Sociology at Diablo Valley College offers a broad range of courses including the urban environment, marriage and families, minority and race relations, social problems, social research and gender studies.

The associate in arts in sociology for transfer is intended for students who plan to complete a bachelor’s degree in a similar major at a CSU campus. Students completing this degree are guaranteed admission to the CSU system, but not to a particular campus or major.

In order to earn the degree, students must:

- Complete 60 CSU-transferable units.
- Complete the California State University-General Education pattern (CSU GE) or the Intersegmental General Education Transfer Curriculum (IGETC) pattern, including the Area IC requirement for Oral Communication.
- Complete a minimum of 18 units in the major.
- Attain a minimum grade point average (GPA) of 2.0.
- Earn a grade of “C” or higher in all courses required for the major.

Students transferring to a CSU campus that accepts the degree will be required to complete no more than 60 units after transfer to earn a bachelor's degree. This degree may not be the best option for students intending to transfer to a particular CSU campus or to a university or college that is not part of the CSU system, or those students who do not intend to transfer.

Some courses in the major satisfy both major and CSUGE/IGETC general education requirements; however, the units are only counted once toward the 60 unit requirement for an associate degree. Some variations in requirements may exist at certain four-year institutions; therefore, students who intend to transfer are advised to refer to the catalog of the prospective transfer institution and consult a counselor.

**Major Requirements:**

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**Total Minimum Required Units**: 18
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**SOCIO-120  Introduction to Sociology**  
3 units  SC  
- 54 hours lecture per term  
- **Recommended: Eligibility for ENGL-122 or equivalent**  
This course provides an introduction to the theory and scientific methodology of sociology; a survey of the interactions, interrelationships, and processes of society as an organized structure. Sociology’s substantive areas including methodology, socialization, culture, social stratification, race, and ethnic minorities, gender and sexual orientation will be discussed. Institutional analysis beginning with the family, religion, and education is introduced. C-ID SOCI 110, CSU, UC

**SOCIO-121  Introduction to Social Problems**  
3 units  SC  
- 54 hours lecture per term  
- **Recommended: Eligibility for ENGL-122 or equivalent**  
This course is a survey of perspectives on major social problems, primarily in the urban, industrial settings. Includes sources, consequences of and means of coping with a variety of social problems. The scientific methodology required for accurate analysis is emphasized. Topics will be selected from social problems such as aging, health care, mental illness, environmental issues, labor force conditions, gender and sexuality, poverty, crime, juvenile delinquency, suicide, addiction, abuse, migration and relations with minority groups, or membership in deviant subcultures. C-ID SOCI 115, CSU, UC

**SOCIO-122  Critical Thinking About Social and Cultural Issues**  
3 units  SC  
- 54 hours lecture per term  
- **Prerequisite: ENGL-122 or equivalent**  
Critical reasoning in sociology is a process of questioning, analyzing and evaluating oral and written ideas, concepts, and interpretations of the political, economic and social issues and patterns found in human societies. This process will include an introduction to the principles of logic, the structure of language, the scientific method, and prevailing theoretical models in sociology. Specific writing skills will be developed through a series of increasingly complex analytical essays and through instruction in metaphor, analogy, comparing and contrasting, the nature of evidence, as well as essay structure and expression. The goal is for students to learn how to identify sociological viewpoints, to gather and analyze sociological information, to recognize sociological relationships and patterns, and to see the relevancy of sociological insights and theories as a background for understanding current events and issues. CSU, UC

**SOCIO-123  Introduction to Social Research**  
3 units  SC  
- 54 hours lecture per term  
- **Prerequisite: SOCIO-120 or equivalent**  
**Recommended: Eligibility for ENGL-122 or equivalent**  
This course is a study of the various social research methods and a review of problems in assessing data relating to social life. Topics to be covered include: posing a sociological problem, data-gathering techniques, sampling, measurement, and establishing relationships among data. This class allows students to become involved in the process of conducting survey research and to participate in the use of other social research techniques. C-ID SOCI 120, CSU, UC

**SOCIO-124  Gender, Culture, and Society**  
3 units  SC  
- 54 hours lecture per term  
- **Recommended: Eligibility for ENGL-122 or equivalent**  
This course provides a multidimensional examination of gender in the United States and other societies, exploring the mechanisms by which gender roles develop and the consequences for society. It also examines the social and cultural processes and institutional arrangements that give meaning to being a woman and a man in a gendered society. Chiaras: This course presents a multidimensional examination of gender in the United States and other societies, including the mechanisms by which gender roles develop and the consequences for society. The social and cultural processes and institutional arrangements that give meaning to being a woman and a man in a gendered society will also be covered. C-ID SOCI 140, CSU, UC

**SOCIO-125  Introduction to Marriage and Family**  
3 units  SC  
- 54 hours lecture per term  
- **Recommended: Eligibility for ENGL-122 or equivalent**  
An examination of basic issues concerning marriage, family and kinship in African American, Euro American, Hispanic, Asian and Native American families. Emphasis on cross-cultural and cross-societal comparisons, kinship groups, the nature of human marriage, relationship of the family to other social institutions, child rearing, plural marriages, family politics, and speculations concerning the future of the family. C-ID SOCI 130, CSU, UC

**SOCIO-131  The Urban Community**  
3 units  SC  
- 54 hours lecture per term  
- **Recommended: Eligibility for ENGL-122 or equivalent**  
This course examines current and historical social change in cities and suburbs through the experience of African Americans, Latinos, Asian Americans, Native Americans and European Americans. Challenges faced by multicultural communities, neighborhoods and suburbs, and programs and strategies that are designed to meet these challenges will be covered. CSU, UC
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**SOCIO-135  Introduction to Race and Ethnicity**
3 units  SC
- 54 hours lecture per term
- Recommended: Eligibility for ENGL-122 or equivalent

This course is a sociological analysis of ethnic cultures in the United States. Topics include political, economic, religious, judicial, and familial organization of ethnic communities, the effects of the dominant society on these institutions and recent socio-political movements. C-ID SOCI 150, CSU, UC

**SOCIO-155  Topics in Sociology**
.3-4 units  SC
- Variable hours

A supplemental course in sociology to provide a study of current concepts and problems in sociology and related substantive areas. Specific topics will be announced in the schedule of classes. CSU

**SOCIO-298  Independent Study**
.5-3 units  SC
- Variable hours
- Note: Submission of acceptable educational contract to department and Instruction Office is required.

This course is designed for advanced students who wish to conduct additional research, a special project, or learning activities in a specific discipline/subject area and is not intended to replace an existing course. The student and instructor develop a written contract that includes objectives to be achieved, activities and procedures to accomplish the study project, and the means by which the supervising instructor may assess accomplishment. CSU

**SOCIO-299  Student Instructional Assistant**
.5-3 units  SC
- Variable hours
- Note: Applications must be approved through the Instruction Office. Students must be supervised by a DVC instructor.

Students work as instructional assistants, lab assistants and research assistants in this department. The instructional assistants function as group discussion leaders, meet and assist students with problems and projects, or help instructors by setting up laboratory or demonstration apparatus. Students may not assist in course sections in which they are currently enrolled. CSU