and customs. Anthropology seeks to generalize about human biological and cultural behavior as well as to convey the excitement of learning about the cultural diversity of the past and present. The course explores anthropology from a variety of different areas depending on the expertise of the faculty member. This course counts toward the Scientific Inquiry: Society and Culture requirement. Prerequisites: WRIT 1122 and WRIT 1133. Course open to Colorado Women's College students only.

SOCS 1112 Foundations in Gender and Women's Studies (4 Credits)
In this introductory course students explore the historical, economic, cultural, legal, and political factors that shape and inform women's lives. We examine these factors through the lens of multicultural feminist theories with particular focus on the social construction of gender, race, ethnicity, and class, along with other conditions and choices that inform the notions of self and identity. We engage in extensive discussions of social justice issues, structures of power, and advocacy with particular attention to the diverse contexts of women's lives and the challenges and opportunities facing women today. Students are encouraged to examine critically gender-shaping institutions in their own lives and to develop an expanded vision of and value for their educational, personal, and professional potential in our contemporary, changing world. Prerequisites: WRIT 1128 and WRIT 1138.

SOCS 1410 People, Places, and Landscapes (4 Credits)
In this course, students study the location of people and activities across the surface of the Earth. Describing the locations and patterns of human activity only lays the foundation for exploring how and why such patterns and have developed historically, and how they relate to the natural environment and other aspects of human behavior. This course counts toward the Scientific Inquiry: Society and Culture requirement. Course open to Colorado Women's College students only.

SOCS 1510 Foundations in Int'l Studies (4 Credits)
An introductory overview of the nature of contemporary international society and an examination of international studies as a social science discipline. Course open to Colorado Women's College students only.

SOCS 1610 Political Science: Power and Justice (4 Credits)
The study of political institutions and ideas from historical and comparative perspectives. Topics include justice, virtue, citizenship, liberty, individualism, collectivism, democracy, capitalism, civic society, private and public. This course counts toward the Scientific Inquiry: Society and Culture requirement. Course open to Colorado Women's College students only.

SOCS 1810 Understanding Social Life (4 Credits)
This course provides an overview of the study of social interaction, social order, and social change. Critical attention is given to addressing various contemporary social issues related to social class, race, and gender and the role of the sociological perspective in the improvement of the human condition. This course counts toward the Scientific Inquiry: Society and Culture requirement. Course open to Colorado Women's College students only.

SOCS 1910 Foundations in Public Policy (4 Credits)
This course provides an opportunity to develop comprehensive knowledge of America's most intriguing public policy dilemmas. Policy issues to be discussed include: intergenerational equity, competitiveness, the budget and trade deficits, crime, AIDS, education, health care, the environment, entitlements, immigration, race and affirmative action, public involvement, and social welfare. This course counts toward the Scientific Inquiry: Society and Culture requirement. Course open to Colorado Women's College students only.

SOCS 2400 Social Science Research Methods (4 Credits)
This course is an introduction to the theory and practice of research methods in the social sciences. It covers research design, sampling methods, questionnaires and surveys, structured and unstructured interviews, participant observation, experimentation, data analysis and qualitative research methods. Particular emphasis is given to reading research reports critically, to understanding credibility and reliability, and to recognizing the political and ethical issues related to, and arising from, social science research. Course open to Colorado Women's College students only.