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#### MB800 RESEARCH METHODS IN MISSIOLOGY SUMMER 2004

Instructor, Darrell Whiteman Location, ESJ Conference Room Time, 8:30 - 12:30 June 1– June 11

## 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>
Tue	June 1	Research Design	Darrell Whiteman
		Reflections on Historical Research	Howard Snyder
Wed	June 2	Reflections on Historical Research	Howard Snyder
		Research Design (continued)	Darrell Whiteman
Thurs	June 3	Ethnohistorical Research	Darrell Whiteman
Fri	June 4	Interviewing	George Hunter
Mon	June 7	Participant Observation	Mike Rynkiewich
Tue	June 8	Skills in Library Research	Robbie Danielson & Hannah Kirsch
Wed	June 9	Designing Surveys and Questionnaires	Eric Silver
Thur	June 10	Writing Style & Documentation	Darrell Whiteman
Fri	June 11	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 31<sup>st</sup>, 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 2<sup>nd</sup> ed.

#### Reference:

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