

SOCI 4410: Advanced Qualitative Research Methods in Sociology

3 Credit Hours

Prerequisite: SOCI 3305

Students learn the qualitative strategies used in sociology research methods, including ethnographic techniques applied in sociology, participant observation, in-depth interviewing, and content analysis. Students learn ethical implications of social research, and how to design a qualitative research study, develop interview guides, construct content analysis templates, conduct observations on the field, conduct interviews, code data, and analyze qualitative data. Students learn skills using software applications for data management and analysis and write a research proposal.

SOCI 4420: Advanced Quantitative Research Methods in Sociology

3 Credit Hours

Prerequisite: SOCI 3305

This course examines the concepts and techniques used for quantitative research in sociology. Students learn to interpret, calculate, and critique the basic statistics used in quantitative methods in sociology. Students acquire the skills to use Statistical Package for Social Sciences (SPSS) computer program for managing and analyzing numerical data. Students learn the ethical implications of social science research and write a research proposal for a quantitative study.

SOCI 4432: Criminology

3 Credit Hours

Prerequisite: SOCI 1101 or CRJU 1101

This course examines the nature and extent of crime and the causes and correlates of criminal behavior. This course also examines the major criminological theories, including biological, psychological, sociological, rational choice, and developmental theories.