

Department of Social and Behavioral Sciences

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The Department of Social and Behavioral Sciences offers programs leading to a BA degree in either psychology or sociology-anthropology, and to an MA degree in psychology or sociology or anthropology.

Undergraduate Programs

Psychology

Admission to the psychology program requires a grade of 70 or more in PSYC 102 or PSYC 202, and a minimum grade of 70 in ENGL 203 and ENGL 204. For purposes of meeting departmental admission requirements, students are not permitted to take PSYC 102 or PSYC 202 more than twice. Prospective majors who obtain a grade below 60 in PSYC 102 or PSYC 202 will not be permitted to take the course a second time for the purpose of meeting the departmental admission requirements. Requirements for majors include PSYC 102 or PSYC 202, PSYC 213, PSYC 223, PSYC 227, and PSYC 293. In addition to these required courses, the student must select seven courses from the following: PSYC 211, PSYC 215, PSYC 217, PSYC 219, PSYC 221, PSYC 225, PSYC 229, PSYC 231, PSYC 233, PSYC 235, PSYC 237, PSYC 239, PSYC 241, PSYC 243, PSYC 247, PSYC 251. In addition to these required courses, the student must complete CMPS 206 or EDUC 219. If exempted from CMPS 206, students should take 3 credits in sciences and math numbered 200 or above.

A minor in psychology requires 15 credits: PSYC 102 or PSYC 202, PSYC 227, plus three electives from PSYC 211–251 except PSYC 213, PSYC 223, and PSYC 243.

A cognitive science minor requires 15 credits. PSYC 251 is required. PSYC 251 cannot be counted as a psychology course for the purpose of this requirement. The remaining 12 credits must be chosen from the following courses: PSYC 219, 221, 227, 233, 235, and 247; PHIL 221, 222, 223, 257, 258; ENGL 227, 230, 232, 246; EDUC 215, 221, 225, 290, 290F; CMPS 287; and BIOL 290AF-1, 290T-1, on condition that the 12 credits chosen span three of the five disciplines. Only 3 credits of the 15 credits taken for the minor count toward the student's major.

- PSYC 102** **Freshman Psychology** **3.0; 3 cr.**
An introduction to the principles and concepts of psychology to prepare the student for majoring in psychology. *Students who take this course may not get credit for PSYC 202. Each semester.*
- PSYC 202** **General Psychology** **3.0; 3 cr.**
A course on the principles and findings of modern psychology with attention to their experimental foundations, utilizing reports of original research and other materials geared to prepare the student for majoring in psychology. *A student who has received credit for PSYC 102 cannot receive credit for PSYC 202. Each semester.*
- PSYC 211** **Introduction to Social Psychology** **3.0; 3 cr.**
A course on the scientific study of how individuals think, feel, and behave in regard to other people, and how individuals' thoughts, feelings, and behaviors are affected by other people. *Prerequisite: PSYC 202. Annually.*
- PSYC 213** **Research Methods and Statistical Analyses I** **3.0; 3 cr.**
A course on basic research designs and statistical analyses in psychological research. The course combines both lectures and lab based sessions. *Prerequisite: PSYC 202. Annually.*
- PSYC 215** **Child Abnormal Psychology** **3.0; 3 cr.**
An introduction to the major theories and treatment perspectives of abnormal behaviors in children and adolescents including autism and schizophrenia, attention-deficit hyperactivity disorder, conduct disorders, phobias, and depression. *Prerequisite: PSYC 202 or 102. Annually.*
- PSYC 217** **Abnormal Psychology** **3.0; 3 cr.**
An introduction to the major theories and treatment perspectives of abnormal behaviors including phobias, eating disorders, depression, bipolar disorder, schizophrenia, substance-use disorders, and sexual disorders. *Prerequisite: PSYC 202 or 102. Annually.*
- PSYC 219** **Sensation and Perception** **3.0; 3 cr.**
A course that examines the physiological mechanisms of the primary sensory systems and explores their relationships to higher cognitive functions. *Prerequisite: PSYC 202 or 102. Annually.*
- PSYC 221** **Psychology of Learning** **3.0; 3 cr.**
A course that examines neurological, behavioral, and other current approaches to human learning. *Prerequisite: PSYC 202 or 102. Annually.*
- PSYC 223** **Research Methods and Statistical Analyses II** **3.0; 3 cr.**
A course on advanced research designs and statistical analyses in psychological research. The course combines both lectures and lab-based sessions. *Prerequisite: PSYC 213. Annually.*
- PSYC 225** **Psychology of Personality** **3.0; 3 cr.**
A course that examines methods of measuring personality, theories of personality, and biological and sociological factors that influence personality. *Prerequisite: PSYC 202 or 102. Annually.*
- PSYC 227** **History and Systems of Psychology** **3.0; 3 cr.**
A course on the historical development of scientific conceptions of human behavior in the context of contemporary psychological systems. *Prerequisite: PSYC 202 or 102. Annually.*

