


Graduate Certificate in Social Science Methods

2 Graduate Program Change 2021-22

I. General Information

The faculty member originating this proposal is to complete sections I and II.

TURN ON help text before starting this proposal by clicking  in the top right corner of the heading. You will need to turn on help text again after any actions that refresh the page including after saving proposals, importing information, or running impact reports.

IMPORT curriculum data from the Catalog by clicking  in the top left corner.

Do not make any changes to any information until the proposal has been launched in Step 4.

Department (s) (if
Dual or
Interdisciplinary
please add all
departments)*

Political Science

Degree/ Certificate
Name*

Graduate Certificate in Social Science Methods

Plan Code

Degree Type*

Graduate and Advanced Graduate Certificate

Program Type*

Certificate

II. Program Changes

FILL IN ONLY fields required marked with an * after importing data. You will not be able to launch the proposal without completing required fields. Do not make proposed changes to the information that was imported until after the proposal has been launched in Step 4. Changes will only be tracked after the proposal is launched

Are you changing
admission

Yes No

requirements?*

Are you changing course requirements? Yes No

Are you changing degree completion requirements? Yes No

Are you changing the primary instructional mode? Yes No

Are you changing program learning objectives? Yes No

Are you changing the culminating experience? Yes No

If not a Dual itself, is this program also available as part of a Dual-Degree offering? Yes No

If yes, describe changes to learning objectives:

Provide a Brief Summary of Proposed Changes




Insert the following language to Certificate Requirements:
"Credits that are used to fulfill requirements of another UNLV certificate program cannot count towards the requirements of the Social Science Methods Certificate."

Provide a rationale for each proposed change

There was significant overlap in requirements with the Certificate in Quantitative Psychology, in which a student could receive both certificates without any additional coursework. In general, double-counting coursework towards this certificate is not appropriate.

Do not make any changes to any information until the proposal has been launched in Step 4.

Follow these steps to change the program curriculum:

1. Click on  "View Curriculum Schema." Edit existing cores or click 'Add Core' and name your core (please use a comparable degree program in the current graduate catalog as a template). Edit or add any descriptive text (do not add courses until Step 2). Descriptive text is generally used in the following cores: Plan Description, Plan Admission Requirements, Plan Requirements, Plan Graduation Requirements.
2. There are two options for adding courses (see Step 3 to remove courses): "Add Course" and "Import Course." For courses already in the catalog, click on "Import Course" and find the courses needed. For new classes going through a Curriculog Approval Process click on "Add Course"-- a box will open asking you for the Prefix, Course Number and Course Title.
3. Click on  "View Curriculum Schema." Click on the area/header of the program where you would like to add courses. When you click on "Add Courses" it will bring up the list of courses available from Step 2. Select the courses you wish to add. For removing courses click on the  and proceed.

After you have launched proposal, update prospective curriculum here*

Plan Description

The Social Science Methods Certificate Program provides students with an expanded breadth of methodological training for graduate students in relevant disciplines. This program encompasses the full range of empirical social science methods and is interdisciplinary by design. Students will gain a broad understanding of the role and forms of methodology in the social sciences. Students will gain expertise in the methods most relevant to their research question. This expertise will be demonstrated in the original research and colloquia presentations they produce. For more information about your program, including your graduate program handbook and learning outcomes, please visit the Degree Directory.

Plan Admission Requirements

Application deadlines Applications available on the UNLV Graduate College website. To be admitted to the program, students must: Be admitted to a master's or doctoral program at UNLV for which social science research methods are an appropriate tool of inquiry. Have earned at least a B+ in an approved research methods course. Submit a completed application and the required application fee. As part of the application process, contact the Certificate program coordinator and the home department's graduate coordinator to have a plan of study approved. All applicants must review and follow the Graduate College Admission and Registration Requirements. Students are accepted into a certificate program as described in the Graduate Catalog. The faculty and corresponding sub-disciplines and sub-plans within the described programs are subject to change at any time.

Plan Requirements

Total Credits Required: 15

Course Requirements

Core Discipline Methods Coursework I – Credits: 3

ANTH 790 Research Design, Professional Ethics, and Grant Writing for Anthropologists	3
PSC 701 Research Design and Methodology	3
SOC 701 Logic of Social Inquiry	3
COM 710 Survey of Communication Studies	3
ECO 770 Econometrics I, Statistical Modeling	3
CRJ 702 Proseminar on Research Methods	3
PSY 707 Research Methods	3
PUA 721 Quantitative Methods for Public Administration	3
PAF 710 Theory and Design of Research	3

Core Discipline Methods Coursework II – Credits: 3

ANTH 770 Quantitative Methods in Anthropology	3
PSC 702 Advanced Quantitative Methods I	3
PSY 708 Statistics for Psychologists I	3
SOC 702 Quantitative Methods	3
COM 712 Empirical Research Methods	3
ECO 772 Econometrics II	3
CRJ 703 Proseminar on Statistics	3
PUA 723 Research and Analytical Methods	3
PAF 711 Advanced Seminar in Quantitative Research in Public Affairs	3

Elective Methods Courses – Credits: 6

Complete 6 credits of advisor-approved methods course electives.

