

Social Science (SSSO)

Courses

SSSO 301. Studies in Cultural Anthropology. 5 Credits.

This course examines the theories, concepts, principles and methods in the comparative study of cultures. The focus is on how cultures are structured and how they evolve over time. Pre-requisites: admission to the SSDA program.

SSSO 330. Military Sociology. 3 Credits.

This course provides a sociological perspective of the military as both an institution and as an occupation. It examines the social structure and functions of the military and the social factors that influence behavior in and of the military. In terms of function, it examines the changing purposes of the military in view of changing national and international conditions; and in terms of structure, it examines the norms, values, traditions, organizations, and culture of the military. It is designed to provide greater insight into the routine life within the military and into contemporary issues confronting the military. Pre-requisites: none.

SSSO 335. Introduction to Cultural Competence. 3 Credits.

Students learn key concepts in the study of cultures and explore how culture and cultural contexts and language influence values, expectations, behavior, communication styles and conflict resolution. Pre-requisites: None.

SSSO 401. Cultural and Anthropological Studies. 6 Credits.

Students complete a study for a particular region in relation to its culture, social groups and organizations, social stratification, and other relevant characteristics of the region. The study will include a comparative analysis of the various cultures and ethnic minorities that exist throughout the region. The study will further explore how the legal structure of the region deals with the cultural challenges and opportunities in the region. The study will include recommendations for improvement and/or strengthening the regions' societies. The course culminates with a substantive research paper. Pre-requisites: Completion of SSSO 335 or permission of Department Chair.

SSSO 406. Area Studies. 6 Credits.

Students complete a study which surveys and evaluates a particular region in relation to its geographic location, diversity and resources. The study should include a summation of the geography of the region and how it relates to implementation of a project or the resolution of a problem in the region. It will examine the current natural resources and resource challenges of the region, paying particular attention to mineral, oil, water and other high valued items present in the region. It will analyze future challenges of the region in terms of geography as well as resources. The study will include recommendations for improvement and/or strengthening the region's resources. The course will culminate with a substantive research paper. Pre-requisites: Completion of SSHI 310 Historical Studies or permission of Department Chair.