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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 this process. Topics include: (1) Philosophy of science; (2) Formulating the research problem; (3) Building a theory; (4) Variance and process models; (5) Designing variance studies; (6) Designing process studies; (7) Communicating and using research knowledge; and (8) Practicing engaged scholarship in a professional school.

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, your presentation of your paper on session #7 will be 30% of your grade. Third, a research paper submitted at the end of the semester will be 40% 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 23: *Philosophy of Science*


SESSION #2  Tuesday, October 30: *Formulating the Research Problem and Building a Theory: Theory to Propositions and Hypothesis Testing*


SESSION #3  Tuesday, November 6: *Mixing Qualitative and Quantitative Methods: Triangulation in Action*


SESSION #4  Tuesday, November 13: Research as Process and as Product of Thought


SESSION #5  Tuesday, November 27: Pragmatism, Pluralism, and Rhetoric


SESSION #6  Tuesday, December 4: Practicing Engaged Scholarship


SESSION #7

Tuesday, December 11: Presentations

Monday, December 17: Paper due before 4:00 PM in 350A Wohlers