

Details of courses offered in Semester 1, 2024/25

Faculty of Social Sciences The University of Hong Kong

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Course Code	Course Title	Level (RPGNiITPG)	Pre-requisites	Class Dates	Class Time	Venue	Course Syllabus URL	Contact Information (Name & Email)	Remarks (e.g. Please specify if the medium of instruction is NOT English)
SOCI6011	Ethnographic Research Methods	RPG	Nil	Sep 2 – Nov 30, 2024 (Thursdays)	14:30 - 16:20	CJT-9.29	https://sociology.hku.hk/courses/	Miss Connie Ko; socirpg@hku.hk	Mainly for RPg of Social Sciences and Humanities.
SOCI7010	Quantitative Research Methods	RPG	Nil	Sep 2 – Nov 30, 2024 (Fridays)	15:30 - 17:20	CBA	https://sociology.hku.hk/courses/	Miss Connie Ko; socirpg@hku.hk	Tutorial class for RPG students will be arranged separately and details will only be available in September.

SOCI6011 Ethnographic Research Methods

Course description

The primary objective of this course is to introduce ethnographic research methods to research postgraduate students. It is designed to be a rigorous methodological training for students of sociology and of other social science disciplines. It will cover both the theoretical issues of the qualitative approach and the practical skills of conducting ethnographic studies. The dialogue between theories and methods is emphasized. By the end of the course, students are expected to be equipped with the basic techniques of ethnographic research.

The course will begin with a discussion of the common ground and the difference between quantitative and qualitative methods in social science research. It will present the scientific base of qualitative research, the logic of ethnographic methods, and the practical skills of data collection. Methodological concerns like case study, theoretical sampling, theory building, interpretation, ethical and political issues will be discussed. Students will be coached to acquire the technical skills of participant observation, interviewing, fieldnote writing, coding, and writing up proposal and paper.

Assessment: 100% coursework

Timetable: 2024/25 Sem1 (Sep 2 – Nov 30, 2024) every Thursday 14:30 – 16:20 at CJT-9.29

SOCI7010 Quantitative Research Methods

Course description

This course provides an overview of quantitative research methods in the social sciences. It covers both fundamental theories and practical techniques, ranging from research design and hypothesis formulation to data collection (e.g., survey; experiments), quantitative data analysis (e.g., descriptive statistics; comparison of means; regressions), and research writing.

This course will be interactive and collaborative. In each class, students will be encouraged to ask/answer questions and to facilitate discussions with peers and the instructor. The course also offers hands-on training to conduct an original research project including questionnaire surveys and statistical analysis.

Assessment: 100% coursework

Timetable: 2024/25 Sem1 (Sep 2 – Nov 30, 2024) every Friday 15:30 – 17:20 at CBA (Lecture); tutorial class for RPG students will be arranged separately and details will only be available in September.