PSYC 229 Psychology of Development 3.0; 3 cr.
A course on psychological development from before birth to adulthood. *Students who receive credit for EDUC 225 cannot receive credit for PSYC 229. Annually.*

PSYC 231 Psychological Measurement and Scaling 3.0; 3 cr.
A course on the principles and methods of measurement and scaling in psychology. *Prerequisites: PSYC 202 or 102, and a course in statistics. Occasionally.*

PSYC 233 Cognitive Psychology 3.0; 3 cr.
This course introduces students to the main areas of cognitive psychology, including the following: perception, neuroscience, attention, visual imagery, memory, language, concepts, problem solving, judgment, and cultural cognition. There is special emphasis on applying knowledge to everyday practice. *Prerequisite: PSYC 202 or 102. Annually.*

PSYC 235 Special Topics in Psychology 3.0; 3 cr.
A course that provides a general overview of an area of psychology that is not normally covered by the department's offerings. *May be repeated for credit. Each semester.*

PSYC 237 Behavioral Neuroscience 3.0; 3 cr.
An introduction to the neural basis of behavior. The course surveys the structure and organization of the human brain and how complex behavior arises from it. *Prerequisite: PSYC 102 or 202. Annually.*

PSYC 239 Introduction to Clinical Psychology 3.0; 3 cr.
An introduction to the field of clinical psychology with a view to understanding the research, assessment, and intervention approaches considered by clinical psychologists and the theoretical, ethical, and professional issues confronting them. *Prerequisite: PSYC 202 or 102. Annually.*

PSYC 241 Introduction to Health Psychology 3.0; 3 cr.
An introduction to the field of health psychology with a view to understanding psychological and lifestyle factors in a variety of major diseases such as heart attacks, cancer, and AIDS; and to considering best practices in the prevention of ill-health and the promotion of good health. *Prerequisite: PSYC 202 or 102. Annually.*

PSYC 243 Applied Psychology Research Project 3.0; 3 cr.
This course requires students to plan, conduct, and write up a full study that addresses psychosocial issues in applied settings such as business, industry, hospitals, or public/private institutions. The course is meant to build upon and further develop the research and data analysis skills acquired in introductory research methods courses, and statistical analyses courses. *Prerequisites: PSYC 213 and PSYC 223. A minimum of 75 in both PSYC 213 and PSYC 223 is required. Annually.*

PSYC 247 Introduction to Culture and Psychology 3.0; 3 cr.
The course aims to sensitize students to the importance of culture in psychological processes, and focuses on indigenous, cultural, and cross-cultural psychological theories and findings. *Prerequisites: PSYC 202 or 102. Annually.*

PSYC 251 Introduction to Cognitive Science 3.0; 3 cr.
This course is an introduction to the interdisciplinary study of cognitive science which involves research about the workings of the mind from the fields of psychology, linguistics, philosophy, education, computer science, neuroscience, anthropology, engineering, and others. The course aims to provide students with an appreciation for the range of disciplinary perspectives and methods, and the applications of cognitive science to everyday life. *Annually.*

PSYC 291 Senior Tutorial**3.0; 3 cr.**

Prerequisites: PSYC 213 and 223, senior standing, and a minimum average of 80 in the major. Offered on request.

PSYC 293 Undergraduate Seminar in General Psychology**3.0; 3 cr.**

A review of significant research in major areas in psychology. *Prerequisites:* PSYC 213 and 223, and senior standing. Annually.

