

SOCI 374¹ Qualitative Research Methods

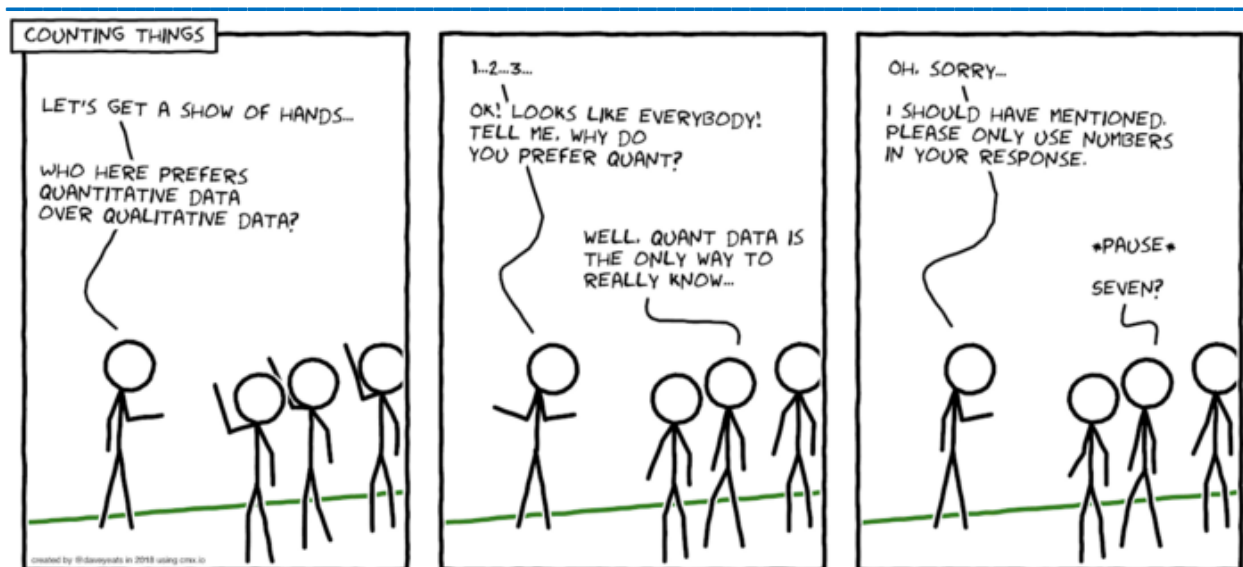


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Course Description

How do sociologists conduct qualitative research? This course introduces students to several qualitative research methods used in the social sciences. We will also cover core aspects of the research process including design, sampling, data collection and analysis, ethics, reciprocity, and publication for various audiences. While following COVID-19 protocols, students will carry out their own original research using methods learned in this course, which provides an opportunity to gain hands-on experience. Previous students have published their research in undergraduate journals.

Developing strong skills and practical experience in qualitative methods is useful for a wide range of careers, including academia, market research, government consultation, and non-profits.

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¹ This outline is only intended to give students a general sense of the course, and course details may change. Detailed course syllabi will be made available for all registered students on the first day of class. Only those syllabi are considered official.

Format

Unless the University of Victoria specifies otherwise, this class will be offered in person on **Mondays and Thursdays from 2:30pm-3:45pm**. Classes will include a combination of lectures and guest lectures, multimedia, and participatory activities multimedia, and participatory activities (e.g. group discussions, role playing and games). Assignments will include a research proposal, midterm, final exam, and final paper.

Course Objectives

The objectives are to: (1) gain an in-depth understanding of selected qualitative methodologies and their key features; (2) understand key aspects of the qualitative research process, including design, sampling, data collection and analysis, ethics, reciprocity, and publication; (3) gain the knowledge-base and practical skills necessary to conduct rigorous, theoretically informed, and ethical research.

Course Pre/Co-requisites

SOCI 211 is a pre-requisite for SOCI 374.

Topics May Include

Community-based research; Visual and online research methods; Feminist research methods; Indigenous and decolonizing methodologies.

Required Textbook/Readings

Ritchie, J., Lewis, J., McNaughton Nicholls, C., & Ormston, R. (2013). *Qualitative Research Practice: A Guide for Social Science Students and Researchers* (2nd Edition). London, UK: Sage.

*Note: this required textbook is available as an e-book for rent or purchase.

Other required readings will be uploaded on Brightspace as the course progresses. A list of all required readings will be included in the detailed course syllabus.