

## Course Profile: Social Sciences Information Services and Resources

Course Number: LIS 7130

Title: Social Sciences Information Services and Resources

Credits: 3

Prerequisite(s): LIS 6120

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### Rationale for Inclusion in Curriculum:

The social sciences encompass a broad field of study and research, yielding more than one-third of scholarly publishing in the world. Information generated in the social science disciplines is embodied in a vast array of printed and non-print sources. It is sought constantly by citizens of all ages and occupations, on both the lay and specialist level. Knowledge of the informational apparatus in the social sciences is indispensable for providing professional service in any type of library.

### Course Objectives:

The student will be introduced to:

1. The evolution and structure of social science disciplines
2. The communication patterns, information needs, and information-seeking behaviors of researchers in the various social science disciplines
3. The organization of literature in the various social science disciplines
4. The skills needed for analyzing reference questions and locating information in print and non-print sources.

### Competencies Expected:

By the end of the course students will be able to demonstrate an understanding of:

1. The structure of the different social science disciplines
2. The information needs of social scientists
3. Their methods of producing and disseminating knowledge
4. The relevant print and non-print sources in the various disciplines
5. The bibliographical, factual, statistical, and other types of information related to different social science disciplines.

### Bases for Evaluation of Student Performance:

Class attendance, class participation, and quality assignments submitted in a timely period.

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