Outside Department Methods Course Electives – Credits: 3

Complete 3 credits of advisor-approved methods course electives from outside the home department.

Certificate Requirements

A completion of a minimum of 15 credits of social science methods courses. Credits that are used to fulfill requirements of another UNLV certificate program cannot count towards the requirements of the Social Science Methods Certificate. The grade point average for all courses counted toward the degree is at least 3.00. No grades lower than a B- are counted toward the certificate

requirements. Any changes to the plan of study requires prior approval of the Certificate Coordinator

Plan Certificate Completion Requirements

The student must submit all required forms to the Graduate College as well as apply for graduation in MyUNLV by the appropriate deadline. The student must present original research in the Colloquium Series.

The [Degrees Directory](#) provides current and consistent degree information. Submission of this form indicates acknowledgment and understanding that every department is responsible creating and maintaining accurate and updated program information on the UNLV Degrees Directory.

If the changes included on this form impact the program handbook attach the updated handbook before submitting this form. If you need a Word version of the most recent handbook please email GradCurriculum@unlv.edu.

If new courses are added as placeholders within this proposal, new courses must be created using a Course Create form simultaneously to the process of this proposal.

Degrees Directory Program Entry*

Check this box to acknowledge the above statement.

Changes will be applicable to*

- Current Students
 New Students
 Both Current and New Students

If applicable to current students, changes are


- Mandatory Optional


Effective Date*

Fall 2021

4. LAUNCH proposal by clicking  in the top left corner.

5. After launching the proposal, make all changes and fill in all additional fields.


6. Finish the launch of your proposal by clicking the icon  located in the Proposal Toolbox on left side at top. Make your decision, comment is optional, and click on "Make decision".

You can check the status of the proposal by clicking  in Proposal Toolbox to verify that the proposal has gone to the next step.

III. Department Vote Information

Note: This section is to be filled out by the Department Chair on behalf of the committee.

(The role has been assigned to the corresponding person on this step. If incorrect, please notify GradCurriculum@unlv.edu)

1. Review the proposal. Discuss and make appropriate revisions.
2. Fill in vote information.
3. Then go to the proposal toolbox at the top right side. Click on  and select the corresponding decision for the committee. This will enable the proposal to go to the next person on the workflow.

You can check the status of the proposal by clicking  in Proposal Toolbox to verify that the proposal has gone to the next step.

If Dual or Interdisciplinary: add votes from all departments/colleges involved

(e.g. "Dpt A: / Dpt. B")

Date faculty voted on proposal 11/20/2020


Result of vote 14 yes, 0 no, 2 abstain

Manner of vote web conference faculty meeting

IV. Unit Vote Information

Note: This section is to be filled out by the College Committee Chair on behalf of the committee.

(The role has been assigned to the corresponding person on this step. If incorrect, please notify GradCurriculum@unlv.edu)

1. Review the proposal. Discuss and make appropriate revisions.
2. Fill in vote information.
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(e.g. "College A: / College B")

Date faculty voted on proposal 4/14/2021

Result of vote 6-0-0

Manner of vote online

V. Processing Notes (Graduate College/Registrar Use Only)

Program Alerts (E.g. This program is no longer accepting applications)

PS Processing Notes

PS Processing Date

Initials

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Comments for Graduate Certificate in Social Science Methods

Curriculog	5/7/2021 3:27 pm Reply
Emily Lin has approved this proposal on Graduate College Dean.	
Curriculog	5/7/2021 8:28 am Reply
Gregory Moody has approved this proposal on behalf of Graduate Programs Committee. See Graduate Programs Committee Agenda - May 4, 2021 for more information.	
Curriculog	5/6/2021 4:35 pm Reply
Graduate Curriculum has approved this proposal on Graduate Programs Committee.	
Curriculog	4/15/2021 3:21 pm Reply
Denise Tillery has approved this proposal on School/College Associate Dean/ Dean.	
Curriculog	4/14/2021 8:18 am Reply
David Fott has approved this proposal on School/College Committee.	
Curriculog	4/13/2021 6:16 pm Reply
David Tanenhaus has approved this proposal on School/College Committee.	
Curriculog	4/5/2021 11:17 am Reply
PSC Chair has approved this proposal on Department Chair.	
Curriculog	3/30/2021 9:33 am Reply
PSC Graduate Coordinator has approved this proposal on Graduate Coordinator.	
Curriculog	2/22/2021 12:10 pm Reply
Graduate Curriculum has approved this proposal on Technical Review.	
Graduate Curriculum	12/18/2020 3:44 pm Reply
Approved together with originator Dan Lee.	
Curriculog	12/18/2020 3:44 pm Reply
Graduate Curriculum has force approved this proposal.	

Curriculog

12/18/2020 2:31 pm [Reply](#)

Daniel Lee has launched this proposal.

Curriculog

12/17/2020 9:36 am [Reply](#)

Daniel Lee imported from the map 2021-2022 Working Graduate Catalog into the following proposal fields: I. General Information: Degree/ Certificate Name, I. General Information: Degree Type, I. General Information: Program Type, II. Program Changes: After you have launched proposal, update prospective curriculum here.