Description:

The focus of this lab is on skill development related to information literacy, ethnographic interviewing techniques, qualitative data coding practices and applied statistical analysis and interpretation. This course must be taken concurrently with SOCI 211: Social Research Methods.

Required Texts


Optional Text


Reading due dates are listed in the syllabus for SOCI 211

Instructor policies

- Your consistent, on-time attendance and participation are required. Please do not attend to other activities during class (cellphones, knitting, etc.). After two absences, additional absences will generally lower your final grade in the course (1/3 of a grade per two additional absences). In case of illness or personal emergency, your absence will be excused. This policy is governed by the honor code; to report an excused absence, please contact me.

- Assignments are due IN CLASS the day they are due. An extension will be automatically applied to all assignments until 4:00 the day they are due. After this grace period, 1/3 of a letter grade (e.g. an A would be reduced to an A-) will be deducted for each day of lateness, unless you have previously made arrangements with the instructor because of illness or emergency.
• Assignments are to be handed in on paper (double sided is fine)—please retain a copy of this work for yourself. Please use the Times New Roman 12pt font or an equivalent, double spaced (unless specifically instructed to use another format) and NUMBERED pages. Staple your papers before turning them in.

• Office Hours are listed at the top of this syllabus. Upon special request, I will meet with students at times outside of my office hours. Please see me IN PERSON to set up such an appointment.

• I receive up to 30 or more e-mails per day. Please do not expect me to reply immediately to an e-mail question or request. If something is urgent, please CALL ME in my office or signify in the e-mail header that it is urgent.

• Honor Code: This course will follow the policies described in the Oberlin College Honor Code and Honor System. Please include the statement “I affirm that I have adhered to the Honor Code in this assignment” in all written work. Please contact me if you have any questions about citation/referencing, or the relationship of the Honor Code to your work in this course. For more information on the Honor Code, see http://www.oberlin.edu/students/student_pages/honor_code.html.

• Students with Disabilities: If you need disability-related accommodations for your work in this course, please let me know. Support is available through Student Academic Services—please contact Jane Boomer, Coordinator Office of Disability Services, (Room G27/28 Peters Hall, ext. 55588, http://www.oberlin.edu/disability) for assistance in developing a plan to address your academic needs.

• The instructor reserves the right to modify the syllabus during the semester, if needed.

**This course is graded P/NP**

Attendance: 40%
- 12 labs = 40 pts
- 11 labs = 36 pts
- 10 labs = 33 pts
- 9 labs = 30 pts
- 8 labs = 27 pts
- 7 labs = 24 pts
- 6 labs = 21 pts
- 5 labs = 18 pts
- 4 labs = 15 pts
- 3 labs = 12 pts
- 2 labs = 9 pts
1 lab = 6 pts

Lab Assignments: 60%
  6 satisfactory lab assignments: 60 pts
  5 satisfactory lab assignments: 50 pts
  4 satisfactory lab assignments: 40 pts
  3 satisfactory lab assignments: 30 pts
  2 satisfactory lab assignments: 20 pts
  1 satisfactory lab assignments: 10 pts

(a satisfactory lab assignment is one where directions are followed and all questions are answered fully)

A total of 75 points is needed to receive a passing grade in this course.

Lab Topics and Assignment Due Dates

9.12  Information Research Techniques
      (LAB ASSIGNMENT # 1 due 9.16)

9.19  The Social Science Citation Index
      (LAB ASSIGNMENT # 2 due 9.23)

9.26  Writing an Annotated Bibliography and Literature Review
      (Graded Assignment SOCI 211 due 9.28, 10.10)

10.3  Accessing and Using Secondary Survey Data
      (LAB ASSIGNMENT # 3 due 10.7)

10.10 Univariate Statistics
      (Lab Assignment # 4 due 10.14), (Graded Assignment SOCI 211 due 11.2)

10.17 Bivariate Statistics
      (Lab Assignment #5 due 10.21), (Graded Assignment SOCI 211 due 11.16)

10.31 Hypothesis Construction and Testing
      (Graded Assignment SOCI 211 due 12.5)

11.7  Developing an in-depth Interview Schedule
      (LAB ASSIGNMENT # 6 due 11.11)

11.14 Transcribing and Coding in-depth Interview Data

11.21 Analyzing Idiographic Interview Data
(Graded Assignment SOCI 211 due by 12.16)

11.28 Preparing a Research Presentation with MS PowerPoint
   (Graded Assignment SOCI 211 due 12.7-12)

12.5 NO LAB: Preparation Time for Project Presentations

12.12 Presentations