SPECIAL CONCENTRATION IN SOCIAL STATISTICS

The concentration in social statistics is designed to provide students with significant training in contemporary methods for quantitative sociological research. The core of the concentration is successful completion of four advanced statistics courses offered through the Center for Statistics and the Social Sciences (CSSS). Students completing the concentration will receive a Letter of Recognition from CSSS.

CONCENTRATION REQUIREMENTS

1. SUCCESSFUL COMPLETION OF A COHERENT SET OF FOUR COURSES IN SOCIAL STATISTICS;

What courses?

Courses must be more advanced than the required statistics and methods courses for the MA and Ph.D. degrees in Sociology. All graded courses offered through CSSS will automatically qualify. In addition, relevant courses in Statistics, biostatistics, Economics, or Sociology may be approved as long as they help form a coherent set of social statistics courses.

Students requesting approval of courses not offered by CSSS must submit recent syllabi and coursework as well as a short rationale for including these course(s) in their concentration.

What is "successful completion"?

2011 Cohort Forward:
Students must earn a minimum GPA of 3.5 overall in their concentration coursework AND must earn a minimum grade of 3.0 in each class.

Cohorts Prior to 2011:
Students must obtain a minimum grade point average of 3.3 for their approved courses.

2. ONE QUARTER ENROLLMENT IN CSSS 590 (THE CSSS WEEKLY SEMINAR)

Note: this requirement is waived for students entering before 2011.

PROCEDURES

Students wishing to complete the Concentration in Social Statistics should complete the Request for Concentration in Social Statistics Form and submit it to the Graduate Program Advisor. The request will be reviewed by the Graduate Program Coordinator, who may consult with other members of the Graduate Program Committee. Once the request is approved in the Sociology Department, the student's name will be forwarded to CSSS, which will produce the Letter of Recognition.

To see the Center for Statistics and Social Sciences website page on this same concentration, go here.