

SO 286 : Introduction to Social Science Methods

This course is the first course in a year-long sequence of two courses. If you take this course, it is expected that you will continue with the sequence and take SO 384 in spring semester of the same year. This course provides an introduction to social research from an interdisciplinary perspective and examines a number of research methodologies that include both quantitative and qualitative approaches. Course objectives include gaining an understanding of the value and importance of social research and learning to evaluate key components of research design. During the course of the semester, students initiate and develop a comprehensive research proposal integrating theory, data collection strategies, and ethical considerations.

Credits 4.0

Prerequisites

[SO 101](#) or [PS 101](#) or [CJ 160](#)

Corequisites

[SO 210](#) or equivalent statistics course