

# CANNABIS STUDIES ASSOCIATE IN ARTS DEGREE

PROGRAM CODE: 2A42187

The **Cannabis Studies AA degree** is grounded in Social and Behavioral Sciences, with a multi-disciplinary approach including sociology, biological psychology, and anthropology. Coursework focuses on both theoretical and applied perspectives surrounding cannabis and its use. It provides a unique examination of the constructions of cannabis as a product, a psychoactive substance, a behavior, and a form of deviance. It incorporates an applied approach through the lens of the business of cannabis. It also uses a social justice framework to analyze public policy, rhetoric, and health. Cannabis Studies is a gateway degree for students seeking transfer in related disciplines, specifically Anthropology, Psychology (and neuroscience), Sociology (and Social Work), Public Health and Criminal Justice. Cannabis is on a trajectory to be a multi-billion dollar industry before 2030. An Associate Degree in Cannabis Studies can lead to good jobs in the industry. According to a 2019 Whitney Economics Cannabis Jobs report, the cannabis industry is the largest single job creator in the country. In 2019, the cannabis workforce grew by 44%, creating more than 64,000 jobs in all areas of the industry. This degree requires 19 units in the major in addition to other graduation requirements.

**Outcome 5:** Explain the function of the five plant growth regulators on plant growth and cell function, particularly cannabis.

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Code	Title	Units
<b>Required Courses (13 units)</b>		
SOC 285 F or SOC 285HF	Drugs and Society Honors Drugs and Society	3
PSY 221 F	The Brain and Behavior	3
HORT 152 F	Applied Botany	4
BUS 281 F	The Business of Cannabis	3
<b>Restricted Electives (Select two courses or 6 units)</b>		
AJ 226 F	Narcotics and Vice Control	3
ANTH 107 F or ANTH 107HF	Anthropology of Magic, Witchcraft and Religion Honors Anthropology of Magic, Witchcraft and Religion	3
HED 140 F	Health Science	3
SOC 292 F or SOC 292HF	Introduction to Criminology Honors Introduction to Criminology	3
<b>Total Units</b>		<b>19</b>

## Program Level Student Learning Outcomes

**Outcome 1:** Identify and apply appropriate sociological theoretical approaches to an analysis of cannabis use.

**Outcome 2:** Demonstrate reasonable knowledge about the historical context of cannabis, particularly relative to discriminatory drug policies in the U.S.

**Outcome 3:** Analyze the current public health perspective on the issue of substance use versus abuse, including broad political, social and economic factors related to cannabis.

**Outcome 4:** Explain a spectrum of human behaviors in terms of their corresponding physiological processes, particularly relative to the use of legal and illegal substances.