

Weber State University
Department of Sociology and Anthropology

Sociology 3660

Community-Based Research Project Collecting, Compiling, and Analyzing Data

All assignments in this course are related to the community-based research project. Community-based research is research that is driven by a community agency's need for information. You and I provide the research skills to help the agency carry out that research.

This semester we will be working with the Ogden United Promise Neighborhood (OUPN) project facilitated out of the United Way of Northern Utah. Weber State University's Center for Community Engaged Learning is a key partner in the OUPN project. The center serves as the data management team for the project. This semester, we will be helping the community research team for the OUPN develop a couple of assessment instruments needed to evaluate the effectiveness of programs in the neighborhood. More details to come in class from our community partners. We will also be completing some smaller data collection efforts with and for community organizations. Details about these will also be forthcoming.

Students will be divided into working groups to address some portion of the overall class research project. Each group will be working directly with our community organizations.

There are several written assignments that each group must turn in to me as they are working on their particular piece of the overall project. These assignments are designed to materialize a final research report which will be distributed to me and the community organization (see descriptions of these in the Written Assignments section below).

Project "Task List" for each Group of Student Researchers:

- Read background literature and materials and summarize into a literature review
- Develop and choose the set of research questions your group will focus on (done in conjunction with Community Partners)
- Create a research design (done in collaboration with your community partners)
- Create data collection instruments to measure the outcomes (you write the first draft and then bring community partners into the process)
- Administer the data collection instruments (done in collaboration with your community partners if the timing is appropriate)
- Compile and analyze these data (if the timing is appropriate)
- Create PowerPoint presentation for oral presentation to the community organization's staff members
- Write final report for community partners.

Non-written Assignments

All Groups must complete the following:

1. Human Subjects Review Assignment Due by: January 29th
On internet— all group members must complete and get the certificate for the group to acquire full credit for the assignment. Use link on Canvas to access the online training modules.
<http://phrp.nihtraining.com/users/login.php>
2. Participant Observation Complete by: April 30th
 On-site work with Community Everyo Ch

7. Emergency Closure

If for any reason the university is forced to close for an extended period of time, we will conduct our class via Canvas. Look for announcements on Webmail. Code Purple is a good way to be alerted to campus closures, and you are encouraged to sign up for it.

8. Syllabus Modification

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Feb 19 Research Design and Measurement of outcomes being measured in CBR projects

Feb 24 Library– Learning how to search for scholarly sources

Feb 1926 TEST #2 available on Chi Tester

Feb 26 Evaluation Research: What is it and who does it relate to the project in this class?

Reading: Chapter 12 (Babbie)
Reading #22 from Wysocki Handout

Mar 3-5 Research Methods Survey Methodology
Reading: Chapter 9 (Babbie)

Mar 9 – 13 *Spring Break – No Classes*

Mar 17 In-class time for group to put finishing touches on literature review and begin drafting data collection instrument

Mar 19 Research Methods Field Research & Unobtrusive Research
Reading: Chapters 10 & 11 (Babbie)
(Literature Review Due)

Mar 24 - 26 Sampling
Reading: Chapter 7 (Babbie)

Mar 31 Project: Group work, create data collection instrument to measure outcomes

Apr 2

Apr 23

Analysis of Data (meet in SSLab)
Reference: A Simple Guide to SPSS for Windows

Apr 24-30