SOCI-313 RESEARCH METHODS

- Recognize the importance of empirical observations in the creation of knowledge
- Learn various methods sociologists use to gather evidence: surveys, interviews, ethnography, focus groups, comparative historical, experimental, content analysis
- Create data collection instruments, collect data and in the process understand the challenges researchers face and the strengths and limitations of such findings
- Learn how to develop a theoretical framework for a research project
- Begin to evaluate the meaning of research findings
- Develop the primary skills for creating a research design: research question, annotated bibliography/literature review, theoretical framework, hypotheses, selection of methods, findings
- Understand the ethics of conducting research using human subjects
- Learn the basics of finding existing research that is theoretically or empirically relevant to the students’ own research questions.