

# BIGSSS PhD Curriculum and Credit Point (CP) System

Prior to 1<sup>st</sup> Semester: Preparatory Forum in Social Science Methodology (6 CP)

## 1<sup>st</sup> Year: Theoretical/Methodological Foundations, Dissertation Design

### 1<sup>st</sup> Semester

1. Core Theory Seminar<sup>1</sup> (3 CP)
2. Proposal Workshop<sup>1</sup> (3 CP)
3. Doctoral Colloquium<sup>1</sup> (2 CP)
4. Lecture Series

### 2<sup>nd</sup> Semester

1. Dissertation Proposal and Defense (20 CP)
2. Advanced Methods Appetizers (0.5 CP each)<sup>2</sup>
3. Demand-Tailored Theory Seminar (1 CP)
4. Doctoral Colloquium (2 CP)
5. Lecture Series
6. Summer Retreat

Prior to 2<sup>nd</sup> Year: Progress Assessment Colloquium (5 CP)

## 2<sup>nd</sup> Year: Demand-Tailored Training, Dissertation Research, and Teaching<sup>3</sup>

### 3<sup>rd</sup> Semester

1. Specialized Methods Training (1 CP each)<sup>2</sup>
2. Didactic Workshop (1 CP)
3. Writing Workshop (1 CP)
4. Doctoral Colloquium (2 CP)
5. Lecture Series

### 4<sup>th</sup> Semester

1. Doctoral Colloquium (2 CP)
2. Lecture Series

Prior to 3<sup>rd</sup> Year: Progress Assessment Colloquium (5 CP)

## 3<sup>rd</sup> Year: Dissertation Write-Up, Teaching, and Soft-Skills Workshops

### 5<sup>th</sup> Semester

1. Doctoral Colloquium (2 CP)
2. Lecture Series

### 6<sup>th</sup> Semester

1. Doctoral Colloquium (2 CP)
2. Lecture Series

Dissertation and Defense Colloquium (120 CP)

<sup>1</sup> Core Theory Seminar, Proposal Workshop and Doctoral Colloquium are field-specific courses.

<sup>2</sup> A total of 3 credits is achieved by taking Advanced Methods Appetizers and Specialized Methods Training Courses. Appetizer courses are worth 0.5 credits per course, specialized courses 1 credit per course unless otherwise noted. When in doubt, please consult the methods center.

<sup>3</sup> Teaching can be fulfilled anytime between the 3<sup>rd</sup> and the 6<sup>th</sup> semester.