

SOC 320: Multiplicity of Identities and University Life Research Practicum

Meeting Date and Time: Fridays, 12:00pm-1:20pm

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Purpose of the Course:

Sociology 320 is a research practicum course that involves the supervised practical application of previously studied theories of research method. It is offered as a way to assist students who are interested in learning about the research process through practical application. As a student enrolled in this course, you will undertake a research project in which you will work with data provided by the instructor. This research practicum especially deals with qualitative data and methods. Students should expect to receive basic training in how to work with qualitative data. This training includes transcribing, coding, basics of building literature reviews, research ethics (CITI Program certification), and some analysis work.

Handling of Data for this Course:

All work for this class will be done using the SSC server, Winstat, unless otherwise authorized. It is vitally important that all data used in this course be kept confidential. You are not to share data, use it for a class, or any other context. Any data left on your computer should be erased immediately after you have uploaded a copy to the shared folder. All hardcopies of transcripts and notes should be turned in at the weekly meeting.

Readings and Assignments:

There will be several readings for this class that will be announced and made available electronically at least one week before they are to be discussed. There will also be weekly written work; these include transcription work, data memos/analytic notes, and development of project survey (post-interview survey that will be based on the analytic notes and observations and coding materials generated from work done in the first few weeks of class). Please upload all home works to the designated shared folder located on the project drive on the SSC server.

Sociology 320 Semester Schedule

Week (date)	Due by Friday
1 (Sept 4)	- Introductory Meeting
2 (Sept 11)	<p style="text-align: center;">Coding Qualitative Data</p> <p>- Read: Intro to Codes and Coding Pdf</p> <p>(Pay special attention to coding manually as this how we will begin working with the transcripts. Pay attention to personal attributes, difference between coding and looking for themes -we will do both but these data will be looked at separately, i.e. think of themes when thinking about analysis)</p>
3 (Sept 18)	<p style="text-align: center;">Coding Qualitative Data</p> <p>Coding</p> <p>Read: (grounded theory reading to be assigned)</p> <p>Discussion of writing codes, paying attention to phrases, writing analytic notes</p>
4 (Sept 25)	<p style="text-align: center;">Coding Qualitative Data</p> <p>Coding</p> <p>Turn in analytic notes, observations</p> <p>Thinking about themes</p>
5 (Oct 2)	<p style="text-align: center;">Coding Qualitative Data</p> <p>Coding</p> <p>Turn in Analytic notes, observations</p>
6 (Oct 9)	<p>Mapping</p> <p>Compiling Demographic data from transcripts and audiofiles</p>
7 (Oct 16)	<p style="text-align: center;">How to Develop a Survey</p> <p>Reading (to be assigned)</p> <p>Demo data compiled and uploaded to shared folder</p>

8 (Oct 23)	<p>Survey Work Cont.</p> <p>Read: (Reading on Literature Reviews to be assigned)</p> <p>Discussion: Basic steps to begin constructing a good literature review</p>
9 (Oct 30)	<p>Literature Review</p> <p>Begin compiling annotated reading list – this means simply locating the readings and providing the abstracts</p> <p>List of Survey Questions uploaded to Shared folder, begin IRB process, remove your read only status) – this means you will get experience writing up IRB apps</p>
10 (Nov 6)	<p>Thinking about Methods</p> <p>Writing Methodological Notes -addressing limitations, how interviews were conducted, etc.</p>
11 (Nov 13)	<p>Methods, Significance of Research</p> <p>Upload annotated reading list to server</p> <p>Discussion of the literature, progress of project, what is missing</p>
12 (Nov 20)	<p>Writing an Abstract</p> <p>Reading assigned</p>
13 (Nov 27)	<p>Thanksgiving (no class)</p>
14 (Dec 4)	<p>Publishing</p> <p>Read: (to be assigned)</p> <p>Due: Abstract uploaded to shared folder</p>
15 (Dec 11)	<p>Publishing</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - How to choose a journal - Small journals vs. big journals

Schedule is subject to change. For instance, we may find it necessary to spend extra time on or less time on certain tasks.