

GEOGRAPHY 695

Seminar in Geographic Research Methods - Qualitative Research Methods

Instructor: Dr Conny Davidsen

Official Course Description:

This seminar course examines qualitative research methodology by focusing on a variety of methods and analytical techniques. Much of the material, particularly the empirical examples are firmly rooted in geography. Nevertheless, the major themes of the course connect to debates concerning qualitative research in all of the social sciences. The general themes are philosophy, methods of data gathering, analysis strategies, and evaluation (qualitative rigour).

Prerequisite:

Consent of the Department

MAY BE REPEATED FOR CREDIT

Supplementary Fees:

N/A

Readings:

Creswell, John W. 2009. Research Design – Qualitative, Quantitative and Mixed Methods Approaches. Third Edition. Sage Publications.

The required readings for each session will be announced over the semester. They will be made available electronically where possible. All course information and further material are posted by the instructor on Blackboard: <http://blackboard.ucalgary.ca/>

Grading (Weighting):

- (1) In-class participation: 25%
- (2) Weekly assignments: 20%
- (3) Seminar presentations: 15%
- (4) Web-based assignments: 10%
- (5) Papers on methodological design: 30%

There is no final examination for this course. It is not essential to pass all elements/components to pass the course as a whole.

Grading System:

96-100	A+	77-80	B	59-61	C-
90-95	A	71-76	B-	55-58	D+
86-89	A-	65-70	C+	50-54	D
81-85	B+	62-64	C	0-49	F

For additional detailed course information posted by the Instructor see Blackboard at:
<http://blackboard.ucalgary.ca/>

Plagiarism

Academic dishonesty is not an acceptable activity at the University of Calgary and students are **strongly advised** to read the Student Misconduct section in the University Calendar. Quite often, students are unaware of what constitutes academic dishonesty or plagiarism. The most common are 1) presenting another student's work as your own 2) presenting an author's work or ideas as your own without proper referencing and 3) using work completed for another course. This activity will not be tolerated in this course and students conducting themselves in this manner will be dealt with according to the procedures outlined in the calendar.

Disability Resource Centre Accommodations

It is the student's responsibility to request academic accommodations. If you are a student with a documented disability who may require academic accommodation and have not registered with the Disability Resource Centre, please contact their office at 220-8237. Students who have not registered with the Disability Resource Centre are not eligible for formal academic accommodation. You are also required to discuss your needs with your instructor no later than fourteen (14) days after the start of this course.

Re: Posting of Grades and Picking-up of Assignments

- Assignments will be handed back only in class or by the Professor at pre-arranged time(s).
- To receive your assignment back via mail, please include an appropriately sized self-addressed, stamped envelope with your assignment when handing in to the professor.
- Posting of grades will be at the discretion of each Professor and, if posted, they will be scrambled. Grades will **not** be available at Geography's main office.

Contact Information for Student and Faculty Representation

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- SU Faculty Rep. Phone: 220-3913 and e-mail: socialscirep@su.ucalgary.ca

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