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Courses taught at BC from 2002 to present

Graduate

SC710 Survey of Research Methods (also offered by P Gray)

This course presents the wide range of alternative research methods available to and widely used by the social researcher. Among those considered are the following: survey research, observational field research, intensive interviewing, experimental research, historical analysis, and content analysis. Considerable attention will be given to comparisons among these alternative methods, to an assessment of the relative strengths and limitations of each, and to issues related to research design and proposal writing. In the context of these alternative research methods, attention will be given to problem formulation, measurement, reliability, validity, sampling, and ethical considerations.

SC761 Second Year Graduate Writing Seminar (also offered by S McGuffey)

The writing seminar is intended for master's students and Second year Ph.D. students. The goals are to support each student in the writing of his/her masters' theses/papers and, for doctoral students, a research paper. The seminar runs two semesters, beginning Fall 2004 and continuing into the Spring 2005 semester on an "as needed" basis. The course provides graduate students with a "jump start" on their research and helps sustain their commitment toward completion of their research projects. The course employs a collaborative learning environment and students are encouraged to provide feedback/comments on each other's projects along the way.

Mixed Grad and Undergrad

SC558 Qualitative Methods

This is an upper level, research methods course. Students will be introduced to the techniques of carrying out qualitative research. We will compare and contrast the major analytical approaches to different qualitative research designs. Students will carry out a qualitative research project, data collection (e.g., conduct intensive interviews, participant observation) and analysis, and writing/presenting qualitative research. This course is an Advanced Data Analysis course and provides advanced training to students in their major.

SC664 Colloquium: Teaching Women's Studies

This course is for "Intro. to Feminisms" Teaching Assistants.

Undergraduate

SC063 Women and Work

This course provides a concise overview of women at work. While we concentrate on women workers in contemporary America, we will provide a brief historical overview of women's work patterns. We analyze the range of social, economic, and political factors underlying women's increased labor force participation over time. Our approach is holistic and feminist. In order to understand women's position in the work world, we must analyze their economic position in the context of other institutions of society--the economic, political and educational.

SC225 Introduction to Feminisms

A course that acquaints students with a large range of academic and life experience topics that have been affected by Women's Studies scholarship. After a preliminary meeting the class divides into 12-14 person seminars that meet once a week to discuss and study such issues as women's history, feminist theory, sex roles, and socialization, gender and health, religion, work, literature and essays by and about women. The course emphasizes participation and collective work on projects, and usually includes a continuing personal and readings-oriented journal.