SSCI 452 : Conceptual Research Capstone

A. Course Description

Credits: 5

Prerequisites: SSCI 300 Seeing Like a Social Scientist AND SSCI 311 Research Methods in Social Science AND SSCI 501 Great Ideas: Classics of Social Science AND WRIT 231 Writing II

Lab Hours/ Weeks: Corequisites: None

Lecture Hours/ Week :

MnTC Goals: None

The social sciences have been shaping our understanding of the human condition for 175 years. Students will be comparing and evaluating ideas that continue to engage and perplex thoughtful public intellectuals. The capstone project involves researching an idea that remains disputable. The goal of a student's thesis is an independent interpretation of a specific concept.

B. Course Effective Dates: 05/08/2019 - Present

C. Outline of Major Content Areas:

See Course Description for major content areas.

D. Learning Outcomes (General)

1. Can create a senior thesis which compares, critiques and evaluates three major thinkers on a contested social science concept and can develop one's own unique contribution to the debate.
2. Demonstrate senior level thinking skills in comparing and evaluating ideas being debated in academic and public venues.
3. Demonstrate the syntopical reading skills required to analyze and evaluate social thinkers at a senior under graduate level.
4. Understands the essential questions that motivate social science thought well enough to critically compare and evaluate contrasting perspectives on select social science concepts.

E. Learning Outcomes (MN Transfer Curriculum)

This contains no goal areas.

G. Special Information

None