

Fall 2018 SOC 201 Research Methods

Stony Brook University
Department of Sociology
College of Arts and Sciences

SOC 201 Research Methods
Section: 02

This course satisfies the SBC category *ESI – Evaluate and Synthesize Researched Information*.

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COURSE DESCRIPTION:

Methods of collecting and analyzing empirical data to test sociological hypotheses. Emphasis is on multivariate analysis of tabular and statistical data.

COURSE LEARNING OBJECTIVES:

Through this course students will acquire the vocabulary and conceptual knowledge needed to evaluate research works – including professional and academic research articles.

Through this course students will acquire a way of viewing the world through data. Students will learn to be skeptical of claims without sufficient evidence and will learn how to develop and systematically test theories regarding how the world works.

REQUIRED READING:

Methods in Behavioral Research, 13th Edition by Paul C. Cozby and Scott C. Bates ISBN: 978-0077861896
Obedience to Authority by Stanley Milgram ISBN: 978-0061765216

EXAMS:

There will be 3 exams, plus the final. The final exam is CUMULATIVE. The 3 other exams will cover the material introduced since the previous exam.

GRADING:

Exam 1 20%
Exam 2 20%
Exam 3 20%
Final Exam (cumulative) 40%

Total Score	Letter Grade
92 – 100	A
90 – 92	A-
88 – 90	B+
82 – 88	B
80 – 82	B-
78 – 80	C+
72 – 78	C
70 – 72	C-
68 – 70	D+
60 – 68	D
Below 60	F

MEETING SCHEDULE

TuTh 1:00PM - 2:20PM

Social and Behavioral Sciences Building N436

Weekly Schedule

Week 1: Read Cozby and Bates (C&B) Chapter 1

Week 2: Read C&B Chapter 2

Week 3: Read C&B Chapter 4

Week 4: Read C&B Chapter 5

- EXAM 1 Tuesday, September 18

Week 5: Read C&B Chapter 6

Week 6: Read C&B Chapter 7

Week 7: Read C&B Chapter 8

Week 8: Read C&B Chapter 9

- EXAM 2 Thursday, October 11

Week 9: Read C&B Chapter 3. Read Milgram Chapters 1-5.

Week 10: Read C&B Chapter 10. Read Milgram Chapters 14, 15 and Appendix I.

Week 11: Read C&B Chapter 11

Week 12: Read C&B Chapter 12

- EXAM 3 Thursday, November 15

Week 13: Read C&B Chapter 13

Week 14: Read C&B Chapter 14

Week 15: Read C&B Appendix A

FINAL EXAM: Thursday, December 20, 2018 11:15 AM - 1:45 PM

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