

SOCIAL RESEARCH METHODS  
Sociology 302  
Tues.-Thurs. 10:30-11:45

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<u>Week</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Topic</u>	<u>Reading</u>
1	Tues. Aug. 28 Thurs. Aug. 30	Causal Analysis Experiments	Chapters 1&2 Chapter 5
2	Tues. Sept. 4 Thurs. Sept. 6	<u>Exercise #1 Due</u> – “Threats to Validity” Creating Tables	
3	Tues. Sept. 11 Thurs. Sept. 13	Creating Tables <u>Exercise #2 Due</u>	Chapter 9
4	Tues. Sept. 18 Thurs. Sept. 20	More on Complex Tables; (Exercise #3 handed out) Designing Questionnaires and Surveys; (Sampling)	Chapter 6 Chapter 4
5	Tues. Sept. 25 Thurs. Sept. 27	<u>Exercise #3( “Complex Tables”) Due;</u> Survey Design, cont. “	
6	Tues. Oct. 2 Thurs. Oct. 4	<u>Exercise #4 Due-</u> (“Questionnaire Design”) Observation	
7	Tues. Oct. 9 Thurs. Oct. 11	<u>Exercise #5 Due</u> – “Observation” Qualitative Methods, Interviewing and Focus Groups	Chapter 7
8	Tues. Oct. 16 Thurs. Oct. 18	<i>October Break – NO CLASS</i> Conceptualization	Chapter 3
9	Tues. Oct. 23 Thurs. Oct. 25	Review for Mid-term Exam <u>Mid-term Exam</u>	
10	Tues. Oct. 31 Thurs. Nov. 1	Group Projects organized Guest Speaker	
11	Tues. Nov. 6 Thurs. Nov. 8	Open Open	
12	Tues. Nov. 13 Thurs. Nov. 15	Open <i>No Class—Prof. out of town</i>	
13	Tues. Nov. 20 Thurs. Nov. 22	<u>Group Project Due</u> <i>No Class (Thanksgiving)</i>	
14	Tues. Nov. 27 Thurs. Nov. 29	Review Cases – Critiquing Social Research	
15	Tues. Dec. 4 Thurs. Dec. 6	Cases <u>Final Exam</u> (optional – may take during exam week instead)	

Exercises will be graded cumulatively. You will receive an overall grade for your work on the exercises after 1-5 have been completed. Therefore, effort and consistency matter.

The midterm will test all of the topics and skills covered in the course up through that date. The final exam will likewise be comprehensive and cumulative, covering what you've learned throughout the course from the beginning.

Grading:

Exercises are 25%  
Group Project is 25%  
Mid-term Exam is 25%  
Final Exam is 25%

Text: Daniel F. Chambliss and Russell Schutt, Making Sense of the Social World: Methods of Investigation (Pine Forge Press, 2006), and Diagnostics Workshop: Introduction to Research and Data Analysis.