

SURVEY RESEARCH METHODS GRADUATE CREDIT CERTIFICATE PROGRAM

the requirements of the Certificate may be double-counted towards the student's doctoral degree program if permitted by the program.

Certificate Requirements

Requirements listed here are in addition to requirements listed in Graduate Council policy GCAC-212 Postbaccalaureate Credit Certificate Programs (<https://gradschool.psu.edu/graduate-education-policies/gcac/gcac-200/gcac-212-postbaccalaureate-credit-certificate-programs/>).

All certificate recipients will be required to complete two core courses, two additional electives at the 500 level, and one hands-on internship or apprenticeship experience.

Code	Title	Credits
Required Courses		
PLSC/SOC 518	Survey Methods I: Survey Design	3
PLSC/SOC 519	Survey Methods II: Analysis of Survey Data	3
PLSC/SOC 595A	Survey Research Practicum	1
Electives		
	In addition to the required courses listed above, students must select any two additional 3-credit courses in intermediate or advanced applied statistics or interviewing techniques, as approved by the chair of the Survey Research Center (SRC) Faculty Advisory Committee. ¹	6
Total Credits		13

¹ There is no specific list of courses because offerings in the social and behavioral sciences change frequently and are most often offered under the 597 rubric. As a general rule, these courses must be at the 500 level, and they must have prerequisites equivalent to two semesters of applied statistics. For example, offerings in SOC that require prior completion of SOC 574-SOC 575 and offerings in PLSC that require prior completion of PLSC 502-PLSC 503 would normally be eligible. We will apply comparable criteria for advanced methodology electives in departments such as (but not restricted to) Human Development and Family Studies, Education, and Psychology. These departments have offered relevant courses on topics such as:

- Hierarchical Modeling,
- Latent Class Analysis,
- Item Response Theory,
- Time Series,
- Analysis,
- Survival Analysis,
- and the Analysis of Missing Data.

In addition, some regularly offered classes, such as HDFS 526, SOC 578, and STAT 506, would satisfy the requirement.

Students accepted into the certificate program will submit a "Planned Program of Study" form annually. Approval by the Chair of the SRC Faculty Advisory Committee shall constitute formal approval for a course to count in meeting this requirement. All courses used to meet