

Social Science Research Methods, Certificate

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Are you interested in analyzing human behavior through data? Learn data theories, examine theoretical research and develop your critical analysis skills. You'll leverage qualitative evidence in the world around you and gain the quantitative skills that create and confirm theories.

Description

In the certificate program in social science research methods, students are prepared to acquire, manage and analyze a wide variety of human thought and behavior data. Data can be qualitative (e.g., text, images, sound) or quantitative (e.g., direct observation, surveys, geographic information systems).

Data acquisition skills may include downloading and managing information from online sources, collecting data in surveys or making direct observations. A key feature of this program is a focus on data analysis, so students can analyze any data they collect.

All students in this program demonstrate skills in statistical analysis and selecting methods related to their interests.

At a glance

- **College/school:** [The College of Liberal Arts and Sciences](#)
- **Location:** [Tempe](#)

Curriculum

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2025-2026 Catalog Year

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Requirement	Minimum Grade	Credit Hours
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The certificate requires 18 credit hours, 12 of which must be upper division. A minimum grade of "C" (2.00 on a scale of 4.00) is required for all coursework. At least six upper-division credit hours must be completed with courses offered by The College of Liberal Arts and Sciences.

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Core Course

GIS 469: Multivariate Statistics for Social Sciences or SOC 469: Multivariate Statistics for Social Sciences or STP 452: Multivariate Statistics	C	3
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Research Methods Courses

Social Science Research Methods Core (choose two)	C	6
Upper Division Social Science Research Methods Electives (choose two)	C	6

Capstone

ASB 484: Internship or ASB 499: Individualized Instruction	C	3
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Notes

Prerequisite courses may be needed in order to complete the requirements of this certificate.

Enrollment requirements

A student pursuing an undergraduate certificate must be enrolled as a degree-seeking student at ASU. Undergraduate certificates are not awarded before the completion of an undergraduate degree. A student who already holds an undergraduate degree may pursue an undergraduate certificate as a nondegree-seeking graduate student.

Career opportunities

People with the skill set needed to solve complex problems are in demand in the job market. There is a growing need for researchers and analysts with keen thinking skills who can manage, evaluate and interpret large amounts of data to address these challenges.

Some career opportunities include:

- acting as legal advocates in international cases
- analyzing and proposing policies
- conducting postgraduate academic research
- consulting for private and public organizations
- directing nonprofit organizations
- directing programs in the private or public sector

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