



University of California, Santa Barbara  
Program Learning Outcomes

**G.E. Area D: Social Sciences**

In Area D courses, students apply perspectives, theories, and methods of social science research in order to learn about what motivates influences, and/or determines the behaviors and beliefs of individuals and groups.

***Students who successfully complete the Area D requirement will be able to:***

- Demonstrate knowledge of fundamental social science concepts and theories.
- Describe emergent levels of organization between and among individuals, groups, and/or societies.
- Apply discipline-specific theoretical perspectives and methods to questions about interactions between individuals, groups, and/or cultures.
- Use a range of sources to inform inquiry into questions related to behaviors and beliefs of individuals and groups in specific disciplinary contexts.
- Critically evaluate the merit of claims on the basis of methods and empirical evidence from the discipline.
- Explain how social scientific concepts and social phenomena relate to contemporary political and social issues.