

University of Houston-Downtown

Course Prefix, Number, and Title: UHD 2308 University Seminar–Social and Behavioral Sciences

Component Area Option/Foundational Component Area: Social and Behavioral Sciences

Credits/Lecture/Lab Hours: 3/3/0

Prerequisites: ENG 1301; sophomore standing or departmental approval

Course Description: Within the context of the discipline and the special topic, these courses introduce students to higher-level critical thinking through instruction in the application of empirical and scientific methods that contribute to the understanding of what makes us human. Courses in this area focus on the exploration of behavior and interactions among individuals, groups, institutions, and events, examining their impact on the individual, society, and culture. Written and oral communication within the context of the topic's related discipline are emphasized. These courses also provide opportunities for transfer students to link to their intended majors early in their academic careers at UHD. Strategies for academic success are practiced within the context of the special topic and discipline.

Learning Outcomes: Students will be able to:

- Identify the interplay among individuals, groups, institutions, and events within the context of society and culture;
- Analyze or interpret empirically derived information and infer logical conclusions
- Evaluate assumptions and develop defensible conclusions based on interpretation and analysis of information relevant to course content
- Synthesize and deliver organized and well-constructed arguments about course content using multiple modalities (including written, oral, and visual formats) to include the use of technology
- Apply theory or findings from empirical research to a contemporary social problem
- Research and define academic and career goals within the discipline and develop learning strategies to support academic success and attainment of academic and career goals