Research Methods in Sociology
(Sociology 3487)

This hands-on course will introduce you to the methods sociologists use to investigate the social world. SOC 3487 emphasizes learning by doing; thus a major portion of your grade will depend upon your successful completion of various application projects. We will begin our studies with some of the fundamental issues informing sociological research: methodological rigor, measurement, concept formation, correlation, causality, and research design. You will then be prepared to design and execute your own projects utilizing observation, experiments, in-depth interviews, and survey research. This course is required for sociology majors and minors and will prove useful to students in any of the social sciences, or to anyone who wants to know more about how social scientists conduct their research.

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