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COLLEGE OF ARTS AND SCIENCE

DIVISION OF SOCIAL SCIENCES

Social Science

New Course:

SOSC 330.3 Social Sciences Research Internship

1 or 2 This upper-year undergraduate course is designed to provide students an opportunity to study and apply social research methods through a combination of direct observations, readings, research and analysis. Students will learn or improve capacity in: professional research work; identifying clear research objectives; information literacy (including conducting literature reviews); participating in data gathering, analysis and research dissemination; considering ethical problems / issues in applied research; interpersonal skills, interacting with employers, research teams and research participants; team work skills; public speaking; and writing skills. Students enrolled in this course are expected to devote as much time to the internship as they would to an upper-year 3 credit unit conventional lecture or seminar course – which equates to 7 hours per week over the duration of a standard 4-month term (13 weeks). Research internship opportunities may take place within or outside of the Social Sciences Research Laboratories (SSRL).

Prerequisite(s): 12 credit units at the 200-level or above in Social Science. By permission only.

Note: To enroll in SOSC 330.3 students will have a minimum CWA of 70%. Students who wish to enroll in SOSC 330.3 will be required to complete and submit an application form to the course instructor. The one-page application form will collect basic information about the student, including name, student number, major, credit units completed, GPA, and other relevant contact information (e-mail, telephone, mailing address). In addition to the one-page application form,

students will be required to complete and submit a two-part statement, of approximately 100-125 words that detail:

- a. How participating in the research internship will benefit their educational/career development; and
- b. Specific skills or attributes that the student will bring to the internship.

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Rationale: In an increasingly competitive economy, students with practical, hands-on experience will become more valuable. With the University of Saskatchewan increasingly moving toward providing practical, hands-on experiential learning opportunities on one hand, and becoming more research intensive on the other, this SOSC 330.3 course fills a very unique and timely void within the social sciences and the university more broadly.

The course instructor, and the SSRL more broadly, will coordinate and promote the SOSC 330.3 course. Student selection and placement in the course will be coordinated and administered entirely within the SSRL. Most potential research topics identified for inclusion in the internship course will begin at the faculty-level, and will be promoted to students through in-class presentations, and other on-campus promotions.

Students who wish to enroll in SOSC 330.3 will be required to complete and submit an application form to the course instructor. The one-page application form will collect basic information about the student, including name, student number, major, credit units completed, GPA, and other relevant contact information (e-mail, telephone, mailing address). See Note above.

Responses will be screened against the criteria requested in the application form, and against other expected standards (e.g., proper spelling, grammar, formatting).

Final decisions on students selected for inclusion in SOSC 330.3 will be made by April 1 each year, to allow students to plan their schedule.

Kinesiology

Minor Program Revision to BSc (Kin) - Physical Education Route (4 year degree)

Old Requirements: 6 credit units of Social Science and/or Humanities

New Requirements: NS 107.3 and 3 credit units of Social Science and/or Humanities

Rationale: Students following the Physical Education Route need to meet the prerequisite requirements for the College of Education with one of these requirements being NS 107.3. In order to ensure they have met this requirement we will add NS 107.3 as a required class in the four year Physical Education route.

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Students under this program were being told to take NS 107.3 as part of their degree requirement already. The omission of listing it correctly in the Catalogue is a result of DegreeWorks implementation within the College of Kinesiology.