

# Transfer Associate Degrees & Certificates

## Social Sciences Overview

### Associate of Science

#### SPECIALIZATIONS:

Pre-Social Work  
Teacher Preparation

**PURPOSE:** The social sciences are concerned with the study of human society and emphasize the role of analysis, experimentation, and the scientific method. The chief academic disciplines of the social sciences are anthropology, economics, political science, psychology, and sociology. The Social Sciences AS degree is designed for those who plan to transfer to a four-year college or university to complete a bachelor's degree in the social sciences. The curricula consist of courses in general education (including foreign language, natural science, and social science) typically required in the first two years of a baccalaureate curriculum in the social sciences.

Students from the Science AS degree transfer into a wide variety of majors at senior institutions including, but not limited to, the following:

anthropology	pre-law
history	social work
economics	government/political science
mass communications	sociology
psychology	speech-language pathology
education/Deaf studies	ASL: interpretation/linguistics

The **Social Sciences AS degree** lays the foundation for a bachelor of science degree in anthropology, economics, political science, psychology, and sociology. The program includes one year of coursework in the same foreign language. The Social Sciences program is designed to provide transfer paths that will match the requirements of senior institutions (four-year colleges and universities); however, senior institutions differ in their requirements, so students are strongly urged to work with their assigned advisor and to acquaint themselves with the requirements of the major department in the college or university to which they plan to transfer.

Students should understand that the line between the humanities and social sciences is not always clear and that some colleges and universities award BA degrees in what are usually considered the social sciences. Each student admitted to the program is assigned an academic advisor to help plan the appropriate course of studies to transfer to the student's choice of a four-year college or university. Students who complete the program generally transfer as juniors.

The **ASL/Deaf Studies specialization** is designed for students who plan to transfer to a four-year college or university in a major that requires a background in American Sign Language and Deaf persons as a cultural group. These expanding fields include

speech-language pathology, deaf education, ASL instruction, interpretation, interpreter education, linguistics, and Deaf studies (e.g., history, literature, and research).

The **Pre-Social Work specialization** is designed for students who plan to transfer to Virginia Commonwealth University and major in social work. This specialization was developed in collaboration with VCU, and an articulation agreement exists for eligible students who transfer to VCU. Students who pursue a different degree program at VCU will be subject to a reevaluation of transferable credits for their elected course of study. Students interested in this specialization should meet with the Pre-Social Work program head at Reynolds and are required to do so during their first semester of study.

The **Teacher Preparation specialization** is designed for students who plan to transfer to a four-year college or university in a major that requires a background in the social sciences, and who plan to teach at the elementary, middle, or secondary school level. The Teacher Preparation specialization enables the student to participate in two field experiences in area schools.

**ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS:** General college curricular admission

**PROGRAM NOTES:** The following high school units are strongly recommended: three units of college preparatory mathematics and two years of a foreign language.

#### PRE-SOCIAL WORK ARTICULATION AGREEMENT WITH

**VCU:** The VCU School of Social Work guarantees admission into its BSW program with junior standing to eligible students who have completed requirements for Pre-Social Work specialization for the AS in Social Sciences at Reynolds. Eligible students are those who meet the following criteria:

- Earn an Associate of Science degree in Social Sciences at Reynolds;
- Earn a minimum cumulative grade point average of 2.5 on a 4.0 scale;
- Earn an individual grade no lower than B in HMS 100 - Introduction to Human Services and HMS 121 - Basic Counseling Skills I; and
- Earn an individual grade no lower than a C in all other courses listed for the Pre-Social Work specialization.

**NOTE TO PROSPECTIVE TEACHERS:** Students who wish to be licensed to teach in Virginia should earn a baccalaureate degree in a liberal arts, science, or mathematics field. Students should consult with their advisor regarding elective choices that match their desired teaching endorsement area(s). While enrolled at the community college, students should prepare for and successfully complete Praxis Core (Reading, Writing, and Mathematics), the initial teacher licensure examination.

**COMPUTER COMPETENCY REQUIREMENT:** Students in the Social Sciences AS degree will meet the college's computer competency requirement by successfully completing ITE 115 or CSC 155. Students can also meet this requirement by passing the college's computer competency exam, administered in the testing centers on each campus, in which case they will receive college credit for ITE 115 or CSC 155. Students not passing the computer competency exam may retake the exam only once.

## Roadmap

Social Sciences — Associate of Science

Order	Course	Title	Credits
1	SDV 100	College Success Skills	1
2	ENG 111 <sup>1</sup>	College Composition I	3
3	ITE 115 or CSC 155	Computer Literacy Elective	3
4	ASL 101 or FRE 101 or SPA 101 <sup>2</sup>	World Language Elective 101	4
5	MTH 154 or MTH 161	Quantitative Reasoning or Precalculus I	3
6	_____3	Approved Laboratory Science Elective	4
7	ENG 112	College Composition II	3
8	ASL 102 or FRE 102 or SPA 102 <sup>2</sup>	World Language Elective 102	4
9	_____4	Personal Wellness Elective	1
10	_____5	History Elective	3
11	MTH 245 or MTH 261 <sup>2</sup>	Statistics I or Applied Calculus	3
12	_____5	History Elective	3
13	_____6	Approved Laboratory Science Elective	4
14	_____7	English Literature Elective	3
15	_____8	Social/Behavioral Science Elective	3
16	_____9	Approved Transfer Elective	3
17	_____7	English Literature Elective	3
18	_____8	Social/Behavioral Science Elective	3
19	_____9	Approved Transfer Elective	3
20	_____9	Approved Transfer Elective	3
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>Social Science Associate of Science</b>		<b>60</b>

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<sup>2</sup> Some classes offered via hybrid class. Check specific schedule for further information.

