The goal of this course is to introduce students to a diversity of research methods used by social scientists to study society. Students will learn the logic of social research inquiry and the steps involved in research. They will also get some hands on experience of designing a project, collecting data, and presenting results of an analysis.

REQUIRED READINGS

COURSE REQUIREMENTS

Readings, Attendance, and Class Participation: Students are expected to come to class having done their readings as assigned on the syllabus. Taking notes in class is student's responsibility. Attendance in class will not be taken, however, participation in class discussions and group work is strongly encouraged and will be evaluated as part of the grade. For participation in class activities in each class you can earn two points for a total of no more than 30 points.

Quizzes: There will be six short quizzes throughout the course. Quizzes are not cumulative but based on the previously assigned chapter. Each quiz will be given at the beginning of class and will take about 10-20 minutes. There will be no make-ups for quizzes; however, you will be allowed to drop one lowest quiz score. Each quiz is worth 20 points.

Assignments: There will be five assignments throughout the class: four written assignments and one presentation. Each written assignment is expected to be no longer than 1-2 pages. For the first assignment you will be asked to develop and justify a sampling procedure for a given research project. For the second assignment you will be asked to develop a short questionnaire and interview 2 people. The third assignment will ask you to do a 20-30 minute observation. For the forth assignment you will describe and critique the data collection procedure used in a secondary data set. The fifth assignment will ask you to do a 10 minute presentation of research results to the class. The due dates for the assignments are on the schedule of classes. Detailed description of the assignments will be given to you in advance. Late assignments will not be accepted. Presentations (fifth assignment) are scheduled for the last three days of classes. Each assignment is worth 30 points.

Extra-Credit: There will be no extra credit.
GRADING
Final grades will be assigned based upon the following cumulative points:

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CLASS SCHEDULE, READINGS, QUizzes, AND ASSIGNMENTS*

July 10  Introduction to Social Research Methods.
July 11  Theory and Research (Chapter 1 and 2, pp.1-16 and 21-36).
July 12  Selecting Researchable Topics and Questions (Chapter 4, pp.69-95). Quiz 1.
July 13  Sampling (Chapter 5, pp. 103-122).
July 14  Sampling (Chapter 5, pp. 123-133).

July 17  Measurements (Chapter 6, pp.137-149). Assignment 1 is Due.
July 18  Measurements (Chapter 6, pp.150-161). Quiz 2
July 19  Experimental Research (Chapter 8, pp. 197-221). Quiz 3.
July 20  Questionnaires and Structured Interviews (Chapter 9, pp. 229-249).
July 21  Questionnaires and Structured Interviews (Chapter 9, pp. 250-257).

July 24  Using Available Data (Chapter 12, pp. 345-371). Assignment 2 is Due.
July 26  Qualitative Interviewing (Chapter 10, pp. 291-303).
July 28  Observational Techniques (Chapter 11, pp. 323-340). Assignment 3 is Due.

July 31  Ethics and Social Research (Chapter 3 pp. 39-64). Quiz 5.
August 1  Quantitative Data Analysis (Chapter 15, pp.453-467).
August 2  Quantitative Data Analysis (Chapter 15, pp.467-487).
August 3  Quantitative Data Analysis (Chapter 16, pp.493-519).

August 7  Student Presentations (Assignment 5). Assignment 4 is Due.
August 8  Student Presentations (Assignment 5).
August 9  Student Presentations (Assignment 5).

* The class schedule may change during the semester. The changes will be announced in class.