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Course Overview: This course addresses the process of doing research and the philosophical as well as ethical issues that are part of the process. Topics include: (1) Developing engaged scholarship in a professional school; (2) Philosophy of science; (3) Formulating the research problem; (4) Building a theory; (5) Variance and process models; (6) Designing variance studies; (7) Designing process studies; (8) Communicating and using research knowledge; and (9) Practicing engaged scholarship.

Course Assignments: First, full participation is expected when assigned readings are discussed in class and will be 30% of your grade. Each of us will be responsible to be fully prepared for each class, and there will be assignments throughout the term to help focus our preparation. Everyone is expected to participate effectively in each class to comment, question, and analyze. Second, a research paper submitted at the end of the semester will be 70% of your grade.

Course Organization: Class assignments are shown in the schedule attached, and while subject to change, this schedule should guide your work plans. There will be no announcements in class concerning assignments, except those that may alter the attached schedule.

Required Text:

CLASS SESSIONS AND ASSIGNMENTS

SESSION #1 Tuesday, October 21

Engaged Scholarship in a Professional School


SESSION #2 Tuesday, October 28

Philosophy of Science


SESSION #3 Tuesday, November 4

Formulating the Research Problem and Building a Theory: Theory to Propositions and Hypothesis Testing


SESSION #4 Tuesday, November 11

Mixing Qualitative and Quantitative Methods: Triangulation in Action


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**SESSION #5** Tuesday, November 18

**Pragmatism, Pluralism, and Rhetoric**


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**SESSION #6** Tuesday, December 2

**Research as Process and as Product of Thought**


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**SESSION #7**  
**Tuesday, December 9**

**Practicing Engaged Scholarship**


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**Monday, December 15:**  
**Paper due before 4:00PM in 350A Wohlers**