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Buchtel College of Arts and Sciences Sociology Research Methods for the Social Sciences Certificate – 385000C

Students interested in this program must be pursuing or have completed all requirements for a Baccalaureate Degree. This certificate will be placed on a student's record only at the time a baccalaureate degree is awarded and only if a graduation application is submitted for the certificate.

The following information has official approval of the **Buchtel College of Arts and Sciences**, but is intended only as a guide. Completion of this certificate is contingent upon many factors, including but not limited to: class availability, total number of required credits, work schedule, finances, family, course drops/withdrawals, successfully passing courses, prerequisites, among others.

The following courses constitute a "Certificate in Research Methods for the Social Sciences" and must be completed with a minimum grade point average of 2.0 overall for the certificate to be noted on the student's record.

Course		Credit Hours	Prerequisites
Core Courses			
Core Requirement I: Select one from the following courses:			
3850:301	Methods of Social Research I	3	3850:100 and 3 credits of Mathematics (3450) or Statistics (3470) courses
2235:340	Disaster Research Methods	3	
3230:398	Introduction to Anthropological Data	3	3230:150, 3230:151 and 3240:100
3350:481	Research Methods in Geography & Planning	3	Completed a minimum of 12 credits in Geography and Planning
3400:310	Historical Methods	3	
3700:301	Introduction to Political Research	3	
3750:220	Introduction to Experimental Psychology	4	3750:100 and 3750:110
6600:335	Marketing Research	3	[6500:221 or 6500:304] and 6600:205 Corequisite: 6600:336
7600:384	Communication Research	3	7600:101
7750:440	Social Work Research I	3	Social Work Major
8200:435	Nursing Research	2	8200:341, 8200:350, 8200:360, 8200:370, and 8200:380
Core Requirement II: Select one from the following courses:			
3230:460	Field Methods in Cultural Anthropology	4	3230:150
3850:365	Special Topics in Sociology (see note)	3	
Core Requirement III: Select one from the following courses:			
3850:470	Research Methods for the Social Sciences Pro-seminar	3	*See note
Complementary Interdisciplinary Courses, Students must complete 6 credits from at least 2 different groups:			
Group 1: Philosophy			
3600:426	Phenomenology	3	Completion of one course in Philosophy with a grade of C or higher
3600:464	Philosophy of Science	3	Completion of one course in Philosophy with a grade of C or higher

Group 2: English			
3300:479	Management Reports	3	Completion of 3300:112 or any [3300:200-, or 3300:300- or, 3300:400-] level course or equivalent, and a minimum of Junior standing or higher
3300:489	Seminar in English	2 – 3	Completion of 3300:112 or any [3300:200-, or 3300:300- or, 3300:400-] level course or equivalent, and a minimum of Junior standing or higher
Group 3: Statistics and Sociology			
3470:462	Applied Regression and ANOVA	4	3470:461
3470:465	Design of Sample Surveys	3	3470:461
3850:302	Methods of Social Research II	3	[3700:301 or 3850:301], and 3850:100, and completion of 3 credits of Mathematics (3450) or Statistics (3470) courses
Total Credits for Certificate		15	

NOTE: To satisfy the requirements for the certificate, a student must complete a minimum of 15 semester credits, including two core courses, two complementary courses and the RMSS Pro-seminar.

- 3850:365 Special Topics in Sociology, students must select a research based topic.
- Students can apply the methods course taken in their major discipline to the certificate or choose to take a course in another discipline. Students choosing a course in another discipline should be advised that there may be prerequisites for the class in that department.
- Research Methods for the Social Sciences Pro-seminar 3850:470 will be the final course for students completing the Certificate program in Research Methods. Students will demonstrate their ability to apply the research methods they have learned from conceptualization, design, data collection, analysis, and interpretation. The seminar will be offered in Sociology and Anthropology on a rotating basis.

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