PSYC 299 Directed Study**3–6 cr.**

A tutorial course offered to SBS students with an average of 85 or above in their major at the beginning of their senior year. This tutorial consists of independent research, original creative compositions, or directed reading, and includes the presentation of a report or thesis on the work. *Students with averages lower than 85 may be admitted to directed study at the discretion of the department. Offered occasionally.*

36 Credits in PSYC¹

| Modes of Analysis | English and Arabic (9) | Humanities (12) | Social Sciences (36) | Sciences and Math (3) |
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| Lecture Courses (9+12+36+3) | 1. Required Arabic course: ARAB 201A or B, or any upper level course (3) 2. Required English courses: ENGL 203(3), 204(3) | Required credits in the humanities: 12 credits including 6 credits from CVSP (see pp. 163–65) | Required PSYC courses (18): PSYC 102(3) or PSYC 202(3), 213(3), 223(3), 227(3), 293(3), and seven courses from: PSYC 211(3), 215(3), 217(3), 219(3), 221(3), 225(3), 229(3), 231(3), 233(3), 235(3), 237(3), 239(3), 241(3), 243(3), 247(3), 251(3) | |
| Seminar (3) | | | Required (3): PSYC 293(3) ² | |
| Laboratory (96) | | | Required (3): PSYC 213(3), 223(3) | CMPS 206(3) or EDUC 219(3) |
| Research Project (33) | | | Required (3): PSYC 223(3) ² , 211(3), 213(3), 217(3), 223(3), 225(3), 233(3), 235(3), 239(3), 241(3), 243(3) ³ | |

¹ Plus 30 free elective credits

² Seminar, laboratory, and research project courses may be listed more than once

³ Entails full research project

Sociology-Anthropology

Admission to the sociology-anthropology program requires a minimum grade of 70 in ENGL 203 and ENGL 204, and a grade of 70 or more in one of the following: SOAN 101, SOAN 201, SOAN 203, or SOAN 204. For purposes of meeting department admission requirements, students are not permitted to take SOAN 101 or SOAN 201 more than twice. Prospective majors who obtain a grade below 60 in SOAN 201 are not permitted to take the course for a second time for the purpose of meeting the departmental admission requirements. Requirements for the BA program include SOAN 101 or SOAN 201 or SOAN 203 or SOAN 204, SOAN 228, SOAN 210, SOAN 211, SOAN 212, SOAN 213, SOAN 214, and a seminar from SOAN 240–243, plus 12 additional credit hours, as well as a course in computer literacy (such as CMPS 206 or EDUC 219). If exempted from CMPS 206, students should take 3 credits in sciences and math numbered 200 or above.

The sociology-anthropology program offers three areas of specialization: anthropology, communication, and sociology. For a minor in anthropology the requirements are SOAN 203 or SOAN 212, SOAN 222 or SOAN 225, and SOAN 221 or SOAN 227, plus two electives from SOAN 212, SOAN 214, SOAN 220–227, SOAN 232, and SOAN 240–242. For a minor in communication, the requirements are SOAN 205, SOAN 228, and SOAN 229, plus two electives from communication courses including the following: SOAN 204, SOAN 230, SOAN 231, and SOAN 243. For a minor in sociology the requirements are SOAN 101 or SOAN 201, SOAN 213, and SOAN 214, plus two electives from the following: SOAN 210, SOAN 220, SOAN 222, SOAN 223, SOAN 224, SOAN 225, SOAN 232, and SOAN 240–242. Students who wish to undertake a master's degree in sociology are strongly advised to take SOAN 210 as an elective in their minor.

SOAN 101 **Freshman Sociology** **3.0; 3 cr.**

An introduction to the principles and concepts of sociology to prepare students for majoring in sociology. *Students who take this course can not receive credit for SOAN 201. Each semester.*

SOAN 103 **Reading Other Cultures** **3.0; 3 cr.**

An introduction to the study of other cultures drawing on film, ethnographic case studies, and topical debates. This course presents basic concepts in the comparative study of culture, methods of observing and interpreting other cultures, a sense of how knowledge about other cultures is constructed, and tools to develop a critical awareness of one's own cultural traditions. *Annually.*

SOAN 201 **Introduction to Sociology** **3.0; 3 cr.**

An introduction to the study of social phenomena. Basic concepts, principles, and methods common to the study of society are employed for the analysis of structure and change in society. This course includes the structure and origin of some basic human institutions such as family, kinship, religion, language. *A student who has received credit for SOAN 101 can not receive credit for SOAN 201. Each semester.*

SOAN 203 **Introduction to Anthropology** **3.0; 3 cr.**

An introduction to anthropology encompassing the traditional subfields of cultural, physical, linguistic, and archaeological anthropology. The course prepares students for further study in anthropology. *Annually.*

SOAN 204 **Introduction to the Communication Process** **3.0; 3 cr.**

An introduction to the study of human communication processes. The course draws upon relevant concepts in social psychology and depends heavily on class group projects, usually in the form of simulations of communication situations. *Annually.*

SOAN 205 Basic News Reporting 3.0; 3 cr.

