SSCI 492
SSC Accreditation Documentation

Course Learning Objectives:

I. **Knowledge:** Students will demonstrate an understanding of the scientific study of individual and group behavior.

    - Term Project Paper

II. **Concepts:** Students will demonstrate an understanding of fundamental concepts, theories, or methods from social sciences.

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III. **Analysis:** Students will demonstrate critical thinking about human behavior and society to offer meaningful explanations of social and individual behavior.

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IV. **Communication**: Students will be able to frame social science problems broadly in a way that is accessible to the general population (i.e., not exclusively for majors within a specific discipline).

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Term Project Paper

You will conduct an empirical study using publicly accessible socioeconomic data to write a manuscript. The manuscript will include an Introduction section briefing background and proposing a research question; a Literature Review section on theory and empiricism related to the research question; a Study Area section describing socioeconomic and environmental characteristics related to your research question; a Data and Methods section detailing data and study methods; a Results and Discussion section reports results and findings of data analyses and related discussions; a Conclusions and Policy Implications section summarizes findings to make conclusions on your research question and provides relevant policy implications. This assignment focuses on solving problems and the communication of results and conclusions.

Learning Objective I. Knowledge: Students will demonstrate an understanding of the scientific study of individual and group behavior.

- Introduction Section in Term Project Paper

Learning Objective II. Concepts: Students will demonstrate an understanding of fundamental concepts, theories, or methods from social sciences.

- Literature Review Section in Term Project Paper

Learning Objective II. Analysis: Students will demonstrate critical thinking about human behavior and society to offer meaningful explanations of social and individual behavior.

- Data and Methods Section and Results and Findings Section in Term Project Paper

Learning Objective III. Communication: Students will be able to frame social science problems broadly in a way that is accessible to the general population (i.e., not exclusively for majors within a specific discipline).

- Conclusions and Policy Implications Section in Term Project Paper

Grading Rubric

Title including main themes and study area		**2**

Introduction

Justification and Significance of the Research		**2**
Background and significance of the study area regarding the research		**3**
Research objectives and/or purposes, research questions and/or hypothesis		**5**
	Total:	**10**

Literature Review

Review existing studies showing the positive relationship		5
Review existing studies showing a negative or no relationship		5
Critically evaluate both positive and negative relationships		3
Link your review conclusions to a theory related to your research question		2
	Total:	**15**

Data and Methods

Data sources		5
Data nature and characteristics		2
Method details		3
	Total:	**10**

Study Area

Characteristics of the study area		2
At least one map showing the locational characteristics of the study area		3
	Total:	**5**

Results and Findings

Tables or Figures showing the relationship between activity and factors influencing it		10
Explanations of the relationships between activity and factors influencing it		10
Discussion on the comparison of your results and results from your literature review		5
	Total:	**25**

Conclusions and Policy Implications

Conclusions		10
Policy implications or recommendations		5
Limitations		5
	Total:	**20**

References (Missing reference list or in-text citations results in a zero grade for your final project submission)

APA style reference list with at least 7 scholarly works including journal articles
and books   5
In-text citations   3

Submit by due date   5

Scoring:
Does not meet expectations: 0-69
Meets expectations: 70-89
Exceed expectations: 90--100