<sup>3</sup> For approved Laboratory Science Electives, please use the General Education Electives section of the catalog.

<sup>4</sup> For approved Personal Wellness Electives, please use the General Education Electives section of the catalog. Some classes offered via hybrid class. Check specific schedule for further information.

<sup>5</sup> Any history course will satisfy this requirement.

<sup>6</sup> For approved Laboratory Science Electives, please use the General Education Electives section of the catalog. Some classes offered via hybrid class. Check specific schedule for further information.

<sup>7</sup> For approved English Literature Electives, please use the General Education Electives section of the catalog. Some classes offered via hybrid class. Check specific schedule for further information..

<sup>8</sup> For approved Social/Behavioral Science Electives, please use the General Education Electives section of the catalog.

<sup>9</sup> For approved Transfer Electives, please use the General Education Electives section of the catalog.

## CURRICULUM:

Social Sciences — Associate of Science  
Pre-Social Work Specialization

Order	Course	Title	Credits
1	SDV 100	College Success Skills	1
2	ENG 111 <sup>1</sup>	College Composition I	3
3	ItE 115	Information Technology Essentials	3
4	ASL 101 or FRE 101 or SPA 101 <sup>2</sup>	World Language Elective 101	3-4
5	MTH 154 or MTH 161	Quantitative Reasoning or Precalculus I	3
6	BIO 101 <sup>3</sup>	General Biology I	4
7	ENG 112	College Composition II	3
8	<sup>4</sup>	History Elective	3

9	<sup>5</sup>	Personal Wellness Elective	1
10	SOC 200	Principles of Sociology	3
11	MTH 245 <sup>2</sup>	Statistics	3
12	<sup>4</sup>	History Elective	3
13	BIO 102 <sup>6</sup>	General Biology II	4
14	<sup>7</sup>	English Literature Elective	3
15	PSY 200	Principles of Psychology	3
16	PHI 111 or PHI 220 <sup>2</sup>	Logic or Ethics	3
17	ENG 210	Advanced Composition	3
18	PSY 230	Developmental Psychology	3
19	SOC 210 or SOC 211	Survey of Anthropology or Introduction to Anthropology	3
20	HMS 100 <sup>8</sup>	Introduction to Human Services	3
21	HMS 121 <sup>8</sup>	Basic Counseling Skills I	3
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>Social Science Associate of Science-Pre-Social Work Specialization</b>		<b>61-62</b>

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<sup>3</sup> VCU will not substitute other science classes for the PSW degree.

<sup>4</sup> Any history class will satisfy the requirement.

<sup>5</sup> Any HLT/PED will satisfy. HLT 105 required. For Personal Wellness Electives, please see the General Education Electives section of the catalog.

<sup>6</sup> VCU will not substitute other science classes for the PSW degree. Some classes offered via hybrid class. Check specific schedule for further information.

<sup>7</sup> For English Literature Electives, please see the General Education Electives section of the catalog. Some classes offered via hybrid class. Check specific schedule for further information.

<sup>8</sup> Students must take the section specifically designated for Pre-Social Work students.

# REYNOLDS COMMUNITY COLLEGE

## CURRICULUM:

Social Sciences — Associate of Science  
Teacher Preparation Specialization

Order	Course	Title	Credits
1	SDV 101	Orientation to Teacher Preparation	1-2
2	ENG 111 <sup>1</sup>	College Composition I	3
3	ITE 115 or CSC 155 <sup>2</sup>	Computer Literacy Elective	3
4	ASL 101 or FRE 101 or SPA 101 <sup>3</sup>	World Language Elective 101	4
5	MTH 154 or MTH 161 <sup>4</sup>	Quantitative Reasoning or Precalculus I	3
6	_____ <sup>5</sup>	Approved Laboratory Science Elective	4
7	ENG 112 <sup>4</sup>	College Composition II	3
8	ASL 102 or FRE 102 or SPA 102 <sup>3</sup>	World Language Elective 102	4
9	_____ <sup>6</sup>	Personal Wellness Elective	1
10	HIS 111 or HIS 112 or HIS 121 or HIS 122	History Elective	3
11	MTH 245 or MTH 261 <sup>3</sup>	Statistics I or Applied Calculus I	3
12	HIS 121 or HIS 122	U.S. History Elective	3
13	_____ <sup>7</sup>	Approved Laboratory Science Elective	4
14	_____ <sup>8</sup>	English Literature Elective	3
15	_____ <sup>9</sup>	Social/Behavioral Science Elective	3
16	_____ <sup>10</sup>	Approved Transfer Elective	3

17	_____ <sup>8</sup>	English Literature Elective	3
18	EDU 200	Introduction to Teaching as a Profession	3
19	GEO 210	People and the Land: Introduction to Cultural Geography	3
20	ECO 120 or ECO 201 or ECO 202	Economics Elective	3
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>Social Science Associate of Science-Teacher Preparation Specialization</b>		<b>60-61</b>

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<sup>2</sup> Program-declared students possessing current Certiport Microsoft Office Specialist (MOS) Certification will be granted credit by prior knowledge.

<sup>3</sup> Some classes offered via hybrid class. Check specific schedule for further information.

<sup>4</sup> Program-declared students possessing current Comptia + Network Certification will be granted credit by prior knowledge.

<sup>5</sup> For approved Laboratory Science Electives, please see the General Education Electives section of the catalog.

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