SSCI 311 : Research Methods in Social Science

A. Course Description

Credits: 4

Prerequisites: SSCI 300 Seeing Like a Social Scientist AND WRIT 131 Writing I or equivalent, or have instructor’s permission.

Lab Hours/ Weeks: 

Corequisites: None

Lecture Hours/ Week :

MnTC Goals: Goal LS - Upper Division Liberal Studies , Goal 05 - Hist/Soc/Behav Sci

This course provides an introduction to the basic concepts of social science research. Students learn and implement a variety of research methods, and critically reflect on the relationship of these methods to philosophical traditions within social science. The courses examines two approaches to social science research, quantitative and qualitative, and the unique contribution of each approach for understanding social life. Experiential activities enhance classroom learning.

B. Course Effective Dates: 01/10/2005 - 08/16/2016 08/17/2016 - Present

C. Outline of Major Content Areas:

See Course Description for major content areas.

D. Learning Outcomes (General)

1. Ability to apply knowledge of key concepts, epistemologies, methodologies, and methods to the process of social research at an upper division college level.
2. Development of skills needed to conduct social science research at an upper division college level.
3. Knowledge of key concepts, epistemologies, methodologies, and methods in social science research.

E. Learning Outcomes (MN Transfer Curriculum)

Goal LS - Upper Division Liberal Studies

None

Goal 05 - Hist/Soc/Behav Sci

1. Employ the methods and data that historians and social and behavioral scientists use to investigate the human condition.
2. Use and critique alternative explanatory systems or theories.
3. Develop and communicate alternative explanations or solutions for contemporary social issues.
4. Examine social institutions and processes across a range of historical periods and cultures.

G. Special Information

None