

Social Sciences

SSCI S-100b. Graduate Research Methods and Scholarly Writing in the Social Sciences: Government and History (CRN: 31669)

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This proseminar addresses problems and methods related to the study of government, history, and allied disciplines. It stresses the critical analysis of sources, the construction of explanatory models, standards of logical demonstration, and organizing and presenting research results. Emphasis on developing both writing and research skills.

SSCI S-100a. Graduate Research Methods and Scholarly Writing in the Social Sciences: Psychology and Anthropology (CRN: 31497)

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This proseminar introduces students to understanding and conducting research in the behavioral sciences, including hypothesis generation, experimental and quasi-experimental design, observational methods, and the use of surveys and questionnaires. Quantitative and qualitative hypothesis testing, psychometric measurement, reporting research results, research ethics, and experimental validity will be covered. Readings will be drawn from clinical, social, and developmental psychology literature.