Course Requirements

The goal of prevention science certificate courses is to give students a broader framework for understanding problems that interest them that are best addressed through an interdisciplinary manner.

- Students are required to take 1 credit hour of the interdisciplinary prevention science seminar across 3 consecutive semesters, beginning in the spring semester.

- Students are required to take 2 courses within their department and 2 courses outside of their department/college. Students are welcome to take courses in any department if they are relevant with approval from the instructor and the PSC representative. However, students should be aware that the PSC has more knowledge about the type and availability of course in the departments/schools participating in the PSC. Please find a list of participating departments below, their respective PSC representative, and course prefixes:

  Educational Psychology, Jamilia Blake, Ph.D.; Course prefixes: EPSY; SPSY
  School of Public Health, Kenneth McElroy, Ph.D.; Course prefixes: SRPH; PSHC; PHEB; PHPM
  Sociology, Verna Keith, Ph.D.; Course prefix: SOCI
  Health & Kinesiology, Kelly Wilson, Ph.D.; Course prefix: HLTH
  Recreational Parks and Tourism, Brandy Kelly Pryor, Ph.D. Course prefix: RPTS

- Each course selected must be in one of the following core areas of prevention science:
  - Content course: This is a topic course that addresses what the “problems” are in a specific discipline that the student is interested in addressing
  - Theory course: This course will be a theory-based course that the student takes to understand theories surrounding the problem that the student is interested in addressing
  - Methods course: This course will address methods for intervening or reducing problem such as research statistics and methods courses, intervention courses etc.
  - Policy course: This is a course on how to address the problem via policy. A practicum course in implementing a prevention program or developing a grant for a non-for-profit organization to implement a prevention program may fulfill this requirement as well.