**General Education Social Science Breadth Area Mission Statement**

*The mission of the Social Science general education area is twofold: (1) to provide students with a basic understanding of people and their behavior within their environments; and (2) to empower students to contribute to society in their particular professions and as engaged citizens of their various communities.*

**Social Science General Education Student Learning Outcomes**

Students completing a social science general education course will demonstrate their understanding of:

**Interactions between individuals and society**

Describe how individuals and groups influence and are influenced by social contexts, institutions, physical environments and/or global processes.

**Application of concepts, theories and methods**

Apply basic social science concepts, theories and/or methods to a particular issue and identify factors that influence change.

**Diverse perspectives**

Identify an argument about a social phenomenon and understand alternative explanations.

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