

COUN 204: PATHWAYS TO CAREERS IN THE SOCIAL AND BEHAVIORAL SCIENCES

Citrus College Course Outline of Record

Heading	Value
Effective Term:	Fall 2021
Credits:	3
Total Contact Hours:	54
Lecture Hours :	54
Lab Hours:	0
Hours Arranged:	0
Outside of Class Hours:	108
Transferable to CSU:	Yes
Transferable to UC:	No
Grading Method:	Standard Letter, Pass/No Pass

Catalog Course Description

This course will familiarize students with the Social and Behavioral Sciences associate degrees at Citrus and will also cover requirements for transfer into baccalaureate level majors. Important aspects of Social and Behavioral Science majors as an occupational choice will be covered as well as specific study strategies and resources available to promote student success. 54 lecture hours.

Course Objectives

- Formulate a detailed educational plan
- Describe the admissions requirements and selection criteria for transfer
- Describe the prerequisite, major preparation and general education requirements for transfer into a CSU/UC
- Create educational goals in relation to career goals, abilities, interests and values
- Identify and plan for the use of learning and study adaptations and support systems that will enhance success
- Research and summarize different levels of education and specialization options within the SBS professions.
- Conduct occupational research on potential SBS career fields and local and national job opportunities
- Develop a career plan for an occupation of choice relevant to SBS Careers, listing the appropriate classes, certificates, skills, and experience required

Major Course Content

1. **Educational Planning**
 - a. Degree requirements
 - i. Associate degree for transfer requirements
 - ii. A degree with a guarantee
 - iii. Minimum eligibility requirements
 - iv. General education pathways
 1. Local degree, IGETC, CSUGE
 - v. Additional major prep

- b. Transfer admissions
 - i. Minimum eligibility requirements and admission criteria
 - ii. Transfer Admission Guarantee (TAG)
 - iii. C-ID numbers and how to reference courses
 - iv. Lower division major prep and timelines for applying for transfer and specific majors.

2. Career Planning

- a. Explore/research career resources
- b. Research specific careers for an assigned area of interest in SBS
- c. Informational interview with a person employed in a SBS occupation
- d. Research salary and growth projections for SBS jobs
- e. Research geographical options and limitations for SSBS occupations
- f. Learn about summer programs/internships and part time job opportunities to gain experience in SBS

3. Resources

- a. Campus Resources
 - i. AAC, SI, Math lab
 - ii. Faculty and office hours
 - iii. Library
 - iv. Financial aid/scholarships
 - v. Counseling
 - vi. Student clubs
- b. Other resources
 - i. Identify, evaluate and improve study and learning habits
 - ii. Strengthen personal resources and support systems

4. Introduction to Social and Behavioral Science Fields and Careers

- a. Administration of Justice
- b. Anthropology
- c. Child Development/Teaching
- d. Economics
- e. Ethnic Studies/Social Justice/Peace Studies
- f. Global Studies
- g. Geography
- h. History
 - i. Sociology
 - j. Political Science
- k. Psychology

Suggested Reading Other Than Required Textbook

Handouts and articles may be provided in class by the instructor.

Examples of Required Writing Assignments

Students will be required to research a particular SBS professional pathway and write a report (3-5 pages) with information related to the career, income potential, any geographical limitations, and education pathways to achieve the occupational position. Students will be required to present the information to the class.

Examples of Outside Assignments

Students will be required to attend one office hour of a SBS faculty and write a summary of the interaction and topics covered during the office visit.

Instruction Type(s)

Lecture, Online Education Lecture