

Sociology 300: Sociological Research Methods
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Prerequisites: Sociology major/minor

General Education: No

Course Description

Sociological research methods is an introduction to empirical social analysis. The logic of quantitative and qualitative methods will be covered with a focus on the types of questions that are most appropriate for each approach. Students will learn how to ask and answer questions using particular data collection and analysis strategies. Survey, interview and ethnographic methods will be studied in-depth, with students collecting and analyzing data using each of these methods. This course will prepare students to conduct their own research, as well as to evaluate published studies. By focusing on a topic of interest, students will learn to identify, understand and synthesize related sociological literature in order to pose their own research question. Students will also learn historical justifications for current ethical standards and how to conduct research on human subjects ethically.

Course Requirements

Students will be required to complete reading summaries, actively participate in class, conduct three data collection and analysis assignments, write a literature review paper, and take two exams.

Required Texts

TBA

Please note: Information above subject to change.