

Social Science Research Methods - Course Study Sheet

Course: Social Science Research Methods Cluster: Social and Behavioral Sciences

Develops questions, theory, measurement, sampling, qualitative and quantitative designs, ethics, and inference.

Five-module course map

Module	Active evidence to produce
1. research questions and theory	Explain the central idea, complete an application, diagnose one plausible error, and connect it to the next module.
2. measurement	Explain the central idea, complete an application, diagnose one plausible error, and connect it to the next module.
3. sampling	Explain the central idea, complete an application, diagnose one plausible error, and connect it to the next module.
4. experimental and observational design	Explain the central idea, complete an application, diagnose one plausible error, and connect it to the next module.
5. qualitative methods and ethics	Explain the central idea, complete an application, diagnose one plausible error, and connect it to the next module.

Reliable learning method

state a focused question, define constructs, choose cases or sample, align method with claim, analyze transparently, and report limits

Representative application

Design a mixed-method study of campus belonging and explain what each evidence type can and cannot support.

Weekly study cycle

1. Preview the objective and write two questions. 2. Attend or engage and capture decisions rather than every sentence. 3. Reconstruct the main idea within 24 hours. 4. Complete independent practice. 5. Analyze the first unsupported move on each error. 6. Use feedback. 7. Schedule a delayed mixed recheck.

Self-check before moving on

Can you explain the idea without notes, complete a fresh task, detect a near-miss, verify the result, and state a limitation? Watch especially for: choosing a method because it is familiar before defining the claim, population, construct, and ethical constraints.

What to save

a research proposal with question, theory, operationalization, sampling, method, analysis, ethics, and limitations

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