

## University of Houston-Downtown

**Course Prefix, Number, and Title:** UHD 1308 Freshman Seminar–Social and Behavioral Sciences

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

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

**Prerequisites:** None

**Course Description:** Within the context of the discipline and the special topic, these courses introduce students to 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. Strategies for academic success are practiced within the context of the special topic.

**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