Social Sciences (SSCI)

Courses

SSCI 100. Introduction to the Social Sciences. 4 Units.
Introduction to the different disciplines within the social sciences and their corresponding research methodologies. Incorporates elements of anthropology, economics, political science, sociology, history, psychology, and geography. Presents a unified approach to the issues within social sciences.

SSCI 165. Regions and Peoples of the World. 4 Units.
Survey of major regions of the world using general physical and cultural concepts to explain patterns and problems of human activities in relation to natural environments.

SSCI 300. Nonwestern World. 4 Units.
Prerequisites: junior or senior standing
Historical, political, social, geographic and economic aspects of nonwestern societies.

SSCI 304. Contemporary Latin America. 4 Units.
Prerequisites: junior or senior standing
Social, economic and political conditions and institutions in contemporary Latin America.

SSCI 306. Expository Writing for the Social Sciences. 4 Units.
Prerequisites: satisfaction of the GE written communication (A1) requirement and a minimum of 90 quarter (60 semester) units of college credit
Writing on topics related to the social sciences, including documented research reports, summaries and analytical papers. Revision and rewriting will be required. Course fulfills the graduation requirement in writing proficiency. No more than one of the expository writing courses (EDUC 306, ENG 306, HUM 306, MGMT 306, NSCI 306, SSCI 306) may be taken for credit. Students who have received a grade of no credit in any combination of the expository writing courses two or more times must meet with the 306 coordinator or designee to design a developmental writing plan as a condition for enrolling for a third quarter. All students must obtain junior status at the time of registration or their course request will be cancelled. Formerly SSCI 495. Graded A, B, C/no credit.

SSCI 309. Family, School and Culture. 3 Units.
Prerequisites: EELB 310 and HD 315
An overview of family, culture and social stratification and the implications of such for educational settings (including curriculum content and instructional practices). Home-school relations will be discussed. Skills needed for effective communication with diverse families and communities will be included. Five hours field work component required.

SSCI 315. Cultural Adaptation: The Quest for Survival. 4 Units.
Prerequisites: junior or senior standing
(GE=D5)
An interdisciplinary inquiry into diverse cultural solutions to universal human problems. Topics include alternative cultural provisions for satisfying economic, social, political and religious needs.

SSCI 316. Race and Racism. 4 Units.
Prerequisites: junior or senior standing
(GE=D5, G1)
An interdisciplinary and cross-cultural examination of the concepts of race, ethnic group, prejudice and racism which includes studies of changing prejudiced attitudes.

SSCI 320. Understanding Capitalism. 4 Units.
Prerequisites: junior or senior standing
(GE=D5)
Exploration into the origins and nature of capitalism. Focus on the historical development and contemporary structure of the social, political and economic institutions of capitalism.

SSCI 321. Urbanization and the Urban Environment. 4 Units.
Prerequisites: junior or senior standing
(GE=D5)
Patterns and processes of urban growth. Major emphasis on reasons for growth of cities; economic, social, political and structural changes in urban areas which accompany urbanization; and a cross-cultural analysis of urban problems.

SSCI 325. Perspectives on Gender. 4 Units.
Prerequisites: junior or senior standing
(GE=D5, G1)
This interdisciplinary course uses scientific, humanistic, and social science perspectives to foster an understanding of how gender roles in Western culture are established, maintained and changed. (Also offered as HUM 325 and NSCI 325. Students may receive credit for only one of these courses.)

SSCI 345. Religious Expression in America. 4 Units.
Prerequisites: junior or senior standing
(GE=D5)
Interdisciplinary social science analysis of the relationship among religious belief, religious practices and secular society in American culture.

SSCI 350. Roots of Modern Racism in America. 4 Units.
Prerequisites: junior or senior standing
(GE=D5, G1)
An interdisciplinary exploration of the roots of modern racism in America in the decades following the Civil War. The course will focus on the experiences of ethnic men and women and on the concurrent anti-Semitic, anti-Catholic and Americanization movements. The course will focus on the dynamics of these intergroup relations and their legacy for contemporary America.
SSCI 368. MARC Seminar I. 2 Units.
A selected examination of original research articles in behavioral and biomedical sciences. Students will learn to critically read, critique, and present published scientific findings. Offered as NSCI 368, PSYC 368, and SSCI 368 (students may receive credit for only one of these courses). Enrollment is limited to students whose formal application to the Minority Access to Research Careers (MARC) program is approved.

SSCI 468. MARC Seminar II. 2 Units.
Prerequisites: NSCI 368, PSYC 368 or SSCI 368
A selected examination of original research articles in behavioral and biomedical sciences focusing on improving scientific writing skills, shaping long-term research projects, and the development of research funding proposals. Offered as NSCI 468, PSYC 368, and SSCI 468 (students may receive credit for only one of these courses). Enrollment is limited to students whose formal application to the Minority Access to Research Careers (MARC) program is approved.

