## Human Behavior and Social Institutions

### Course Description:

Human Behavior and Social Institutions courses rely on empirical data (quantitative and qualitative) to generate and answer questions, such as: Why do humans behave and think as they do? How do social institutions form and function? How do humans and institutions interact? They also develop theories that contribute to an understanding of individual and group behavior in various contexts.

1. **Criteria:** Human Behavior and Social Institutions courses will
   1. Introduce theories and principles that emerge from empirical research to explain human behavior and social institutions.
   2. Introduce qualitative and quantitative methods of collecting, evaluating, and presenting information pertaining to human behavior and social institutions.
   3. Address the context and stages of development for a particular social and behavioral science or interdisciplinary social scientific field of study.
   4. Address the social and ethical issues that arise in the study of human behavior and social institutions and practical and public efforts to change human behavior and social institutions.
2. **SLOs:** Human Behavior and Social Institutions students will
   1. Identify and explain foundational theories and principles that have emerged from empirical research to explain human behavior and social institutions.
   2. Demonstrate an understanding of how to use data to answer questions about behavior and social institutions.