

FACULTY OF ARTS
ARTS & SCIENCE HONOURS ACADEMY

ASHA 501: The Nature of Research

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Course Description:

This course will consider academic research within the social, historical and political context of its production and use. Questions to be considered include, but are not limited to: the historical development of professions and disciplines; the cultural framework within which research is produced and the cultural uses of research; and the ways in which research creates objects of knowledge and serves to define and categorize human experience and identity.

Required readings:

A course pack will be available in the first week of term. Other readings will be assigned by guest lecturers and circulated in advance of the meeting.

Assignments and Evaluation:

- Students will provide a short response (750 words) to the work presented by any **two** of the guest lecturers @ 10% each and following the guide sheet provided by the instructor. Papers are due one week after the guest's visit to class or equivalent.

Other assignments in this course will work towards a collective and interdisciplinary investigation of a research question determined by members of the class in consultation with the instructor.

- Collaborative research question (group project presented orally in class, 5%)

- Research plan presentation (10 minute oral presentation and one-page annotated plan submitted following presentation) 20%
- Annotated bibliography (key titles for research prospectus) 10%
- Research prospectus (3000 words) 45%

There will be no Registrar scheduled final exam in this course. All assignments must be completed for the student to pass the course as a whole.

Written assignments should all be delivered electronically to the instructor's email, sbennett@ucalgary.ca

Please keep a copy of your assignment in case of loss by any cause.

Grading system:

University of Calgary's 4 point system:

A+/A (4.0); A- (3.7); B+ (3.3); B (3.0); B- (2.7); C+ (2.3); C (2.0); C- (1.7); D+ (1.3); D (1.0); F (0)

Late assignment policy:

Assignments submitted after the deadline may be penalized with the loss of a third of grade (e.g.: A- to B+) for each day late unless prior arrangement has been made with the instructor for an extension. Late assignments will not be accepted after one week past the due date without documented medical reasons.

Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act

This course is conducted in accordance with the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act (FOIP). As one consequence, **students should identify themselves on all written work by using their ID number. Also you will be required to provide a piece of picture identification in order to pick up an assignment or look at a final exam.**

For more information see also <http://www.ucalgary.ca/secretariat/privacy>.

Plagiarism

Using any source whatsoever without clearly documenting it is a serious academic offense. Consequences include failure on the assignment, failure in the course and possibly suspension or expulsion from the university.

You must document not only direct quotations but also paraphrases and ideas where they appear in your text. A reference list at the end is insufficient by itself. Readers must be able to tell exactly where your words and ideas end and other people's words and ideas begin. This includes assignments submitted in non-traditional formats such as Web pages or visual media, and material taken from such sources.

Please consult your instructor if you have any questions regarding how to document sources.

Internet and electronic communication device information

Electronic devices (laptops, iPads, etc.) may be used in the classroom for note taking and other purposes relevant to classroom discussion/research. The instructor reserves the right to ask that devices be switched off if considered to be disturbing the learning of others in the class.

Academic Misconduct

For information on academic misconduct and the consequences thereof please see the current University of Calgary Calendar at the following link;
<http://www.ucalgary.ca/pubs/calendar/current/k.html>

Academic Accommodation Policy

If you are a student with a disability who may require academic accommodation, it is your responsibility to register with the Disability Resource Centre (220-8237) and discuss your needs with your instructor no later than fourteen (14) days after the start of the course. For further information, please see <http://www.ucalgary.ca/drc/node/46>

Emergency Evacuation and Assembly points

Please note the evacuation points for this particular classroom. All classrooms on campus exit to specific places in case of emergency. The emergency assembly points differ depending upon where your classroom is located. For information on the emergency evacuation procedures and the assembly points see
<http://www.ucalgary.ca/emergencyplan/assemblypoints>

"SAFEWALK" Program

Campus Security will escort individuals day or night -- call 403-220-5333 for assistance. Use any campus phone, emergency phone or the yellow phone located at most parking lot booths.

Student Representation

There are now four Arts reps because of the amalgamation, with the email addresses being arts1@su.ucalgary.ca, arts2@su.ucalgary.ca, arts3@su.ucalgary.ca, and arts4@su.ucalgary.ca. Please contact if you have questions related to Students Union matters, events, or concerns.

For your student ombudsman, please see

<http://www.su.ucalgary.ca/services/student-services/student-rights.html>

Faculty of Arts Program Advising and Student Information Resources

- Have a question, but not sure where to start? The new Faculty of Arts Program Information Centre (PIC) is your information resource for everything in Arts! Drop in at SS110, call us at 403-220-3580 or email us at artsads@ucalgary.ca. You can also visit the Faculty of Arts website at <http://arts.ucalgary.ca/undergraduate> which has detailed information on common academic concerns.
- For program planning and advice, contact the Student Success Centre (formerly the Undergraduate programs Office) at (403) 220-5881 or visit them on the 4th Floor of MacEwan Student Centre.
- For registration (add/drop/swap), paying fees and assistance with your Student Centre, contact Enrolment Services at (403) 210-ROCK [7625] or visit them at the MacKimmie Library Block.