

Global Learning Semesters

Course Syllabus

Course: SOC-330 Introduction to Social Research

Department: Social Sciences

Host Institution: University of Nicosia, Nicosia, Cyprus



Course Summary		
Course Code	Course Title	Recommended Credit Hours
SOC-330	Introduction to Social Research	3
Semester Offered	Contact Hours	Prerequisites
Please contact us	42-45	Junior or Senior Standing
Department	Level of Course	Language of Instruction
Social Sciences	Upper Division	English

Course Description

This is an introduction to a social research methodology. It begins with exposition to epistemological issues and then continues with the major aspects of research design (theoretical base, conceptualization, operationalization, sampling and measurement). Finally, it offers students the basic skills for ethnographic and (predominantly) statistical analysis.

Prerequisites

Junior or Senior Standing

Topic Areas

1. Nature of Social Science
2. Elements of Research
3. Measurement
4. Sampling
5. Survey Research
6. Field Research
7. Writing Reports
8. Epistemological issues
9. The Cycle of Scientific Method
10. Theory and Conceptualization
11. Operationalization
12. Sampling
13. Survey measurement
14. In-depth interviews and Observation
15. Content analysis
16. Experiments
17. Comparatives / Historical Methods
18. Ethnographic Analysis
19. Statistical Analysis

Readings and Resources

Required Textbook

- Schutt, Russel K. 2001. Investigating the Social World (3rd Edition) Thousand Oaks: Pine Forge Press.