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MB800

RESEARCH METHODS IN MISSIOLOGY

SUMMER 2003

Instructor, Darrell Whiteman

Location, BC 157 Distance Learning Room

Time, 9:00 - 12:30

June 2 – June 13

COURSE DESCRIPTION AND OBJECTIVE

This course will introduce students to a variety of research methods used in missiological research. The course will enable students to write a proposal for their dissertation research.

COURSE SCHEDULE

<u>Date</u>	<u>Topic</u>	<u>Presenter</u>
Mon June 2	Research Design	Darrell Whiteman
Tue June 3	Ethnohistorical Research	“
Wed June 4	Reflections on Historical Research	Howard Snyder
Thur June 5	Writing Your Research Proposal	Darrell Whiteman
Fri June 6	Skills in Library Research	Robbie Danielson & Hannah Kirsch
Mon June 9	Participant Observation	Mike Rynkiewich
Tue June 10	Interviewing	George Hunter
Wed June 11	Writing Style & Documentation	Darrell Whiteman
Thur June 12	Designing Surveys and Questionnaires	Eric Silver
Fri June 13	Discussion of Proposals	Darrell Whiteman

COURSE REQUIREMENTS

This research methods course is offered on a "Credit"/"No Credit" basis. To receive credit, the student must:

1. Attend all sessions of the course
2. Complete readings and class assignments. Reading is to be completed by August 31st, with a 5-7 page summary/interaction for each book read.
3. Submit a doctoral dissertation research proposal on a topic of the student's choosing, which is of the quality to pass a proposal defense before the ESJ Faculty. This exercise will apply the research methods from the course to a specific topic and provide opportunity for the student to develop skills in proposal writing. **Credit for the course will be given upon the successful defense of your dissertation research proposal.**

READING

We have five books that will introduce students to various aspects of research and proposal writing, and two books that are reference books.

Research:

1. Barzun and Graff (1992) *The Modern Researcher*, 5th ed.
2. Booth, Colomb, & Williams (1995) *The Craft of Research*.
3. Emerson, Fretz, & Shaw (1995) *Writing Ethnographic Field Notes*.
4. Paul Leedy (2001) *Practical Research: Design and Planning*, 7th ed.
5. Rudestam & Newton (2001) *Surviving Your Dissertation* 2nd ed.

Reference:

1. Slade (2000) *Form and Style*, 11th ed.
2. Strunk and White (2000) *Elements of Style*, 4th ed.