

SOCIAL JUSTICE, ADVOCACY, AND COMMUNITY ASSOCIATE OF ARTS DEGREE

The Associate of Arts Degree in Social Justice, Advocacy and Community is designed to provide students with a comprehensive understanding of the complex social, political and economic issues that contribute to social inequalities and injustices. Courses in this program will cover a range of topics, including the history and theories of social justice, the role of advocacy and activism in effecting change, and the principles and practices of community organizing. Graduates of this program will be well-equipped to pursue further education in related fields, or to enter the workforce in a variety of roles, such as community organizer, social worker, activist, policy analyst, or advocate. They will be prepared to make a positive impact in their communities and to contribute to the ongoing struggle for social justice and equity.

Code	Title	Units
Required Courses:		
ETHS 100	Introduction to Ethnic Studies	3
COMMST 100	Elements of Public Speaking	3
	or COMMST 100H Elements of Public Speaking - Honors	
ECON 200	Principles of Macroeconomics	3
	or ECON 200H Principles of Macroeconomics - Honors	
MUS 108	History of Hip Hop Music	3
COMMST 135	Mass Media and Society	3
	or FTVM 103 Ethnicity and Identity in Media	
	or ETHS 103 Ethnicity and Identity in Media	
SOC 110	Social Problems	3
	or SOC 110H Social Problems - Honors	
SOC 141	Race and Ethnic Relations	3
	or SOC 141H Race and Ethnic Relations - Honors	
	or ETHS 141 Race and Ethnic Relations	
	or ETHS 141H Race and Ethnic Relations - Honors	
SOC 150	Aging and the Life Course	3
POLIT 139	Service Learning: Community Leadership	3
	or POLIT 139H Service Learning: Community Leadership - Honors	
POLIT 150	Introduction to Public Policy	3
SDEV 103	Career Exploration and Life Planning	3
	or SDEV 103H Career Exploration and Life Planning - Honors	
One course from the following:		
ANTHRO 108	Introduction to Native American Studies	3
	or ETHS 108 Introduction to Native American Studies	
HIST 107	Native American Experiences in U.S. History	3
	or HIST 107H Native American Experiences in U.S. History - Honors	
	or ETHS 107 Native American Experiences in U.S. History	
	or ETHS 107H Native American Experiences in U.S. History - Honors	
HIST 139	The African American Experience in U.S. History From 1877	3
HIST 142	Experiences of Asian Americans in U.S. History	3
Health - One course from the following:		
HEALTH 100	Introduction to Public Health	3
HEALTH 101	Personal Health and Wellness	3

HEALTH 104	Women's Health	3
Self-Care - One course from the following:		
DANCE 105A	Beginning Jazz Dance	2
KINF 127A	Beginning Walking for Fitness	1
KINF 154A	Beginning Hiking for Fitness	1
MUS 150X4	Mixed Chorus	1
Total Units		40-41

To earn an SBVC Associate Degree students must complete one of the following general education patterns:

SBVC GE requirements (<https://www.valleycollege.edu/student-services/counseling/graduation-requirements/>)

CSU GE requirements (<https://www.valleycollege.edu/student-services/counseling/csuge/>)

IGETC requirements (<https://www.valleycollege.edu/student-services/counseling/igetc/>)

Program Learning Outcomes

At the completion of this program, students will be able to:

- Analyze the historical and contemporary social, political, and economic factors that contribute to social inequalities and injustices and articulate strategies for change.
- Develop the critical thinking and problem-solving skills necessary to address issues of social justice and advocacy.
- Demonstrate an understanding of the principles and practices of community organizing, including the ability to work collaboratively with individuals and groups from diverse backgrounds, and to facilitate constructive dialogue and collective action around social justice issues.