Academic Learning Compact: Interdisciplinary Social Sciences [Effective 2014]

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ACADEMIC LEARNING COMPACT FOR THE INTERDISCIPLINARY SOCIAL SCIENCE DEGREE

CONTENT/DISCIPLINE SKILLS:

1a. Identify an important social issue and analyze the macro and micro level causes at the root of the problem as well as the social, economic and cultural structures that help perpetuate the problem.

Assessment: Senior Paper, ISS 4935.

1b. Demonstrate proficiency in application of either quantitative or qualitative research methods for social analysis.

Assessment: Successful completion of the required Methods course.

COMMUNICATION SKILLS

2a. Write clearly and effectively, producing well organized, logical, well-supported written arguments that reflect appropriate use of language, sources, and evidence.

Assessment: Senior Paper, ISS 4935.

2b. Exhibit functional oral communication with minimal apprehension, and exhibit a willingness and readiness to communicate and share research results with others.

Assessment: Successful completion of 2 oral debates in ISS 3013. Successful oral presentation of research in ISS 4935.

CRITICAL THINKING SKILLS

3a. Demonstrate an understanding of how knowledge is generated in the social sciences.

Assessment: Successful completion of the Annotated Bibliography in ISS 4935.

3b. Demonstrate critical thinking and analytical skills through the elaboration of sound arguments about key social issues supported by research/theories in the social sciences.

Assessment: Senior Paper, ISS 4935.
CIVIC ENGAGEMENT

4a. Demonstrate an ability to apply basic social science research methods and theories while engaging in community work through social service agencies; or to address current social issues in an applied manner by developing concrete policy recommendations in the senior paper.

Assessment: ISS 4940 Social Work Internship requires students with the Social Work Concentration to write a report about their experience working in the community. Other students fulfill this SLO by completing the Senior Paper in ISS 4935.