

Board of Trustees Agenda Item

Board Meeting Date: June 20, 2011

Title of Item:

Approval of Associate Degree in Sociology for Transfer (Sociology AA-T)

Background and Analysis:

Foothill seeks board approval for application to the State Chancellor's Office for the associate degree for transfer. This degree meets the requirements established by the State Chancellor's Office in response to SB 1440 to establish a means of simplifying student movement within and between the segments of higher education in California.

The Sociology Associate in Arts Transfer Degree (AA-T) is designed to prepare students to transfer to local California State Universities (CSUs). Students who complete the Sociology AA-T will be ensured preferential transfer status to local CSUs for sociology majors and majors in related disciplines. The AA-T Degree requirements will fulfill the lower division major requirements at many local CSUs. Students are advised, however, to meet with a counselor to assess the course requirements for specific local CSUs and to validate which CSUs are considered local. The AA-T degree will enable students to develop a strong foundation in social research methods, and understanding patterns of inter-personal behavior, and will also offer a wide variety of electives in sociology courses for students to develop a broad knowledge base of human social behavior. In addition, students will develop strong critical thinking, communication, and problem-solving skills that will prepare them for the requirements of upper division course work.

The new degree has been approved by Foothill's curriculum committee and Academic Senate.

Recommendation: (specify if information only)

Foothill administration recommends approval of the Sociology Associate in Arts Transfer Degree (AA-T) Program.

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Is backup provided?	Yes.

Foothill College Curriculum Committee
Associate Degree in Sociology for Transfer (Sociology AA-T)

Catalog Description

Sociology is the scientific or systematic study of human groups and societies and patterns of interaction in real life settings. It uses a variety of research and theoretical perspectives to analyze and explain human social behavior and social change. As all human behavior is essentially social, sociology students examine a wide range of human interactions.

Foothill College's sociology program includes a range of courses that analyze sociological topics and enable students to develop and apply a Sociological Imagination or the ability to examine the broader connections between personal life, public issues and the social structure. Sociology, with its extensive scope of subject matter, provides a valuable major for a diverse range of career paths.

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Program Requirements: 27 Total units (*all units are quarter units*)

CCC Major or Area of Emphasis: Sociology

CSU Major or Majors: Sociology

Required Core Courses: 14-15 units (5 units required; 9-10 of 14 units selected)

SOC 1	Introduction to Sociology	5 Units
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List A:

Choose 2 of 3 Courses:

SOC 20	Major Social Problems	4 Units
MATH 10	Elementary Statistics	5 Units
PSYC/SOC 10	Research Methods & Designs	5 Units

List B:

Select 2 courses from the following:

*SOC 20	Major Social Problems	4 Units
* PSYC/ SOC 10	Research Methods & Designs	5 Units

* MATH 10	Elementary Statistics	5 Units
* if not included as part of the “Core Courses” above		
SOC 40	Aspects of Marriage & Family	4 Units
SOC 28	Sociology of Gender	4 Units
SOC 23	Race & Ethnic Relations	4 Units
SOC 14	Sociology of Crime	4 Units
SOC/PSYC 30	Social Psychology	4 Units

List C:

Select 1 course from the following:

ANTH 2A	Cultural Anthropology	4 Units
PSYC 1	General Psychology	5 Units
PSYC 49	Human Sexuality	4 Units
PHIL 1	Critical Thinking & Writing	5 Units
GEOG 2	Human Geography	4 Units
ECON 25	Introduction to the Global Economy	4 Units