

**SOCIOLOGY 4223: RESEARCH METHODS**  
**MW 2:00-3:15; SH 203**  
**Spring, 2004**

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**Course Description:**

An introduction to the rationale and use of social research methods. This course covers the techniques of problem formation, data collection and data analysis in survey, experimental, evaluation, and qualitative research. Pre-requisite or concurrent enrollment of SOC 3323.

**Course Objective:**

This course will provide you with the skills necessary to design and carry out empirical research.

**Required Text:**

The Practice of Social Research, 10<sup>th</sup> edition. Earl Babbie.

**Course Requirements:**

4 Exams = 75 points each (300 points possible)

12 in-class activities = 5 points each – you will be permitted to throw out 2 activities (50 points possible)

5 paper assignments = 10 points each (50 points possible)

Paper = 100 points (75 for the paper and 25 for presentation)

Total Points = 500

**Course Grading:**

450-500 = A

400-449 = B

350-399 = C

300-349 = D

Below 349 = F

**Class Attendance:**

Class attendance is expected. You are also expected to arrive to class on time and not leave early (unless an emergency occurs). Attendance will be taken at the time of in-class activities. Students will be penalized only for course work they miss (i.e., in-class assignment, exam, paper).

**Make-up Exams and Assignments:**

Make-up exams will only be permitted if the student receives permission from the instructor. Permission will be given only if a problem occurs that is out of the student's

control (i.e., death in the family, serious illness, etc) and then only if written documentation is provided (i.e., doctor's note etc). Make-up exams and in class exams will not be the same. Make-up exams will consist of essay questions only. There will be no make-ups for missed in-class assignments. Late papers will be deducted by one grade for every day (not class period) the paper is late.

**Academic Misconduct:**

Students who commit academic misconduct will be given a grade of zero on the assignment or exam. If a second offense is committed, the student will be given a grade of "F" in the course. Plagiarism will be treated in the same manner.

**ADA Compliance:**

If a student feels he/she has a disability requiring special accommodations, he/she should inform the instructor so the University's Office of Student Affairs can be contacted. The instructor will work with students to ensure that they have equal opportunity to complete the class.

**Course Schedule (may change at instructor's discretion):**

**Week 1**

Course Introduction and Chapter 1

**Week 2**

Finish chapter 1 and begin chapter 2

**Week 3**

Finish chapter 2 and begin chapter 3

Paper assignment #1 due (by Wed.)

**Week 4**

Finish chapter 3 and EXAM 1: Wednesday, Feb. 4th

**Week 5**

Chapter 4

**Week 6**

Finish chapter 4 and begin chapter 5

Paper assignment #2 due (by Wed.)

**Week 7**

Finish chapter 5

**Week 8**

Chapter 6 (pages 167-174)

Paper assignment #3 due (by Wed.)

**Week 9**

Finish chapter 6 and EXAM 2: Wednesday, March 10th

**Week 10**

Spring Break: March 15-19 (Mon. – Fri.)

**Week 11**

Chapter 7 and begin chapter 8

**Week 12**

Finish chapter 8

Paper assignment #4 due (by Wed.)

**Week 13**

Chapter 9 and begin chapter 10

Paper assignment #5 due (class discussion on Wed.)

**Week 14**

Finish chapter 10 and EXAM 3: Wednesday, April 14th

**Week 15**

Chapter 11 and chapter 12 (pages 342-347)

Begin paper presentations

**Week 16**

Chapter 17 and brief discussion on analysis

Finish paper presentations

**Paper Due: Wednesday, April 28<sup>th</sup> by 5:00**

**FINAL EXAM**

Wednesday, May 5

3:00-4:50