

SF Sarasota-Manatee - Substantive Undergraduate Course Proposal Form

1. College/School Contact Information

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2. Course Information

<u>Prefix</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Full Title</u>	
ISS	4939	Senior Capstone Seminar in ISS	
Is the course title variable?			N
Is a permit required for registration?			N
Are the credit hours variable?			N
<u>Credit Hours</u>	<u>Section Type</u>	<u>Grading Option</u>	
3	Class Lecture (Primarily)	Regular	

Abbreviated Title (30 characters maximum)
ISS Capstone Seminar

5. Prerequisites

ISS 3300, STA 2122

6. Corequisites

7. Co-Prerequisites

8. Course Description

This seminar course is designed to facilitate the completion of a capstone project that is an original contribution to the interdisciplinary social sciences. The topic of emotion is used in the course to guide our interdisciplinary analysis.

9. New Course Information

<u>New Prefix</u>	<u>New Number</u>	<u>New Full Title</u>
N/A	N/A	N/A
Is the course title variable?		N
Is a permit required for registration?		N
Are the credit hours variable?		N
<u>New Credit Hours</u>	<u>New Section Type</u>	<u>New Grading Option</u>
N/A	Class Lecture (Primarily)	Regular

New Abbreviated Title (30 characters maximum)
N/A

12. New Prerequisites
ISS 3931
13. New Corequisites
N/A
14. New Co-Prerequisites
N/A
15. New Course Description
N/A
16. **Justification**

A. Nature of change(s)

This course is a core program requirement, their final course, for the Interdisciplinary Social Sciences program. ISS 3931 has been developed to replace ISS 3930 as a core ISS requirement. Adding ISS 3931 as a prerequisite for ISS 4939 would sequence the ISS core courses in the intended order.

The current ISS 4939 prerequisites of STA 2122 and ISS 3300 would be deleted because the courses already fall earlier in the ISS core course sequence such that students who have taken ISS 3931 will have taken ISS 3300 and STA 2122.

B. Indicate how this course will strengthen the Undergraduate Program.

The change will strengthen the program by providing a clear sequence of ISS core courses. Each course in the ISS core sequences will build on the ISS courses taken previously. The end result ISS 4939 is where they utilize the skills of interdisciplinary thinking and research to complete an original capstone project.

This new prerequisite, ISS 3931, demonstrates interdisciplinary research skills with a focus on a selected topic. This course will provide that experience in interdisciplinary thinking and writing needed to complete the capstone project.

C. What specific area of knowledge is covered by this change that is not covered by courses currently listed.

n/a

D. What is the need or demand for this course? {Here you must indicate if this course is part of a required sequence in the major} What other programs would this course?

All ISS majors will need to take ISS 3931 prior to the capstone course, ISS 4939. Enrollment in ISS 4939 is typically 20 students per semester (although this has varied in the past as we transitioned from teaching the former capstone, ISS 4935).

E. What qualifications for training and/or experience are necessary to teach this course?

Ph.D. in a social science discipline with experience in interdisciplinary research and/or teaching.

F. What will be the effect of this change on the program and on the students? Do you plan to drop a course if this change is made? (If dropping/deleting a course please complete the nonsubstantive course change form.)

No courses will be discontinued. The change will strengthen the program by providing a clear sequence of ISS core courses

17. Other Course Information

A. Objectives

1. Understand the use of theory and research in the social science disciplines
2. Consider the unique insights that at least two social science disciplines contribute to understanding a social science topic
3. Develop an interdisciplinary research question
4. Utilize skills of interdisciplinary integration
5. Further develop skills and techniques for writing an interdisciplinary research paper.

B. Learning Outcomes

1. Demonstrate understanding of the principles, methods, and theories informing an interdisciplinary analysis of the social sciences.
2. Demonstrate conversance with the important principles, methods, and theories of at least two social science disciplines.
3. Analyze, synthesize and evaluate research from at least two social science disciplines.
4. Demonstrate appropriate techniques of analysis of qualitative and/or quantitative, by synthesizing and evaluating previous research and making recommendations for future research.
5. Develop an effective written research paper.

C. Major Topics

1. Disciplinary perspectives and theory
2. Academic research in the social sciences
3. Interdisciplinary analysis of selected topics
4. Writing an interdisciplinary research paper

D. Textbooks

Repko, Allen F. 2012. Interdisciplinary Research: Process and Theory. Sage.