SSCI 499. Senior Seminar. 4 Units.
Prerequisites: senior standing
Assessment of the students academic progress through the preparation and submission of a portfolio of completed course work. Students also compose a research essay in one of the social science fields, in consultation with the instructor.

SSCI 515. Model United Nations. 4 Units.
An analysis of the role of the United Nations in world politics to prepare students for the national United Nations competition. May be repeated for credit. A total of eight units may be applied towards graduation. Formerly PSCI 515.

SSCI 516. Model Arab League. 4 Units.
An analysis of the role of the Arab League in world politics to prepare students for the national Arab League competition. May be repeated for credit. A total of eight units may be applied towards graduation.

SSCI 575D. Social Science Internship. 4 Units.
Prerequisites: consent of the internship coordinator or department chair/coordinator
Supervised work and study in work situations involving social science skills. May be repeated once for credit. Graded Credit/no credit.

SSCI 590. Seminar in the Social Sciences. 4 Units.
An intensive study of various multidisciplinary issues within the social sciences. May be repeated for credit as topics change. A total of eight units may be applied toward graduation.

SSCI 595D. Social Science Independent Study. 4 Units.
Prerequisites: a minimum overall grade point average of 3.0, consent of the department chair/coordinator, filed in advance of the quarter in which the course is to be taken
Special topics in social science research. A total of four units in SSCI 595D may be applied toward the SSCI major and be applied toward graduation.

SSCI 600. Social and Cultural Perspectives in the Social Sciences. 5 Units.
The relationship of values, behavior, social setting, and environment in the analysis of human interaction. Both intracultural and crosscultural perspectives will be addressed in light of sociological and anthropological theories. Substantive and methodological contributions will be presented. Laboratory will provide students with hands-on research skills component. Four hours lecture and two hours laboratory.

SSCI 695A. Directed Graduate Studies. 1 Unit.
Graduate-level independent study for students in the Master of Arts in Interdisciplinary Studies; to be conducted under direct supervision of a faculty member from the students committee and, if an interdisciplinary studies major, with approval of the committee on graduate education and consent of the Dean of Graduate Studies.

SSCI 695B. Directed Graduate Studies. 2 Units.
Graduate-level independent study for students in the Master of Arts in Interdisciplinary Studies; to be conducted under direct supervision of a faculty member from the students committee and, if an interdisciplinary studies major, with approval of the committee on graduate education and consent of the Dean of Graduate Studies.

SSCI 695C. Directed Graduate Studies. 3 Units.
Graduate-level independent study for students in the Master of Arts in Interdisciplinary Studies; to be conducted under direct supervision of a faculty member from the students committee and, if an interdisciplinary studies major, with approval of the committee on graduate education and consent of the Dean of Graduate Studies.

SSCI 695D. Directed Graduate Studies. 4 Units.
Graduate-level independent study for students in the Master of Arts in Interdisciplinary Studies; to be conducted under direct supervision of a faculty member from the students committee and, if an interdisciplinary studies major, with approval of the committee on graduate education and consent of the Dean of Graduate Studies.

SSCI 695E. Directed Graduate Studies. 5 Units.
Graduate-level independent study for students in the Master of Arts in Interdisciplinary Studies; to be conducted under direct supervision of a faculty member from the students committee and, if an interdisciplinary studies major, with approval of the committee on graduate education and consent of the Dean of Graduate Studies.

SSCI 695F. Directed Graduate Studies. 6 Units.
Graduate-level independent study for students in the Master of Arts in Interdisciplinary Studies; to be conducted under direct supervision of a faculty member from the students committee and, if an interdisciplinary studies major, with approval of the committee on graduate education and consent of the Dean of Graduate Studies.
SSCI 697. Comprehensive Examination. 2 Units.
Prerequisites: approval of the department, completion of a minimum of two thirds of the course work in the master's program, and in good academic standing
Assessment of the student’s ability to apply the theories, methods and understanding of the social sciences to the phenomena of globalization.

SSCI 698A. Continuous Enrollment for Graduate Candidacy Standing. 1 Unit.
Prerequisites: advancement to candidacy and approval of program graduate coordinator or, if an interdisciplinary studies major, consent of the Dean of Graduate Studies
Independent study leading to completion of requirements (other than course work) for the master's degree. To retain classified standing in the master's program, a student must enroll in 698 each quarter until the project or thesis is accepted or the comprehensive examination passed. Students who enroll in 698 through the university have full use of all university facilities. See Culminating Experience: Exam, Thesis, or Project in Graduate Degree and Program Requirements section of the Bulletin of Courses. 698 is a variable unit course, see fee schedule in the Financial Information section of the Bulletin of Courses. Earned units are not degree-applicable nor will they qualify for financial aid.

