**SOCY22101: Methods of Social Research (Fall, 2016)**
Tuesdays and Thursdays, 9:00-10:15 a.m.
Campion 231

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**Required text:**

**Assignments and Requirements:**
Midterm Exam (25%); Final Exam (25%); Independent Study Project (50%).

**COURSE CALENDAR**
*Please have readings and assignments completed by the dates shown.*

**Tue, August 30:** Introduction

**Thu, September 1:** Social Science Inquiry
Gray et al., Chapters 1 and 2

**Tue, September 6:** Research Design - Begin Brainstorming about your project
Gray et al., Chapter 3

**Thu, September 8:** Conceptualization
Gray et al., Chapter 4

**Tue, September 13:** Operationalization
Begin Independent Study Project meetings with Prof. Gray or Alina

**Thu, September 15:** Measurement

**Tue, Thu, September 20 and 22:** Questions and Questionnaires
Gray et al. pp. 130-138

**Tue, September 27:** Sampling
Gray et al., Chapter 6

**Thu, Tue, September 29 and October 4:** Surveys
Gray et al., Chapter 7
Thu, October 6: Interviewing  
Gray et al., Chapter 8

Tue, October 11: Interviewing

Thu, October 13: Quantitative Analysis - Hand Out Mid-term Exam  
Gray et al., Chapter 18

Tue, October 18: Causality

Thu, October 20: Explanation  MID-TERM EXAM IS DUE

Tue, October 25: Indexes  
Gray et al., Chapter 17

Thu, October 27: Scales

Tue, Thu, November 1 and 3: Ethnographic Field Research  
Gray et al., Chapter 9

Tue, November 8: Experimentation  
Gray et al., Chapter 12

Thu, November 10: Content Analysis  
Gray et al., Chapter 13

Tue, November 15: Evaluation Research  
Gray et al., Chapter 16

Thu, November 17: Feminist Research Methods, Black Feminist Epistemology  
Gray et al., Chapter 10

Tue, November 22: Action Research

VACATION

Tue, November 29: Social Context for Research  
Gray et al., Chapter 5 and Epilog

Thu, December 1 Recap of Independent Projects
Tue, December 6: Recap of Independent Projects; Hand Out Take-Home Final Exam

INDEPENDENT PROJECTS ARE DUE ON THURSDAY, DECEMBER 8TH BY 12 NOON IN MY BAILBOX, MCGUINN 426.
INDEPENDENT STUDY ASSIGNMENT

Half of your grade for this course will be based on your independent study assignment. Based on what you are learning in the course, you are asked to design and carry out some social research on a topic of your choosing. Of course, Alina and I are ready to assist you in your work. Please plan to meet with either one of us as often as you need to, in order to keep yourself on track.

Beginning around Tuesday September 6th brainstorm and write a list of settings in which you would be interested in doing your project. If you can, indicate what social phenomenon or research question you are interested in learning about or answering in each setting. In addition, if you are interested in particular phenomena or questions but cannot think of a setting, list those too, and we can likely help you come up with settings. This brainstorming exercise will form the basis for your first meeting with one of us, which should be scheduled during the week of September 12.

You may use any of the methods of data collection we are covering this semester, including in-depth interviews, participant observation, surveys, content analysis or secondary data analysis. We will consult with you about how many individuals or observations will need to be included in your research.

Your final report is due on Thursday, December 8, 2016. It should be at least 10 pp. in length and contain all of the elements in study design covered in lecture on September 6th. The report must also include whatever data you have collected, along with analysis.