An introduction to basic news writing and editing for newspapers and magazines. This course teaches students the fundamental elements of the simple news story such as headlines, leads, and body. It also covers reporting techniques and processes relevant to the coverage of political, economic, social, and cultural developments. *Each semester.*

SOAN 206 Advanced News Reporting 3.0; 3 cr.

The course introduces the student to simple and complex journalistic investigations of the role of government and business in society as well as their interrelationships.

SOAN 210 Research Methods 3.0; 3 cr.

A survey of the basic techniques and designs of social research, including both quantitative and qualitative methods, the relationship between micro and macro approaches to society, and the interplay between theory and research. *Alternate years.*

SOAN 211 Analysis of Social Data 3.0; 3 cr.

A survey of basic statistical techniques used in analyzing social and behavioral data. Students participate in the analysis of research data by applying various analytical techniques using computer packages. They will also interpret research findings and write a research report. *Annually.*

SOAN 212 Social Anthropology 3.0; 3 cr.

A general introduction to the theories and methods of anthropology with special attention to the transformation of traditional society; this course examines the primary institutions of family, economy, religion, and politics in relation to technological change and modernization. *Annually.*

SOAN 213 Sociological Theory 3.0; 3 cr.

A survey of some of the major theoretical perspectives and critical issues of classical and contemporary sociological theory. Special focus is placed on four interrelated dimensions: 1) the nature of sociological theory and its intellectual sources, 2) its classic tradition, particularly the legacies of Marx, Durkheim, and Weber, 3) an exploration of salient contemporary perspectives, 4) the emergence of new theories and/or directions, such as post-modernity and global sociology. *Alternate years.*

SOAN 214 Arab Culture and Society 3.0; 3 cr.

A study of contemporary Arab society: its complexity, diversity, and internal dynamics. This course considers social structures, social groups, cultural patterns, and processes and agents of social and cultural change, and examines current debates on major issues in Arab culture and society. *Annually.*

SOAN 215 Anthropology of America 3.0; 3 cr.

A critical examination of conceptions of "mainstream" or "dominant" American culture. Using ethnographic case material, the course explores cultural systems and social structures in the contemporary United States, offering an introduction to anthropological approaches to the study of complex societies. *Alternate years.*

SOAN 216 Hands-On Anthropology 3.0; 3 cr.

An introduction to the techniques, theories, and debates concerning ethnographic fieldwork. What do anthropologists actually do and what is unique about anthropological research? This course explores the politics and ethics of research, kinds of observation, effective interviewing strategies, note-taking, ways of 'coding' or indexing information, data analysis, and approaches to writing.

SOAN 217 Anthropology of the Body 3.0; 3 cr.

An examination of cultural and historical variations in perceptions and experiences of the human body. The course focuses on the ways the human body is culturally constructed and socially experienced, through case studies of labor, sport, health, illness, sexuality, gender, display, and religious ritual.

SOAN 220 City and Society 3.0; 3 cr.

An introduction to some of the leading conceptual and methodological perspectives for the study of transformations in human settlements. The course explores issues associated with the evolution of cities, their spatial and cultural features, the social production of "informal" space and the "gendering" of space. Changing trends and patterns in "Third World" urbanization are explored with special focus on the Arab World, global, and post-modern cities. *Alternate years.*

SOAN 221 Political Anthropology 3.0; 3 cr.

A course examining concepts of power and authority and the evolution of the state from a comparative point of view. A special focus is placed on studies of leadership, law, bureaucracy, and state formation in both traditional and modern systems. *Alternate years.*

SOAN 222 Family and Kinship 3.0; 3 cr.

The course examines, from a comparative perspective, different forms of family and kinship organization, their relation to production and systems of exchange. Special focus is placed on processes of initiation and reproduction, and cultural expression of relatedness. *Alternate years.*

SOAN 223 Social Inequality: Conflict and Consensus 3.0; 3 cr.

