SOCIAL SCIENCE CONSORTIUM

Discipline Coordinator
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Social Science Consortium is a discipline in the Interdisciplinary Ph.D. (http://catalog.umkc.edu/colleges-schools/graduate-studies/interdisciplinary-phd-program) Program administered by the School of Graduate Studies.

Note: The discipline-specific requirements listed here are in addition to the requirements listed in Interdisciplinary Ph.D. Application Procedure and Minimum Criteria for Admission and Minimum Interdisciplinary Ph.D. Academic Regulations and Degree Requirements.

Discipline-Specific Admission Requirements
The Social Science Consortium (SSC) is only available as a co-discipline option, not as a coordinating-unit discipline, and has no discipline-specific admission requirements. It is the general policy of the SSC to admit all students who are admitted by their primary discipline. Newly admitted students are assigned to the SSC Coordinator as their faculty advisor, pending formation of their supervisory committee.

Suggested Compatible Primary Disciplines
Curriculum and instruction, economics, geosciences (http://catalog.umkc.edu/colleges-schools/graduate-studies/geosciences) (with a geography focus), history, political science, public affairs and administration, and educational leadership, policy and foundations. (http://catalog.umkc.edu/colleges-schools/graduate-studies/educational-leadership-policy-foundations)

Core Program Requirements
The Social Science Consortium Program of Study requires 12 hours of dedicated coursework.

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<td>SOC-SCI 5630</td>
<td>Seminar in Research Methodology</td>
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Sequencing is a very important consideration in the program of study listed above, complicated by the constraint that most courses fulfilling the program are offered only in either fall or spring semesters. It is highly recommended that students with the SSC as their co-discipline take SOC-SCI 5610 (offered fall semesters only) as early as possible, preferably in the fall semester of the first year.

SOC-SCI 5630 is designed to assist students with preparation of a defensible dissertation proposal, providing interdisciplinary integration of the SSC program of study with the student's primary discipline. It is intended to be taken as the conclusion of both primary discipline and SSC program coursework.

Requirements for Comprehensive Examinations
In accordance with the School of Graduate Studies guidelines, comprehensive exams are administered on an individual basis by the members of each student's dissertation committee. Committees are required to have at least one member drawn from the co-discipline. SSC faculty representatives on each student's committee participate in administration of the comprehensive exam.