SOSC 1: Urbanization

3 Credits

AN OVERVIEW OF THE SOCIAL SCIENCES, INCLUDING AN INTERDISCIPLINARY ANALYSIS OF THE URBAN PROCESS.

Bachelor of Arts: Social and Behavioral Sciences
General Education: Social and Behavioral Scien (GS)

SOSC 480: Quantitative Methods in the Social Sciences

4 Credits

Students will learn to conduct, analyze and write up quantitative social scientific research according to appropriate professional standards. SO SC 480W Quantitative Methods in the Social Sciences (4) Students in this course will gain a working understanding of the rationale for the use of a variety of quantitative research methods and become familiar with the design, constraints and appropriate applications of those most frequently used in the applied behavioral and social sciences. They will gain experience designing and conducting research through a blend of class exercises and field research applications. Students will also gain a basic familiarity with the use of tools such as the Statistical Package for the Social Sciences (SPSS) to analyze the data gathered through quantitative research. Finally, through classroom instruction coupled with a process of writing, revising and individual consultation with the instructor regarding their research reports, students will master APA style and develop their academic and professional writing skills including critical thinking and conceptualization in addition to the basics such as spelling and grammar where necessary.

Prerequisite: permission of program

Writing Across the Curriculum

SOSC 481: Qualitative Research Methods in the Social Sciences

4 Credits

Students will learn how to conduct, analyze and write up qualitative social research according to appropriate professional standards. SO SC 481 Qualitative Research Methods in the Social Sciences (4) Students in this course will gain a working understanding of the philosophy, conceptualization and application of qualitative and participatory research methods in the behavioral and social sciences including such methods as ethnographic research and participant observation, conceptual mapping and interviewing techniques and explore their applications in participatory and action research. Students will also learn how to analyze and write up the results of such research endeavors according to the standards of the field including the use of computerized qualitative data analysis packages (such as NUD*IST or the Ethnograph) and mastery of APA style.

Prerequisite: permission of program

SOSC 492: Current Topics in the Social Sciences

3 Credits/Maximum of 3

This course allows for various current topics to be offered as suitable to the needs of the program. SO SC 492 Current Topics in the Social Sciences (3) As the umbrella course for the Social Sciences, this course