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Course Description:
Welcome to Qualitative Research Methods! As part of your learning experience, you will be expected to carry out your own research project using one of the methodologies learned in the course. We survey selected qualitative approaches and their ontological and epistemological underpinnings. We also cover key aspects of the research process, including design, sampling, data collection and analysis, and the reporting of findings. The overall focus of the course is on applied learning in the skills of qualitative research. Prerequisite and/or course restrictions (from calendar): SOCI 211 or its equivalent.

Course Outcomes/Objectives:
Students will gain a deeper understanding of the philosophical, theoretical and methodological bases of a variety of approaches to qualitative research. They will also learn how to: develop a practical research proposal (including selecting a topic, refining research questions, justifying methodological approach, outlining strategy for adhering to ethical guidelines, and developing a timeline); and, recruit research participants, collect, analyze, interpret data, and report on findings.

Course Pre/Co-requisites:
SOCI 211

Topics May Include:
What is Qualitative Research?
Phenomenology and Hermeneutics
Research Design and Proposal Writing
Research Ethics
Conducting Research Interviews
Qualitative Data Analysis
Ethnography & Participant Observation
Ethnomethodology
Participatory Action Research
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Required Resources May Include:

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1 This online outline is only intended to give an overall sense of the course. Detailed course outlines will be made available for all registered students on the first day of class. Only those outlines are to be considered official.