COURSE OBJECTIVE: To familiarize students with the philosophy and methods of social research.

OUTLINE AND READINGS

1. **Introduction to the Philosophy of Science**
   - a) Ways of knowing
   - b) Theories, explanations, and hypotheses
   - c) Relationship between theories and methods

   **Readings:**
   - Singleton Chapters 1, 2

2. **Finding a Research Topic**

3. **The Production of Data**
   - a) Experiments Chapters 7, 8
   - b) Evaluation research Chapter 14
   - b) Surveys Chapters 9, 10
   - c) Sampling Chapter 6
   - d) Secondary Analysis Chapter 12
   - e) Structured Observation Chapter 11
   - f) Field Research Chapter 11
   - g) Historical Research Chapter 12
   - h) Case Studies Chapter 11
4. Formulating a Problem for Investigation

a) Findings
b) Available Data
c) Claims
d) Theory

5. Basic Plan of Data Organization

a) Reliability
b) Validity
c) Operationalization
d) Multimethod Approaches

Readings:
Singleton Chapters 3, 4, 13

6. Ethics of Social Research

Readings:
Singleton Chapter 3

EVALUATION:

Evaluation will consist of 1 test and 1 final exam each worth 25% and one term paper worth 30%. A group assignment will be worth 20% of the grade. The mid-term test will be held on March 2. The final exam will be held on April 9 if this does not conflict with other exams.

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VOLUNTARY WITHDRAWAL DEADLINE

March 16, 2012.
Exam Regulations

Students who miss a mid-term will be required to have a valid excuse such as a medical certificate before writing a make-up examination.

Final examination regulations are found online at http://umanitoba.ca/admin/governance/governing_documents/academic/454.html

Failure to write one of the term tests or the final examinations will result in a mark of zero for that part of the grade.

ACADEMIC HONESTY

Students should acquaint themselves with the University’s policy on ‘Personation at Examinations’ (Section 5.2.9) and ‘Plagiarism and Cheating’ (Section 8.1) found online under UManitoba Catalog 2011-2012>General Academic Regulations>Section 8. Academic Integrity

LATE ASSIGNMENTS AND MAKE-UP TESTS

Late assignments will be penalized with a reduction of 1 percent per day. Make-up tests will be allowed if there is a reason such as illness. In the case of illness, a medical certificate is required. Failure to write an examination or to turn in a paper will result in a mark of zero on that part of the grade.

Due Dates: 1 page paper proposal (not graded) February 8
          Paper completed March 26

Group Assignment: February 17 for Oral Presentation/ February 27