

Sociology 497 Methods of Social Research Spring 2009

Course Syllabus

<http://www.csun.edu/~vcsoc00i/classes/s497s09/homepage.htm>

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The three unit portion of this class is scheduled to be conducted online. In addition, a one-unit lab is also scheduled to be conducted in TBA virtual and real times. The class portion of the course will consist of lecture/text material (delivered via the web), involving three non-cumulative quizzes (50 points each) and a cumulative final (100 points). There are no make-up exams. However, the lowest quiz score will be dropped. Hence, 200 points comprise your class grade. The lab grade will consist of laboratory exercises turned in and discussed each week, as well as demonstrated mastery of SPSS (Statistical Package for the Social Sciences). As part of your virtual communication, you will be utilizing the internet, email, hypernews and mIRC (chat) to facilitate interaction during the course of the semester. Plus and minus grading will be used. The text is Social Research Methods (2nd Ed) by Russel Bernard. Office hrs will be held in real time and online, Th 5:30 p.m. and each Saturday, 3:30 - 4:00 p.m., or by appointment.