A. Course Description

Credits: 4

Prerequisites: WRIT 231 Writing II or equivalent.

Lab Hours/Weeks: Corequisites: None

Lecture Hours/Week: 

MnTC Goals: Goal LS - Upper Division Liberal Studies, Goal 05 - Hist/Soc/Behav Sci

This course examines research methods that produce descriptive data, primarily people's observable behavior, and their spoken and written words. Methods explored include fieldwork, participant observation, interviewing, focus groups, and archival research. Students learn how to design a study, collect and analyze data, and write up the findings. Experiential activities enhance classroom learning.

B. Course Effective Dates: 05/04/2016 - Present

C. Outline of Major Content Areas:

See Course Description for major content areas.

D. Learning Outcomes (General)

1. Ability to apply knowledge of key concepts, epistemologies, methodologies, and methods to the process of social research at an upper division college level.
2. Ability to design a qualitative research project at an upper division college level.
3. Development of skills needed to conduct qualitative research at an upper division college level.
4. Knowledge of key concepts, epistemologies, methodologies, and methods in qualitative research.

E. Learning Outcomes (MN Transfer Curriculum)

Goal LS - Upper Division Liberal Studies

None

Goal 05 - Hist/Soc/Behav Sci

1. Employ the methods and data that historians and social and behavioral scientists use to investigate the human condition.
2. Develop and communicate alternative explanations or solutions for contemporary social issues.
3. Examine social institutions and processes across a range of historical periods and cultures.

G. Special Information

Overlap: SSci 512G Qualitative Research Methods. Note: Senior Status.