

# COMPARATIVE AND HISTORICAL SOCIAL SCIENCE CERTIFICATE

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The following requirements are in addition to, or further elaborate upon, those requirements outlined in The Graduate School Policy Guide (<https://catalogs.northwestern.edu/tgs/academic-policies-procedures/>).

## Certificate

**Total Units Required:** 5

### Course Requirements:

At least one of these five courses must come from each of the following three areas:

- **Interdisciplinary, Substantive Expertise.** At least one course must be taken from outside the student's home department (including in history, anthropology, and other departments beyond sociology and political science, or at other universities which are members of the CIC). These courses are intended to ensure that CHSS students develop substantive interdisciplinary expertise in their area of research.
- **Theoretical Competence.** Courses may be focused on temporal analysis, historical sociology, theories of comparative politics, historical-institutional analysis, contemporary social theory or other topics approved by the CHSS advisor. (This is in addition to the theory requirements of political science or sociology.) Theory courses from other departments might also be used to meet this requirement, but only with the approval of a CHSS advisor.
- **Methodological Competence.** This course may be focused on methods of small-N comparative analysis, methods of historical analysis, methods of archival and documentary analysis, or other topics approved by the CHSS advisor. This requirement can also be filled by courses outside of political science and sociology with the approval of a CHSS advisor.

### Other Certificate Requirements:

- **Linguistic Competence.** Students are expected to develop whatever language skills are necessary for their research projects, and are encouraged to learn another language that might facilitate international comparative research and collaboration. Language courses, however, do not count toward the five required CHSS courses.

Fellows also develop their interdisciplinary skills by participating in a number of fora sponsored by the program, CICS, and CCHA:

- **CICS Fellows.** Students become fellows at the Center for International and Comparative Studies (CICS) and will participate in events and meetings linked to the CHSS program at CICS.
- **CCHA Workshop.** Students attend and participate in a bi-weekly Workshop on Comparative and Historical Analysis sponsored by CCHA and held at CICS, Sociology, or Political Science (see below for more on the relationship to the Center for Comparative and Historical Analysis).
- **Quarterly Meetings.** The full body of CHSS advisors and students meets once a quarter for discussion, debate, and sociability. At least

one of these meetings will be a proposal writing workshop for third and fourth year students.