

SC 210: Methods of Social Research (Spring, 2009)

Tuesdays and Thursdays, 10:30-11:45 a.m

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Required text:

Gray, Paul S., Williamson, John B., Karp, David A., and Dalphin, John. 2007. *The Research Imagination: An Introduction to Qualitative and Quantitative Methods*. Cambridge UP.

Assignments and Requirements:

Midterm Exam (25%); Final Exam (25%); Exercises (50%)

- #1 Foibles of Inquiry
- #2 Conceptualization
- #3 Question-Writing
- #4 Surveying
- #5 Interviewing

COURSE CALENDAR

Please have readings and assignments completed by the dates shown.

January 15, 2009: Introduction

January 20, 2009: Social Science Inquiry – Hand Out Paper #1

Gray et al., Chapters 1 and 2

January 22, 2009: Research Design

Gray et al., Chapter 3

January 27, 2009: Conceptualization - Paper #1 is Due

Gray et al., Chapter 4

January 29, 2009: Operationalization – Hand Out Paper #2

February 3, 2009: Measurement -

February 5-10, 2009: Questions and Questionnaires – Paper #2 is Due on 2/10,

Gray et al. pp. 130-138

Hand Out Paper #3

February 12, 2009: Sampling

Gray et al., Chapter 6

February 17-19, 2009: Surveys

Gray et al., Chapter 7

February 24-26, 2009: Interviewing – Paper #3 is Due on 2/24 - Hand Out Mid-term on 2/26
 Gray et al., Chapter 8

V A C A T I O N

March 10, 2009: Quantitative Analysis
 Gray et al., Chapter 18

March 12, 2009: Causality - Take-Home Mid-Term is Due – Hand Out Paper #4

March 17, 2009: Explanation

March 19-24, 2009: Indexes and Scales
 Gray et al., Chapter 17

March 26, 31 – April 2, 2009: Ethnographic Field Research – Paper #4 is Due on 3/31
 Gray et al., Chapter 9

April 7, 2009: Experimentation - Hand Out Paper #5
 Gray et al., Chapter 12

V A C A T I O N

April 14, 2009: Content Analysis
 Gray et al., Chapter 13

April 16, 2009: Evaluation Research – Paper #5 is Due
 Gray et al., Chapter 16

April 21-23, 2009: Feminist Research Methods, Black Feminist Epistemology
 Gray et al., Chapter 10

April 28, 2009: Social Context for Research
 Gray et al., Epilog

April 30, 2009. Final Examination Review – Hand Out Take-Home Final Exam

Final Exam Due: Wednesday May 6, 2009 at 12 noon in Prof. Gray's mailbox, 426 McGuinn.