

Getting Started in Social and Behavioral Sciences for Undecided Students

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The following provides a suggested course schedule for the first two of four semesters of an associate degree program for a student who is undecided about their major but interested in the Social and Behavioral Sciences OGTPs, which include Anthropology, Economics, Geography, Political Science, Psychology, and Sociology. This is meant solely as a tool and a student should meet with their academic advisor in order to help them select coursework.

SEMESTER 1	
Course Name & Number	Credit Hours
1st Year Experience or Elective	1
First Writing (TME001)	3
Introductory Statistics (TMM010)	3
OTM Social and Behavioral Sciences Course	3
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OTM Arts and Humanities Elective	3
Total Semester 1 Credit Hours	16

In the first semester, an undecided student should take two OTM Social and Behavioral Sciences courses based on their interests. Course options might include:

- Cultural Anthropology (OSS001)
- Microeconomics (OSS004) or Macroeconomics (OSS005)
- Human Geography or Cultural Geography (OSS007)
- World Regional Geography (OSS008)
- American Politics / Government (OSS011)
- Introduction to Psychology (OSS015)
- Introduction to Sociology (OSS021)

SEMESTER 2	
Course Name & Number	Credit Hours
Second Writing (TME002)	3
OTM Social and Behavioral Science Elective OR Pre-Major/Beginning Major Course (if decided)	3
OTM Arts and Humanities Elective	3
OTM Natural Sciences Elective	3
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Total Semester 2 Credit Hours	15

If a student is still undecided, they could proceed to take a third OTM Social and Behavioral Sciences course from the list above in the second semester counting toward either Ohio Transfer Module or general electives without increasing their time to degree completion. In order to complete the OGTP program of study within approximately 60-65 hours, students must decide on their area of concentration, at latest, by the end of the second semester since certain areas require more specialized coursework.

Once a student determines their area of study, they should work with their academic advisor to lay out the rest of their individual course of study based on the remaining coursework in the OGTP and institutional requirements.



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The Ohio Guaranteed Transfer Pathways (OGTPs) are intended to be used as tool to aid in your successful transfer of an associate degree to a bachelor's degree program. In order to facilitate a seamless transfer experience, here is some helpful advice:

- Identify your educational and career goals early. In order to make sure that you decide upon the best fit OGTP for you, you need to understand your interests, skills, and goals. If you are not sure, work with your academic advisor. They may have an interest or skills assessment to help you identify a corresponding career field and major of interest.
- Seek advising. Academic advisors at our public community colleges are committed to helping you meet your educational and career goals. Express your interest in transferring early, so that they can assist in making your course selections.
- Plan your transfer. The sooner that you know you would like to transfer and where you want to transfer, the better that your academic advisor can help you. Additionally, you can contact an advisor at the public university to which you intend to transfer. They can assist you with your transition and understanding the application process.
- Monitor your progress. Working proactively with academic advisors at your community college and your intended public university is the best way to ensure you are on track and to make your transfer seamless.