

Global Learning Semesters

Course Syllabus

Course: SOC-500 Social Science Research Methods

Department: Social Sciences

Host Institution: University of Nicosia, Nicosia, Cyprus



Course Summary		
Course Code	Course Title	Recommended Credit Hours
SOC-500	Social Science Research Methods	5
Semester Offered	Contact Hours	Prerequisites
Fall	42	Graduate Standing
Department	Level of Course	Language of Instruction
Social Sciences	Upper Division	English

Course Description

Epistemological Foundations, The Cycle of Scientific Method, Theories, Conceptualization, Hypotheses, Internal Validity/Causality, Operationalization, Levels of Measurement, Measurement Validity and Reliability, External Validity, Sampling, Survey Research, Ethnographic Measurement Methods, Ethnographic Analysis, Experimental Designs, Comparative/Historical Methods, Content Analysis, Statistical Analysis, Ethics.

Instructor

Dr Stelios Stylianou

Course Aims and Objectives

As a graduate introduction to scientific inquiry, this course has been designed to offer students the basic knowledge and skills involved in the most common research activities of contemporary social science, including epistemological foundations, fundamental principles of scientific thinking, study design, methods of social measurement, and techniques of data analysis.

Teaching Methods

Interactive lectures, discussions, lab sessions

Course Teaching Hours

42 hours . The course is delivered during the Fall semester in 14-weeks (3 hours/week).

Evaluation and Grading

Term Project:	60%
Written Assignments:	30%
Class Participation:	10%

Readings and Resources

Required Textbook

Schutt, Russel K. 2004. Investigating the Social World (4th edition) Thousand Oaks: Pine Forge Press

Recommended Reading

Becker, Howard S. 1998. Tricks of the Trade Chicago: University of Chicago Press