Appendix A: Empire State College Social Sciences Rubric
General Education Assessment Review (GEAR)

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Students will demonstrate:

Expectations	Does not meet	Approaches	Meets	Exceeds	N/A
Demonstrate Knowledge of the methods social scientists use to explore social phenomena, such as observation, data collection and measurement, hypothesis development, experimentation, evaluation of evidence, or employment of mathematical analyses.	No demonstrated knowledge of the methods social scientists employ related to a specific issue/topic or the field as a whole. Details related to comprehension are incorrect or absent.	Demonstrates some knowledge of the methods social scientists use without explanation and demonstrates some understanding of the methods social scientists employ related to a specific issue/topic or the field as a whole. Details demonstrating comprehension are simplistic and generally correct.	Demonstrates knowledge of the methods social scientists use provides some explanation and is able to identify appropriate techniques related to a specific issue/topic or the field as a whole. Details demonstrating comprehension have some information and are correct.	Demonstrates detailed knowledge of the methods social scientists employ and is able to identify appropriate techniques related to a specific issue/topic or the field as a whole with an awareness of their limitations. Details demonstrating comprehension are detailed and correct.	
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Demonstrate knowledge of major concepts, major models, or major issues.	No demonstrated knowledge of major concepts, major models, or major issues in this field in relation to the issue under study.	Demonstrates some knowledge of major concept, major model, or major issue in its original wording, incomplete *understanding* of how it relates to the issue under study.	Demonstrates knowledge of major concept, major model, or major issue in his/her own words, *applies* this information to the issue under study.	Demonstrates knowledge of major concept, major model, or major issue in his/her own words, *applies* this information to the issue under study, AND provides some *analysis* and *evaluation* of the concept, model, or issue.	
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