Source Project Frequently Asked Questions

How do I select my research stream?

The Source Project offers various two-semester research streams covering different academic disciplines and topics. You will rank your top three choices for research streams, and we will try our best to place everyone in their preferred stream. Scan the QR code below to read about the current research streams!

Will I be doing hands-on research or book/library research?

The program entails both. The methods of inquiry in each research stream require both generating new data/evidence to analyze and interpret from specific disciplinary lenses as well as doing literature reviews using the library's book catalog or the extensive online databases available to BU students.

Will this put me behind schedule to graduate?

Not at all! These courses will satisfy general education requirements or in some cases, even will count towards a major or a minor. Different research streams will fulfill different gen. ed. requirements.

What is the time commitment/workload for this course?

Source Project research streams are a two-course sequence, each of which are four credits. Students report that they find the workload less time consuming than they had anticipated because the course structure is centered on the research process.

What are the long-term benefits of participating in the Source Project?

Not only will you learn how to conduct research, present your findings, and enhance your communication skills, but you will expand your critical thinking and problem solving skills. You will learn how to collaborate with your peers and professors and build a network. Being a part of this prestigious program will set you apart from your peers post graduation. The Source Project will open so many doors for you. These opportunities will accelerate your college career and provide you with a litany of skills that you will utilize well into your future. Source Project students not only gain impactful knowledge, but they become the sources of knowledge.

What do the courses entail?

Fall: In your first semester you will start practicing different steps of conducting academic research ranging from developing research questions to engaging with and discussing scholarly arguments in oral and written forms.

Spring: The second semester is the research-intensive part of the two-semester sequence. While the nature of the research projects that you're working on will depend on your research stream, each student will get hands-on research experience throughout this semester.

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