The course explores theories of social inequality. It addresses issues such as class, status, and gender inequalities and points to sources of conflict and consensus. Arguments for and against equality are canvassed. *Alternate years.*

SOAN 224 Sexuality and Society 3.0; 3 cr.

The course provides a comparative conceptual framework to explore the changing nature of sexuality in society. Special focus is placed on the social construction of sexual identities, sex and the body, the place of desire and the changing form of romantic love, erotica and pornography, the commodification of intimacy, sexual ethics and sexual prolificals in a globalized world. The course also focuses on the dynamics of male-female relations in Arab society. *Alternate years.*

SOAN 225 Gender and Culture 3.0; 3 cr.

An examination of gender holistically and cross-culturally from a social-anthropological perspective. This course examines how meanings of sex variation are constructed and gender is performed by individuals and groups in different societies. It studies the roles of women and men in ritual, in economic and political systems, and in other social arenas. *Alternate years.*

SOAN 226 Religion and Society 3.0; 3 cr.

A course that examines the relationship between society and religion, including both formal institutions and informal processes, which deal with the supernatural. This course studies the origin and development of ritual and religious functions for both the individual and society. *Alternate years.*

- SOAN 227 Cultural Boundaries and Identities 3.0; 3 cr.**
Analysis of cultural boundaries and identities. A comparative study of ethnicity and other identity categories and related issues such as cultural hybridity and nationalism with emphasis on the Middle East. *Alternate years.*
- SOAN 228 Mass Media and Society 3.0; 3 cr.**
A survey of mass media institutions and an examination of the role of the mass media in society, including an introduction to basic principles and concepts as developed in the West and as applied in the Middle East. *Alternate years.*
- SOAN 229 Communication Theory 3.0, 3 cr.**
An overview of the ways in which mass communication has been viewed by social scientists and by practitioners, with a focus on the range of issues studied and questions raised, and the schools, approaches, and trends in the field. *Alternate years.*
- SOAN 230 Public Opinion 3.0; 3 cr.**
A general study of the nature of public opinion, and the interplay between psychological and socio-cultural processes in the formation and dissemination of public opinion. An attempt is also made to explore the impact of public opinion on media and socio-cultural change. Measurements of public opinion are also explored. *Alternate years.*
- SOAN 231 Communication Campaigns 3.0; 3 cr.**
A course that seeks to give students the opportunity to apply, in a strategically integrated manner, the concepts and procedures used in advertising and marketing research. Working in groups, students are required to plan and develop comprehensive marketing communications campaigns to promote social ideas or commercial items using numerous media and research techniques. *Annually.*
- SOAN 232 Conflict Analysis and Resolution 3.0; 3 cr.**
An overview of the field of conflict analysis and resolution. This course covers the history of conflict studies, theories of conflict, and methods of dispute resolution. *Annually.*
- SOAN 233 Persuasion in the Media Age 3.0; 3 cr.**
The course explores the nature of persuasion today and examines strategies for critically evaluating persuasive communication, stressing the importance of adapting persuasive messages to society's cultural beliefs and values, as well as to the economic and social structures that govern the society. It aims at moving beyond traditional theories to improve the student's understanding of how to respond to and evaluate persuasive communication in the era of communication technology.
- SOAN 234 Public Relations 3.0; 3 cr.**
The course introduces the student to the world of public relations through a strong emphasis on fundamentals, such as history and research. Emerging issues, such as technology, ethics, and the international aspects of public relations are considered through examining PR strategies, tactics, and case studies.

SOAN 235 Advertising 3.0; 3 cr.

The course introduces the student to the core concepts and practices of advertising. It examines the impact of new media and research methods, with an emphasis on integrated communications and the role of ad agencies. Students learn how to assess the effectiveness of advertising, and how to create a successful ad campaign.

SOAN 236 The Electronic Media 3.0; 3 cr.

The course introduces the students to the history of the electronic media, examining the impact of the new media on communication. The course has an interdisciplinary nature, drawing on the expertise of AUB faculty in the fields of communication, science and technology, history, politics, and economics.

SOAN 240 Seminar in Human Rights and Cultural Differences 3.0; 3 cr.

