

HON 191: Introduction to Research and Discovery: Social Sciences Spring 2017

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Course description: Overview of research procedures in discipline areas, including literature searches and data collection. The scientific process and nature of discovery. Guidance in developing a personal plan for immersion in research and scholarship as an undergraduate. Emphasis is on applied learning and developing basic skills appropriate to the discipline.

We will meet once per week on Wednesday from 5:00 – 5:50 room TL2012.

Some of the classes will be reflections. Some will be lectures and presentations from faculty, or perhaps we will tour a lab or visit a research project site.

A short journaled reflection essay will be due each week. Please bring your journal to class each week and be prepared to give it to me at the end of the semester (journals will be returned).

Course Goals

This course will introduce students to the basics of research methods and methodologies used in the Social Sciences (Psychology, Sociology, Anthropology, Political Science). Students will experience reading research from a variety of areas of specializations and complete Internal Review Board certifications. Students will also explore avenues in the major for potential research projects

- Students will study research methodologies and topics from areas throughout the Social Sciences
- Students will explore topics for their own research projects, including interviews with faculty
- Students will read and write about research (Information Literacy)
- Students will develop an outline for a research project
- Students will become certified as credible researchers (IRB)

Assignments:

Reflection Essay each week in your journal

Interview with a Faculty member in one's chosen discipline and report to the class

Interview with a Graduate Student or a DIS student and report to the class

Complete a Library Assignment

Obtain IRB Certification

C-SURF poster making presentation

Find out about support for research on campus (Interview with Director of Research or with C-SURF Director)

Learn about writing APA style

Write a short review of the literature specifically pertaining to the research you want

Develop a research plan and discuss with a faculty member

Present research plan to others in the class

Attend poster presentations at the end of the semester (Honors posters are presented in the library, date TBA)

Academic Expectations

-In choosing UNCW, you have become part of our community of scholars. We recognize that the UNCW learning experience is challenging and requires hard work. It also requires a commitment to make time available to do that hard work. The University expects you to make academics your highest priority by dedicating your time and energy to training your mind and acquiring knowledge. Academic success in critical thinking and problem solving prepares you for the changes and challenges you will encounter in the future. Our faculty and academic support resources are readily available as partners in this effort, but the primary responsibility for learning is yours.

-At UNCW, most courses are designed with the assumption that the "typical" student will spend approximately 2-3 hours per week studying outside the classroom for every hour in class. Being a student really is a full-time job and academics

are expected to be your highest priority. Many students find it useful to schedule regular study times for each class or to study together. If health or personal problems arise that necessitate your missing class, please contact me. You are responsible for finding out from me or a classmate any assignments, announcements, instructions, etc., that were discussed in class.

-Please attend to this sentence from the UNCW Student Handbook: "You are expected to be present at all regular class meetings and examinations for the courses in which you are registered".

UNCW Honor Code

All members of UNCW's community are expected to follow the academic Honor Code. Please read the UNCW Honor Code carefully (as covered in the UNCW Student Handbook). Academic dishonesty in any form will not be tolerated in this class. Please be especially familiar with UNC-W's position on plagiarism as outlined on in the UNCW Student Handbook. Plagiarism is a form of academic dishonesty in which you take someone else's ideas and represent them as your own. Here are some examples of plagiarism:

1. You write about someone else's work in your paper and do not give them credit for it by referencing them.
2. You give a presentation and use someone else's ideas and do not state that the ideas are the other persons.
3. You get facts from your textbook or some other reference material and do not reference that material.

Collegiality

Feel free to offer questions, honest reactions, and opposing viewpoints, always respecting the different opinions expressed by your classmates. Be sure to come to class on time and stay until the end. Remember that this class (well, any of your classes!) is not the place to sleep, read the newspaper, talk on your cell phone, text message, or work on homework unrelated to this class.

Cell Phones, PDAs, Laptops

Please silence your cell phone and do not make calls, access applications or text during class. If you have a personal, urgent matter for which you need to be on call, please let me know in advance. In addition, please do not have active any PDAs or laptops/netbooks/iPads open and active unless the activity warrants.

Religious Observance Policy

In accordance with NC SL 2010-211, you are entitled to two excused absences for religious observances per academic year. You must inform me in writing the first week of class if you will be missing any classes due to religious observance and using one of the two permissible absences for the academic year. In addition, please inform the Registrar the first week of class who will then confirm your intentions to miss class with your course instructors. Any absence for religious purposes will be considered unexcused unless you submit the request in writing the first week to me and the Registrar.

UNCW Statement on Diversity in the University Community

As an institution of higher learning, the University of North Carolina Wilmington represents a rich diversity of human beings among its faculty, staff, and students and is committed to maintaining a campus environment that values that diversity. Accordingly, the university supports policies, curricula, and co-curricular activities that encourage understanding of and appreciation for all members of its community and will not tolerate any harassment or disrespect for persons because of race, gender, age, color, national origin, ethnicity, creed, religion, disability, sexual orientation, political affiliation, marital status, or relationship to other university constituents. Students with Disabilities information and resources available at

<http://www.uncw.edu/stuaff/disability/>

Zero Tolerance Policy

UNCW practices a zero tolerance policy for violence and harassment of any kind. For emergencies contact UNCW CARE at 962-2273; Campus Police at 962-3184; or Wilmington Police at 911. For University or community resources visit:

<http://www.uncw.edu/safe-relate/campusResources.htm>. Violence prevention information and resources available at <http://www.uncw.edu/safe%2Drelate/>.