

Office of Collaborative Programs Behavioral Sciences Research Methodology Project

The Behavioral Sciences Research Methodology Project Fact Sheet

Program Background

As part of the continuing effort of Kingsborough Community College to initiate innovative collaborative programs that promote the mission of Kingsborough as a college for the community, the Behavioral Research Project was established. In collaboration with the high schools participating in Kingsborough's College Now program, the project offers upper juniors demonstrating high academic achievement the opportunity to earn eight (8) tuition-free college credits during their high school upper junior spring and senior fall terms.

The Projects

The Kingsborough/Department of Education Collaborative Program in the Behavioral Sciences has been designed to introduce selected high school students to the basics of social science research methods and to enable them to develop, design, collect data and conduct a research project based on a subject of their choice in the social sciences. In addition to learning independent college-level research, the goal of the program is to have students produce a college-level research paper. To attain this goal the curriculum tailored to include coursework in conducting research using computer technology to identify published works that support their project. Students who participate will gain invaluable transitional education and research experience. Students will also gain greater insight into the disciplines of sociology and psychology than they otherwise would have at this point in their educational careers.

Application Criteria

All applicants must be designated as a high school upper junior to participate in BEH 70. At a minimum, the student is required to have successfully completed 2 years of Regents sequential mathematics and have an overall high school average of 85% or above. Applicants must also be willing to commit to the one-year two-course sequence.

Students interested in participating in the Kingsborough Behavioral Sciences Research methodology Project must submit an application and essay. Professors from the Department of Behavioral Sciences and Human Services who will select this year's participants will then interview them.

Transfer Credits

Upon successful completion of the course work for both BEH 70 and 71, students may request that an official Kingsborough Community College transcript available to the college or university of their choice.

"Thank you so much for helping me out with my Intel project along with my Kingsborough Professors. I really appreciate everything. It has been a fun year, although tiring! Nevertheless, I thought the class was extremely productive and motivating. I've also learned a lot in this program including data analysis with SPSS and formatting a scholarly research paper. I don't think I would've gotten this far on my Intel project without the help of Kingsborough. I would high recommend this program to anyone interested in doing social science research" Fall 2017 student.