A seminar that provides students with an introduction to the history, concepts, institutions, and applications of human rights. Although drawn mainly from a Western perspective, applications are canvassed from the Middle East as well. Discussions cover philosophical foundations of human rights law; discrimination, xenophobia, and racism; civil, political, social, and economic rights; women's rights; children's rights; rights of minorities and indigenous people; and migrant workers' rights. *Alternate years.*

SOAN 241 Seminar in the Sociology of Deviance 3.0; 3 cr.

The seminar explores the role of leading theoretical perspectives for understanding the changing meanings, nature, and forms of deviance in a cross-cultural context. Primary concern is to identify conceptual, methodological, moral, and political issues in the study of substantive social problems such as violent crime, alcoholism and drug abuse, prostitution, homosexuality, suicide, mental disorders, corporate crime, and other emerging forms of global deviance. *Alternate years.*

SOAN 242 Seminar in Globalization and Migration 3.0; 3 cr.

An introduction to a range of issues related to theories of migration with particular emphasis on the peculiarities of contemporary globalization. Theoretical considerations include assumptions and case studies from sociology, economics, political economy, and anthropology. Concepts such as network theory, transnationalism, and the international division of labor are used to illuminate issues such as citizenship and identity, refugees, forced migration, nationalism, and ethnicity as they relate to the migratory experience. *Alternate years.*

SOAN 243 Seminar in Communication 3.0; 3 cr.

An undergraduate seminar on the role of communication in society. The content areas may change. *May be repeated for credit. Annually.*

SOAN 250 Seminar in Art and Culture 3.0; 3 cr.

A cross-cultural exploration of art as an idea, an object, a history, and a way of interacting with the world. How is art a universal category? This course applies anthropological theories to the study of art and art theories to the study of human society. Particular attention is paid to local resources and archives.

SOAN 251 Seminar in Anthropological Thought 3.0; 3 cr.

An investigation of the major theories guiding anthropological thinking today, through a historically contextualizing overview. This course introduces students to a range of theoretical propositions concerning such topics as agency, structure, subjectivity, power, and the politics of representation by reading primary texts from landmark figures in sociocultural anthropology.

SOAN 252 **Cannibals, Liars, Spies:
Controversies in the Study of Humans** **3.0; 3 cr.**

An investigation of the cases that have shaken the discipline of anthropology and/or sociology. This course uses some exciting issues such as cannibalism, lying, and spying to enter into some of the core issues that concern the study of humans.

SOAN 290 **Special Topics Seminar** **3.0; 3 cr.**
SOAN faculty or visiting professors and recognized scholars might be invited to offer seminars to explore relevant dimensions of their research in progress. *May be repeated for credit. Occasionally.*

SOAN 299 **Directed Study** **3–6 cr.**
A tutorial course offered to SBS students with an average of 85 or above in their major at the beginning of their senior year. This tutorial consists of independent research, original creative compositions, or directed reading, and includes the presentation of a report or thesis on the work. Students with averages lower than 85 may be admitted to directed study at the discretion of the department. *Occasionally.*

36 Credits in SOAN¹

| Modes of Analysis | English and Arabic (9) | Humanities (12) | Social Sciences (36) | Sciences and Math (3) |
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| Lecture Courses (9+12+33+3) | 1. Required Arabic course: ARAB 201A or B, or any upper level course (3) 2. Required English courses: ENGL 203(3), 204(3) | Required credits in the humanities: 12 credits including 6 credits from CVSP (see pp. 163–65) | 1. Required (21): SOAN 101(3) or 201(3) or 203(3), 204(3) or 228(3), 210(3), 211(3), 212(3), 213(3), 214(3), 240(3) or 241(3), or 242(3) or 243(3) 2. Electives (12) from SOAN 205 and SOAN 219–290 | |
| Seminar (3) | | | Required (3): SOAN 240(3), 241(3), 242(3), or 243(3) | |
| Laboratory (6) | | | SOAN 211(3) | CMPS 206(3) or EDUC 219(3) |
| Research Project (30) | | | SOAN 210(3), 212(3), 213(3), 214(3), 226(3), 230(3), 240(3), 241(3), 243(3), 290(3), 299(3) | |

¹ Plus 30 free elective credits

² Laboratory + research project courses are listed twice

Graduate Programs

MA in Psychology

A regular candidate for the MA degree in psychology is required to complete 21 graduate credit hours plus a thesis. The student has to complete PSYC 301 plus at least four graduate courses in the field of specialization. The rest of the requirements can be chosen from other graduate-level offerings in the department or in the Faculty of Arts and Sciences, following the consent of the adviser and the interest of the graduate student.

