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Social Sciences

The A.A. in Social Sciences trains students to analyze and understand human society and social relationships and prepares them to transfer to a four-year college or university in social sciences disciplines. Training in the social sciences prepares students for a wide range of careers and leadership roles in business, non-profits, education, government, and social services.

The Program

Students in the A.A. in social sciences program will study the various fields that compose the social sciences. Students are able to explore a wide array of social science disciplines to help them identify a specific field of interest before they transfer to a four-year college or university.

Faculty in the social sciences area emphasize the development of analytic and critical thinking, public speaking, quantitative and qualitative research, and writing while training students to understand complex human dynamics and social problems. These skills are invaluable and relevant in both the public and private sector.

Students who transfer to a bachelor's degree program in the social sciences will have taken courses that are likely to relate to their chosen four-year major. Disciplines within the social sciences include addictions, anthropology, economics, education, geography, history, human services, political science, psychology, and sociology.

Learning Outcomes

- Students will demonstrate understanding of major findings and ideas in addictions, anthropology, economics, education, geography, history, human services, political science, psychology, or sociology.
- Students will effectively communicate the potential a social science discipline has for contributing to the growth and development of human culture through ancillary material (written, oral, visual, and/or all three modes combined).
- Students will demonstrate critical reading and analytical skills.
- Students will be prepared to enter transfer institutions in social science fields.

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Financial Assistance

Frederick Community College (FCC) provides a tuition payment plan for students who wish to spread payment over several months. Scholarship and loan assistance is available for eligible students. For complete scholarship information, contact Financial Aid at 301.846.2620.

Growth Potential & Estimated Salaries

The median annual wage for social and community service managers was \$65,320 in 2018. Employment of social and community service managers is projected to grow 13 percent from 2018 to 2028. An aging population is expected to increase demand for these workers.

Source: Bureau of Labor Statistics, U.S. Department of Labor, Occupational Outlook Handbook. Job outlook information for additional social science disciplines is available at bls.gov/ooh.

Transfer Note

Students can transfer the equivalent of 60 credits to any four-year institution in Maryland. To find more information about how credits will transfer from FCC to a state four-year institution visit artsys.usmd.edu or contact Counseling & Advising at 301.846.2471.

FCC has an articulation agreement with the University of Maryland Global Campus, allowing students a seamless transfer experience. Students who plan to transfer should speak with an advisor or program manager from their chosen transfer institution before selecting elective courses.

View required course listings: frederick.edu/socialsciences

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