Government Research Analyst

Background –

Analysts work within governmental agencies to assess, evaluate, plan and develop various departmental programs or services. The main duties of a research analyst are to collect, analyze and present data to groups that request it (police departments, government agencies, etc.)

What is the average salary for this field? ~45,000*

What classes at GVSU may help me in my career as a Research Analyst? Discuss with your advisor which courses among those on this list, along with other courses not listed here, would best serve your career goals.

1. **PSY 360** – Social Psychology
2. **PSY 300** – Research Methods in Psychology
3. **PSY 400** – Advanced Research in Psychology
4. **PSY 310 –** Behavior Modification
5. **Minor in Applied Statistics** (21 credits)
    a. **STA 215 –** Introductory Applied Statistics
    b. **STA 312 –** Probability and Statistics
    c. **STA 216 –** Intermediate Applied Statistics
    d. **Additional 15 elective credits**

What skills are important for a Research Analyst to have? Analysts strive to have good critical thinking skills, oral and writing communication, analytical thinking, listening skills, and the ability to analyze data. The ability to communicate findings with others and strong computer skills are very important as well.

If you are specifically interested in Crime Analytics – It is the norm for a crime analyst to work within a law enforcement agency (police officer, detective) before taking on an analytic role.

Employer Possibilities – Governmental Research Analysts are typically going to be hired by various governmental agencies (local, state, national), or police stations. Department examples include Health and Human Services, Technology, Management and Budget, and Grants and Community Services Division.

Additional Information - http://www.michigan.gov/msp/0,4643,7-123-62526_63561-324822--,00.html

*Salary from the Michigan Civil Service Commission website