Applied Social Sciences, Certificate

ASAPSSCERT

Description

The certificate program in applied social sciences prepares students to apply social science tools to practical problems. Through collaboration, students develop case studies, engage in fieldwork, and learn both how to apply expert knowledge and how to communicate evidence. Working with stakeholders, students identify and solve problems, reform managerial structures and organizational systems, and drive social change.

At a Glance

- **College/School:** [New College of Interdisciplinary Arts and Sciences](#)
- **Location:** [West campus](#)

Program Requirements

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The certificate in applied social sciences requires a minimum of 15 credit hours (at least 12 must be upper division), consisting of six core credit hours and nine credit hours of electives. Six credit hours must be completed through the School of Social and Behavioral Sciences in the New College of Interdisciplinary Arts and Sciences. A maximum of three credit hours of individualized instruction or internship may be applied toward the certificate. A maximum of six credit hours may be shared between the certificate and a New College major. Electives are not limited to the certificate elective list; students should see their academic advisor prior to enrollment. Students are encouraged to take courses that develop breadth rather than limiting their selection to courses in one particular discipline. Only courses in which a student receives a grade of "C" (2.00 on a 4.00 scale) or higher may be used to meet the certificate requirements.

**Required Core Courses -- 6 credit hours**
SOC 331: Environmental Sociology (SB & G) (3)
SBS 304: Social Statistics I (CS) or SBS 404: Social Statistics II: Multivariate Analysis (CS) (3)

Elective Courses (minimum six upper-division credit hours) -- 9 credit hours

Students will select nine credit hours from courses where an applied project is assigned within a specific context. Selected courses must come from at least two of the following prefixes: ASB, JHR, POS, SBS or SOC.

ASB 339 / SBS 339 / POS 339 / SOC 339: Grassroots Social Movements (SB) (3)
ASB 340 / SOC 328: Migration and Culture (SB & G) (3)
ASB 394: Special Topics or JHR 394: Special Topics or POS 394 / SBS 394 / SOC 394: Special Topics (3)
ASB 442 / SBS 460: Global Cities (SB & G) (3)
ASB 484 / JHR 484 / POS 484: Internship or SBS 484: Internship or SOC 484: Internship (3)
ASB 494 / JHR 494 / POS 494 / SBS 494 / SOC 494: Special Topics (3)
ASB 499 / JHR 499 / POS 499 / SBS 499 / SOC 499: Individualized Instruction (3)
GCU 373: Introduction to Geographic Information Science (SG) (4)
JHR 305: Theory and Practice of Social Justice and Human Rights (SB & G) (3)
POS 150: Comparative Government (SB & G) (3)
POS 350: Comparative Politics (SB & G) (3)
SOC 241: Modern Social Problems (SB) (3)
SOC 331: Environmental Sociology (SB & G) (3)
SOC 371: Inequality and Sustainability (3)
SOS 111: Sustainable Cities ((HU or SB) & G) (3)

Depending on a student's undergraduate program of study, prerequisite courses may be needed in order to complete the requirements of this certificate.

Enrollment Requirements

A student pursuing an undergraduate certificate must be enrolled as a degree-seeking student at ASU. Undergraduate certificates are not awarded prior to the award of an undergraduate degree. A student already holding an undergraduate degree may pursue an undergraduate certificate as a nondegree-seeking graduate student.

Career Opportunities

The certificate program is recommended for students with academic or career interests in human resources, administration, journalism, social work, business, community and civic work as well as politics, organizing and advocacy, public policy, education and sustainability. Graduates may find employment in positions such as research specialist, research project manager, human resources manager or assistant, recruiter, education or social worker.
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