



Department(s)/Program(s):

Faculty Contact Person(s):

Department Chair/Program Director:

Supported by Department/Program Faculty? Yes No

Course Number & Title: *Note: Course must be approved to run by Faculty Senate before being evaluated by the CCC*

RATIONALE | Social Science

The Providence College Mission Statement reminds the community of the “unity of the human family that proceeds from its one Creator” and “encourages the deepest respect for the essential dignity, freedom, and equality of every person.” The mission also requires that the College help students to develop a more reasoned and thorough understanding of their own society and culture as well as those of others. To honor these imperatives and accomplish these goals, the curriculum must promote critical understanding of individual and collective human behavior and institutions, precisely the subject matter of the social sciences. Social science entails the application of quantitative and qualitative methods to the study of human social institutions and behavior. Through the application and study of such methods, and through analytic reflection on the concepts and theories employed by the social science disciplines, students should deepen their commitment to the Truth and develop the knowledge and the critical abilities needed to become informed, engaged citizens of American society and the world. It is for these reasons that the core curriculum includes a social science requirement.

OBJECTIVES | Social Science

Please explain how the proposed course fulfills the following objectives for the Social Science Requirement. **Point to where in the syllabus each objective is met and explain how students will be held accountable through assignments and assessments.** If there are multiple sections that meet the objectives in different ways, specify how, using examples from each syllabus.

Demonstrate the value of systematic, rigorous qualitative and/or quantitative methods for understanding individual and collective human behavior and institutions.



OBJECTIVES | Social Science | Cont'd

Analyze key concepts and theories concerning individual human behavior and/or collective action and organization.

Examine how empirical evidence is used to construct arguments about human behavior and/or social, political, and economic phenomena.

Explore the role of norms and values in shaping human behavior and socio- political phenomena.

Analyze social science issues within larger historical and global contexts and encourage students to reflect on the human and social impact of developments in other areas of inquiry, such as the arts, science, religion, etc.

COURSE SYLLABUS | Social Science

*Email CCC@providence.edu with this completed form **and** your syllabus/syllabi attached.

Please Note: It is expected that in accordance with the [approved syllabus guidelines](#), the final syllabus will include the following:

- An indication of which Core requirement(s) the course satisfies
- A listing of the Core objectives for the requirements