PSYC 301 Research Design 3.0; 3 cr.

An advanced course in all aspects of the design of psychological research, including methods of statistical analysis. Restricted to psychology majors only. *Prerequisites: PSYC 213, PSYC 223, PSYC 243, and a course in statistics. Annually.*

PSYC 303 Advanced Psychopathology 3.0; 3 cr.

A critical appraisal of western and indigenous approaches to abnormal behaviors including anxiety disorders, culture-bound syndromes, mood disorders, personality disorders, eating disorders, sexual disorders, cognitive disorders (e.g., Alzheimer's), schizophrenia, and substance-related disorders. *Prerequisite: PSYC 217. Annually.*

PSYC 305 Advanced Social Psychology 3.0; 3 cr.

A critical survey of social-psychological theory and research, with special emphasis on attitude measurement, attitude change, intragroup and intergroup relations, social perception, and group conformity processes. *Prerequisite: PSYC 211. Alternate years.*

PSYC 307 Clinical Assessment and Diagnosis 3.0; 3 cr.

A course on the history and method of assessment, and specific diagnostic techniques. *Prerequisite: PSYC 217. Annually.*

PSYC 309 Counseling and Psychotherapy 3.0; 3 cr.

A course on theories and practices of psychological counseling and psychotherapy. *Alternate years.*

PSYC 311 Special Topics in Social Psychology 3.0; 3 cr.

The topic varies from semester to semester. *May be repeated for credit. Annually.*

PSYC 313 Special Topics in Clinical Psychology 3.0; 3 cr.

The topic varies from semester to semester. *May be repeated for credit. Prerequisite: Consent of instructor. Alternate years.*

PSYC 315/317 Special Topics in General Psychology 3.0; 3 cr.

The topic varies from semester to semester. *May be repeated for credit. Prerequisite: Consent of instructor. Annually.*

PSYC 319 Graduate Tutorial in Psychology 3.0; 3 cr.

May be repeated for credit. Prerequisites: Graduate standing and consent of instructor. Annually.

PSYC 321 Environmental Psychology 3.0; 3 cr.

A course that examines relationships between humans and the physical environment. This course studies three broad issues: environmental perception, the effect of the environment on behavior and experiences, and the effect of behavior on the environment. *Occasionally.*

PSYC 399 MA Thesis 9 cr.

Annually.

MA in Sociology or Anthropology

A regular candidate for the MA degree in sociology or anthropology is required to complete 21 graduate credit hours plus a thesis. Sociology students are to complete SOAN 300 and SOAN 312, and anthropology students are to complete SOAN 300 and SOAN 310. Sociology students wanting a concentration in communication are also required to complete SOAN 313. The rest of the requirements, following the consent of the adviser and the interest of the graduate student, can be selected from other offerings in the department, or in FAS and other schools and faculties on campus.

SOAN 300 Graduate Research Methods 3.0; 3 cr.

An advanced course in the formulation of research problems, research designs, and techniques of data collection including quantitative and qualitative methods and micro versus macro approaches to social reality. Students participate in actual research projects and apply various techniques of data collection and analysis to interpret research findings. *Annually.*

SOAN 310 Seminar in Anthropological Theory 3.0; 3 cr.

An in-depth survey of the major theoretical developments in socio-cultural anthropology. The seminar focuses on both chronological treatment of issues and theories as well as the contributions of leading theorists. *Prerequisite: Graduate standing or consent of instructor. Annually.*

SOAN 312 Seminar in Sociological Theory 3.0; 3 cr.

The seminar explores critically some of the enduring controversies and major developments in sociological theory. An effort is first made to elucidate the origins, strategies, and ideological antecedents and components of sociological theory. A special focus is placed on the reformulations of the classic tradition and recent post-modern and other promising directions. *Alternate years.*

SOAN 313 Seminar in Communication Theory and Research 3.0; 3 cr.

The seminar introduces the student to trends in mass communication research and theoretical approaches to the communication process and communication context (small group communication, media processing and effects, media and society, culture and communication). Focus is placed on contemporary communication theories that have emerged in the discipline since the 1950s. *Annually.*

SOAN 314 Seminar in Persuasion Theory and Practice 3.0; 3 cr.