SSCI 698B. Continuous Enrollment for Graduate Candidacy Standing. 2 Units.
Prerequisites: advancement to candidacy and approval of program graduate coordinator or, if an interdisciplinary studies major, consent of the Dean of Graduate Studies
Independent study leading to completion of requirements (other than course work) for the master's degree. To retain classified standing in the master's program, a student must enroll in 698 each quarter until the project or thesis is accepted or the comprehensive examination passed. Students who enroll in 698 through the university have full use of all university facilities. See Culminating Experience: Exam, Thesis, or Project in Graduate Degree and Program Requirements section of the Bulletin of Courses. 698 is a variable unit course, see fee schedule in the Financial Information section of the Bulletin of Courses. Earned units are not degree-applicable nor will they qualify for financial aid.

SSCI 698C. Continuous Enrollment for Graduate Candidacy Standing. 3 Units.
Prerequisites: advancement to candidacy and approval of program graduate coordinator or, if an interdisciplinary studies major, consent of the Dean of Graduate Studies
Independent study leading to completion of requirements (other than course work) for the master's degree. To retain classified standing in the master's program, a student must enroll in 698 each quarter until the project or thesis is accepted or the comprehensive examination passed. Students who enroll in 698 through the university have full use of all university facilities. See Culminating Experience: Exam, Thesis, or Project in Graduate Degree and Program Requirements section of the Bulletin of Courses. 698 is a variable unit course, see fee schedule in the Financial Information section of the Bulletin of Courses. Earned units are not degree-applicable nor will they qualify for financial aid.

SSCI 698D. Continuous Enrollment for Graduate Candidacy Standing. 4 Units.
Prerequisites: advancement to candidacy and approval of program graduate coordinator or, if an interdisciplinary studies major, consent of the Dean of Graduate Studies
Independent study leading to completion of requirements (other than course work) for the master's degree. To retain classified standing in the master's program, a student must enroll in 698 each quarter until the project or thesis is accepted or the comprehensive examination passed. Students who enroll in 698 through the university have full use of all university facilities. See Culminating Experience: Exam, Thesis, or Project in Graduate Degree and Program Requirements section of the Bulletin of Courses. 698 is a variable unit course, see fee schedule in the Financial Information section of the Bulletin of Courses. Earned units are not degree-applicable nor will they qualify for financial aid.

SSCI 698E. Continuous Enrollment for Graduate Candidacy Standing. 5 Units.
Prerequisites: advancement to candidacy and approval of program graduate coordinator or, if an interdisciplinary studies major, consent of the Dean of Graduate Studies
Independent study leading to completion of requirements (other than course work) for the master's degree. To retain classified standing in the master's program, a student must enroll in 698 each quarter until the project or thesis is accepted or the comprehensive examination passed. Students who enroll in 698 through the university have full use of all university facilities. See Culminating Experience: Exam, Thesis, or Project in Graduate Degree and Program Requirements section of the Bulletin of Courses. 698 is a variable unit course, see fee schedule in the Financial Information section of the Bulletin of Courses. Earned units are not degree-applicable nor will they qualify for financial aid.

SSCI 698F. Continuous Enrollment for Graduate Candidacy Standing. 6 Units.
Prerequisites: advancement to candidacy and approval of program graduate coordinator or, if an interdisciplinary studies major, consent of the Dean of Graduate Studies
Independent study leading to completion of requirements (other than course work) for the master's degree. To retain classified standing in the master's program, a student must enroll in 698 each quarter until the project or thesis is accepted or the comprehensive examination passed. Students who enroll in 698 through the university have full use of all university facilities. See Culminating Experience: Exam, Thesis, or Project in Graduate Degree and Program Requirements section of the Bulletin of Courses. 698 is a variable unit course, see fee schedule in the Financial Information section of the Bulletin of Courses. Earned units are not degree-applicable nor will they qualify for financial aid.
SSCI 698Z. Continuous Enrollment for Graduate Candidacy Standing. 0 Units.
Prerequisites: advancement to candidacy and approval of program graduate coordinator or, if an interdisciplinary studies major, consent of the Dean of Graduate Studies
Independent study leading to completion of requirements (other than course work) for the master's degree. To retain classified standing in the master's program, a student must enroll in 698 each quarter until the project or thesis is accepted or the comprehensive examination passed. Students who enroll in 698 through the university have full use of all university facilities. See Culminating Experience: Exam, Thesis, or Project in Graduate Degree and Program Requirements section of the Bulletin of Courses. 698 is a variable unit course, see fee schedule in the Financial Information section of the Bulletin of Courses. Earned units are not degree-applicable nor will they qualify for financial aid.

SSCI 699. Graduate Project or Thesis. 4 Units.
Prerequisites: advancement to candidacy and consent of program coordinator
Independent graduate project or research conducted under guidance of the major advisor culminating in a written project or thesis.