

SOCIAL SCIENCE CONSORTIUM

Discipline Coordinator

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Social Science Consortium is a discipline in the Interdisciplinary Ph.D. (<https://catalog.umkc.edu/archive/2021-2022/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 primary 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 (<https://catalog.umkc.edu/archive/2021-2022/colleges-schools/graduate-studies/curriculum-instruction/>), Economics (<https://catalog.umkc.edu/archive/2021-2022/colleges-schools/graduate-studies/economics/>), Educational Leadership Policy and Foundations (<https://catalog.umkc.edu/archive/2021-2022/colleges-schools/graduate-studies/educational-leadership-policy-foundations/>), Geosciences (<https://catalog.umkc.edu/archive/2021-2022/colleges-schools/graduate-studies/geosciences/>), History (<https://catalog.umkc.edu/archive/2021-2022/colleges-schools/graduate-studies/history/>)

Core Program Requirements

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

Code	Title	Credits
Required Courses		
SOC-SCI 5610	Philosophy Of Social Science	3
SOC-SCI 5630	Seminar in Research Methodology	3
Select two 3-hour electives to be approved by SSC advisor.		6
Total Credits		12

Disciplinary graduate-level courses are, in general, eligible as electives. The following courses are pre-approved, though others may be approved by the student's SSC advisor: SOCIOL 5501 (<https://catalog.umkc.edu/search/?P=SOCIOL%205501>), SOCIOL 5502 (<https://catalog.umkc.edu/search/?P=SOCIOL%205502>), ECON 5511 (<https://catalog.umkc.edu/search/?P=ECON%205511>), ECON 5588 (<https://catalog.umkc.edu/search/?P=ECON%205588>), POL-SCI 5501 (<https://catalog.umkc.edu/search/?P=POL-SCI%205501>), POL-SCI 5513 (<https://catalog.umkc.edu/search/?P=POL-SCI%205513>), POL-SCI 5530 (<https://catalog.umkc.edu/search/?P=POL-SCI%205530>), POL-SCI 5541 (<https://catalog.umkc.edu/search/?P=POL-SCI%205541>), SOC-SCI 5621 (<https://catalog.umkc.edu/search/?P=SOC-SCI%205621>), SOC-SCI 5622 (<https://catalog.umkc.edu/search/?P=SOC-SCI%205622>), SOC-SCI 5690A (<https://catalog.umkc.edu/search/?P=SOC-SCI%205690A>)

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 (<https://catalog.umkc.edu/search/?P=SOC-SCI%205610>) (offered fall semesters only) as early as possible, preferably in the fall semester of the first year.

SOC-SCI 5630 (<https://catalog.umkc.edu/search/?P=SOC-SCI%205630>) 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.