

Course Rotation: Social & Behavioral Sciences

Special Note: This rotation is accurate as of January 15, 2018. Unforeseen events could impact the offering of a particular course; however, the department will make every effort to assure the least negative impact on students should a change in a rotation be required. It is highly advisable that students consult with their advisors to most effectively choose courses to complete their degree plans.

SBS 3013 Research Methods I: Research Designs

An introduction to major research methods used in the social sciences (especially history, political science, psychology, and sociology). Students will become familiar with qualitative and quantitative research methods and explore key issues in research design.

Course Offered: Fall and Spring

SBS 3053 Social Systems and Problems

An inquiry into the origin and development of current social problems with specific reference to social action taken to address these problems. Students will investigate one major problem using the resources from more than one social science discipline.

Course Offered: Fall and Spring

SBS 3063 Social and Behavioral Statistics

An introductory course that will focus on both descriptive and inferential statistics. Topics include measures of central tendency and variability, sampling distributions, the normal distribution, z-scores, correlation, regression, hypotheses testing, t-tests, ANOVA, and chi-square tests. SPSS software will be utilized for all statistical analyses. Prerequisite: Math 1503 or Math 1513.

Course Offered: Fall and Spring

SBS 3113 Qualitative Research Methods

An examination of various qualitative research methods employed in the social sciences. Students will learn to assess the strengths and weaknesses of a variety of methods, and how to utilize one or more methods appropriate to the degree option they have selected. Prerequisite: SBS 3013.

Course Offered: Irregular

SBS 3213 Quantitative Research Methods

An examination of the various quantitative research methods utilized in the social sciences, with an emphasis on the logic of the research, conceptualization of problems, and the application of the methods. This course will specifically focus on experimental design, survey construction and analysis, and application of statistics. Prerequisite: SBS 3013.

Course Offered: Fall and Spring

SBS 4033 Internship I

Students work under the dual supervision of a faculty member and a site supervisor in a government office, museum or historical society, mental health or human welfare agency, law enforcement or judicial organization, or a charitable agency.

Course Offered: Fall, Spring, and Summer

SBS 4043 Internship II

Students work under the supervision of a faculty member and a site supervisor in a government office, museum or historical society, mental health or human welfare agency, law enforcement or judicial organization, or a charitable agency.

Course Offered: Fall, Spring, and Summer

SBS 4513 Senior Seminar: Capstone Experience

Students complete an original research project utilizing social scientific methods and knowledge from one or more of the core disciplines in the BSSS program (History, Environmental Studies, Political Science, Psychology, or Sociology). Prerequisite: SBS 3113 or SBS 3213.

Course Offered: Fall and Spring