

Temporary Policy Change for Fulfilling the Hands-on-Experience (HOE) Requirement for HSSP for HSSP Seniors graduating before May 2024

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For HSSP Seniors Graduating in May 2024. Because we recognize the continuing disruptive impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on fulfilling the Hands-on-Experience (HOE) over the course of your Brandeis career, HSSP offers some temporary changes to help HSSP seniors who plan to graduate by May 2024. Students graduating after May 2024 should plan to complete one of our regular offerings.

HSSP recommends students fulfill their HOE requirement using one of our existing offerings:

1. **HSSP 89a: *Internship Seminar*** (+ a health-related *Internship*)
Most students complete Internships the summer before Junior or Senior year, some do so during the Academic Year.
 - i. A summer health-related internship: a minimum time commitment of 110 hours over minimum 8 weeks; or
 - ii. A school-year health-related internship: a minimum time commitment of 100 hours over the semester.Any such internship must be pre-approved by Professor Darren Zinner, the HSSP Internship Instructor.
2. **HSSP 137a: *Contemporary Issues in Public Health in the Yucatan*** as part of the [experiential Summer study abroad in Mérida, Mexico](#) (counts as HOE or Focal Area C elective)
3. **LGLS 161b: *Advocacy for Policy Change***, if health-related [wi oc]
4. **WMGS 89a: *When Violence Hits Home***
5. **[Health-related Study Abroad](#)** = over 30 pre-approved HOE courses
6. *Field-based, health-related HSSP 98a/b: **Independent Research Project***
7. *Year-long, health-related HSSP 99d: [Senior Honors Thesis](#)*

As a temporary policy change, HSSP seniors who plan to graduate by May 2024 may, with advanced permission, take a 4-credit research methods class:

1. ***ANTH 81a: Conducting Ethnographic Fieldwork***
2. ***ANTH 182b: Engaged Anthropology***
3. ***BIOL 51a: Biostatistics***
4. ***BUS 111a: Business Analytics***
5. ***ECON 83: Statistics for Economic Analysis*** - Econ 83a is usually offered in both semesters as well as in the summer school.
Note: Students who wish to enroll in ECON 83 must:
 - a. complete the prerequisites: i) ECON 2a or ECON 10a and ii. MATH 10a or pass the departmental calculus exam, and
 - b. email the Economics Department's Academic Administrator, Leslie Yancich (lesliey@brandeis.edu) to let her know they want to get into the course. Do NOT contact the course instructor.
6. ***HSSP 40a: Application of Epidemiologic Methods*** (2-credits) coupled with conducting a field-based project/final paper and the approval of Prof Thuy Lam.
7. ***POL 52b: Introduction to Stats for Social Sciences***
8. ***SOC 118a: Observing the Social World: Doing Qualitative Sociology***
9. ***SOC 181a: Methods of Social Inquiry***
10. ***SOC 182a: Applied Research Methods***

Important Notes:

- a) Students should contact the HSSP undergrad advising head and/or the program chair before using one of these options.
- b) HSSP can not guarantee enrollment availability in options offered by other departments and programs.
- c) No course will double count toward any other HSSP requirement.
- d) Students must work on a health-related final paper/project in any courses that require a final paper or project.
- e) Upon completion of any temporary options, students must submit the Registrar's online [petition to request substitution for a requirement](#).

If you have more questions on how to fulfill the HSSP HOE requirement, please contact Prof. Darren Zinner, the HSSP Internship Instructor (dzinner@brandeis.edu).