The seminar deals with how individuals exercise influence through communication. It examines the appropriate boundaries of persuasion research, the impact of persuasive practices, and the dynamic nature of persuasion inquiry. The seminar conducts an interdisciplinary examination of research in a wide range of areas related to persuasion of interest to mass communication students, psychologists, and public health practitioners. *Occasionally.*

SOAN 315 Seminar in Middle Eastern Culture and Society 3.0; 3 cr.

A seminar on special aspects of research with emphasis on the cultural mechanisms and processes of change in pastoral, rural, or urban communities. This course includes presentation and analysis of field data on the Middle East. *Occasionally.*

SOAN 316 Seminar in Communication and Development 3.0; 3 cr.

A seminar on the role of communication in developing societies, with a focus on the media as modernizing agent, and on questions that are relevant for the understanding of the socioeconomic developmental process in less developed cultures. *Occasionally.*

- SOAN 317 Seminar in Mass Media in the Modern Arab Society 3.0; 3 cr.**
A seminar on the political, social, and economic effects of the new communication technologies on modern Arab society. Special attention is given to the effects of cultural deviance in the media on children and the effects of the communication media on social and cultural change.
Alternate years.
- SOAN 318 Human Migration 3.0; 3 cr.**
A comparative study of the causes and effects of human migration worldwide. This course covers issues concerned with voluntary and forced migration as well as temporary labor migration and voluntary migration and resettlement, with an emphasis on the Lebanese experience. *Alternate years.*
- SOAN 319 Environmental Anthropology 3.0; 3 cr.**
The discipline of anthropology has traditionally centered on the dynamic between human beings and their social and physical environment. This course directly links environmental issues and problems to the social and cultural values that dominate decisions about resource use and management. *Occasionally.*
- SOAN 320 Graduate Tutorial in Anthropology 3.0; 3 cr.**
This, like other graduate tutorials in sociology and communication, is open to graduate students preferably during the second semester of the first year in their program of study. Tutorials provide opportunities for students to pursue directed readings and preliminary grounded research of relevance to their envisaged fields of concentration. *May be repeated for credit. Annually.*
- SOAN 321 Graduate Tutorial in Sociology 3.0; 3 cr.**
May be repeated for credit. Annually.
- SOAN 322 Graduate Tutorial in Communication 3.0; 3 cr.**
May be repeated for credit. Annually.
- SOAN 323 Special Topics in Anthropology 3.0; 3 cr.**
This, like other special topics in sociology and communication, is devoted normally to SOAN faculty or visiting professors and recognized scholars to explore topics of current interest. *May be repeated for credit. Occasionally.*
- SOAN 324 Special Topics in Sociology 3.0; 3 cr.**
May be repeated for credit. Occasionally.
- SOAN 325 Special Topics in Communications 3.0; 3 cr.**
May be repeated for credit. Occasionally.
- SOAN 399 Thesis 9 cr.**
Annually.

Social and Behavioral Sciences (Five Minors)

Anthropology: three core courses (SOAN 203 or SOAN 212, SOAN 222 or SOAN 225, and SOAN 221 or SOAN 227) and two electives from the following: SOAN 212, SOAN 214, SOAN 220–227, SOAN 232, and SOAN 240–242

Communication: three core courses (SOAN 205, SOAN 228, SOAN 229) and two electives from the following: SOAN 204, SOAN 230, SOAN 231, and SOAN 243

Psychology: two core courses (PSYC 102 or PSYC 202, PSYC 227) and three electives from PSYC 211–251 except PSYC 213, PSYC 223, and PSYC 243

Sociology: three core courses (SOAN 101 or SOAN 201, SOAN 213, SOAN 214) and two electives from the following: SOAN 210, SOAN 220, SOAN 222, SOAN 223, SOAN 224, SOAN 225, SOAN 232, and SOAN 240–242

Cognitive Science: PSYC 251 is required. PSYC 251 can not be counted as a psychology course for the purpose of this requirement. The remaining 12 credits must be chosen from the following courses: PSYC 219, 221, 227, 233, 235, and 247; PHIL 221, 222, 223, 257, 258; ENGL 227, 230, 232, 246; EDUC 215, 221, 225, 290, 290F; CMPS 287; and BIOL 290AF-1, 290T-1, on condition that the 12 credits chosen span three of the five disciplines. Only 3 credits of the 15 credits taken for the minor count toward the student's major.