

# SOSC: SOCIAL SCIENCE (UNDERGRADUATE)

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## SOSC 1996 Special Topics in SOSC (1-8 Credits)

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**Attributes:** Liberal

## SOSC 1998 Individualized Studies in Social Science (SOSC) (1-8 Credits)

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## SOSC 2005 Schooling in America (4 Credits)

This course provides students with the sociological and historical background necessary to understand schooling in America. This course explores the various forms of schooling such as public, private, public schools, and others; education reforms and innovations that are transforming schools; and the role of our educational system in a democratic society. This course was previously SOC-282244 Schooling in America. This course is also cross listed as EDST 2005. Credit cannot be given for both.

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**Attributes:** Liberal

## SOSC 2010 Statistics for the Social Sciences (4 Credits)

This course will present a foundation for when, how, and why different statistical techniques are utilized to answer social research questions. Students will be introduced to the basic concepts and tools of descriptive and inferential statistics, the practice of data analysis, and the interpretation of results. The course may utilize computer software (in addition to hand calculation) as the basis for statistical analyses. Course content may include: visual depiction of data; the normal distribution and measures of central tendency; probability and hypothesis testing; descriptive and inferential statistics; measurements of association between variables; and the selection of appropriate statistical techniques to answer an array of social science research questions. Knowledge of Algebra is recommended. This course was previously SOC-281424 Social Science Statistics

**Attributes:** Mathematics Gen Ed, \*Mathematics Gen Ed, Liberal

## SOSC 2996 Special Topics in SOSC99 (1-8 Credits)

## SOSC 2998 Individualized Studies in Social Science (SOSC) (1-8 Credits)

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## SOSC 3005 Exploration of Research Methods for the Behavioral Sciences (3 Credits)

This course is an introduction to research methods commonly used to study human behavior with a focus on psychology. It covers guidelines for the formulation of a research problem, hypothesis proposal, selection of operational variables followed by analysis and interpretation of results. The students explore a wide range of research designs and techniques and are exposed to specific details of these methods including history, ethnography, field research, surveys, correlation, and experimental designs. Special attention is given to ethical issues and the advantages and limitations of the various methods. Prerequisites: Statistics and three or more advanced-level courses in psychology and sociology.

**Attributes:** Liberal

## SOSC 3010 Family Violence: Legal & Social Perspectives (4 Credits)

This course will provide a broad overview of the legal and social aspects of family violence. Types of violence and abuse covered in the course include physical and sexual abuse of children, neglect, sibling abuse, dating violence, marital violence, sexual violence against women, and elder abuse. Attention is paid to definitions, historical factors regarding its discovery and identification as a legal and social problem, contributing factors and dynamics, consequences for victims and perpetrators, and social policy and intervention issues. This course was previously HDV-283314 Family Violence and Abuse.

**Attributes:** Liberal

## SOSC 3015 Great Conversations in Social Thought (4 Credits)

Social theorists observe and analyze the social world in order to explain why and how individuals interact with their world. This course is an examination of some of the classical and contemporary social theorists who have contributed to the 'great conversations in social thought'. This course was previously SOC-283484 Great Conversations in Social Thought.

**Attributes:** Liberal

## SOSC 3020 Qualitative Social Science Research: Design & Methods (4 Credits)

Qualitative social science research utilizes an array of approaches to explore and understand human behaviors, social interactions, and the construction of social reality. This course examines the ways social scientists ethically formulate questions, collect and analyze data, and present their findings. Students will learn to identify the strengths and weaknesses of research designs and develop skills to design their own qualitative research project and/or critically evaluate qualitative social science research projects. Prior to taking this course students should take at least one introductory course in the discipline of a social science concentration. This course was previously SOC-284534 Qualitative Social Science Research: Design and Methods.

**Attributes:** Social Science Gen Ed, \*Social Sciences Gen Ed, Liberal

## SOSC 3025 Social Science Research Methods (4 Credits)

This course introduces students to quantitative and qualitative methods for conducting meaningful inquiry and research in the social sciences. As students learn how to formulate research questions, identify the strengths and weaknesses of research designs, and explore methods of gathering and analyzing data, they develop skills to design their own research projects and/or critically evaluate social science research projects. Prior to taking this course, students should have taken at least one introductory social science or human development course. This course was previously SOC-283424 Survey of Social Science Research Methods.

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**SOSC 3127 Topics in Security Studies (3-4 Credits)**

This course provides an overview of two important topics in the security studies: terrorism and counterterrorism. It is divided into three main thematic parts. The first part of the course examines terrorism. We will delve into issues such as: the definition of terrorism, its history and roots, terrorist groups and their structure, states and their relations with terrorism, and how and why some people choose terrorism. In the second part, we will study elements of counterterrorist policies such as diplomacy, criminal law, financial control, covert operations, and military force. We will juxtapose military and nonmilitary force as counterterrorist strategies trying to understand if one is more successful than others depending on contexts. The third part focuses on media and public. Media and public are important elements when studying terrorism, because they are one of the main intermediary targets of terrorism.

**Attributes:** Liberal

**SOSC 3132 Urban Studies (4 Credits)**

across the world; urban development and growth in the U.S. urban/suburban life; contemporary world-wide urbanization; urban geography and environment; urban political economy; public works; planning; culture; aesthetics; architecture; and prospects for the future. Gain a sound grasp of contemporary thinking and research on urban society, and the intellectual tools to apply this knowledge to topics in the student's own particular area of scholarly interest. This course was previously HIS-243304 Urban Studies.

**Attributes:** Liberal

**SOSC 3996 Special Topics in SOSC (4 Credits)**

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**SOSC 3997 Special Topics in SOSC (4 Credits)**

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**SOSC 3998 Individualized Studies in Social Science (SOSC) (1-8 Credits)**

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**SOSC 4005 Research Practicum (4 Credits)**

This course provides students with the opportunity to design and conduct their own social research project. This research opportunity may be viewed as a capstone study for students with social science concentrations and meets the SUNY Applied Learning Initiative expectations.

**Attributes:** Social Science Gen Ed, Liberal

**SOSC 4998 Individualized Studies in Social Science (SOSC) (1-8 Credits)**

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