

## GEOG 797.08 H (?-?) AREA ??

## QUALITATIVE METHODS IN SOCIAL GEOGRAPHY

Timetable	Lec #	Days	Time	Location	Catalogue #
		Monday	1:00 – 4:00 pm	ES 342	
	Lab #				

**Instructors:**

Office:

Office hours:

Phone:

e-mail:

**TA (if applicable):**

Office:

Office hours:

Phone:

e-mail:

**Course Content****Description**

This seminar course examines qualitative research methodology by focusing on a variety of methods and analytical techniques. Much of the material, particularly the empirical examples are firmly rooted in geography. Nevertheless, the major themes of the course connect to debates concerning qualitative research in all of the social sciences. The general themes are philosophy, methods of data gathering, analysis strategies, and evaluation (qualitative rigour).

**Format**

Each week students will be provided a handout with a list of readings and questions for the following week. Most weeks one of the readings will be an empirical (as opposed to theoretical) example of the week's topic. For most weeks each student will be assigned a reading to summarize (and critique) for the group in order to stimulate discussion. All are responsible for the assigned readings and should be prepared to discuss the questions provided. In some cases the instructor will take a lead role in the class (e.g. qualitative software demonstration), but will usually adopt the role of facilitator in the discussions.

**Blackboard** If Blackboard is being used as a course tool: <http://blackboard.ucalgary.ca/>

**Required Texts** (*please see Marilyn to order*)

**Readings/Manual:** (price stated if purchase necessary from the department); *please see Debbie*

**Grading (Weighting)**

Paper 1 (TBA)	40%	Assigned	Sept 25	Due	October 30
Paper 2 (TBA)	40%	Assigned	November 6	Due	December 11
Participation	20%				

State whether: There is no final examination for this course **OR whether** the final examination will be **OR** will not be scheduled by the Registrar's Office and **whether or not** it is essential to pass all elements/components to pass the course as a whole.

**Prerequisite:** Copy from current Calendar

**Supplementary Fees:** (*field trips etc*). *If these were not included in the registration fee, please see Laurie.*

### Grading System

***EITHER*** this type of grading system [numbers may be changed but you must include **all** the letter grades]

96-100	A+	77-80	B	59-61	C-
90-95	A	71-76	B-	55-58	D+
86-89	A-	65-70	C+	50-54	D
81-85	B+	62-64	C	0-49	F

***OR*** The official grading scheme of the university will be used (Course Information Section in the University Calendar):

A+	4.00	Outstanding performance
A	4.00	Excellent-superior performance, showing comprehensive understanding of subject
A-	3.70	↑
B+	3.30	↑
B	3.00	Good - clearly above average performance
B-	2.70	↑
C+	2.30	↑
C	2.00	Satisfactory performance – basic understanding of the subject
C-	1.70	
D+	1.30	
D	1.00	Minimal Pass-marginal performance
F	0	Fail - - poor performance

### Plagiarism

Academic dishonesty is not an acceptable activity at the University of Calgary and students are **strongly advised** to read the Student Misconduct section in the University Calendar. Quite often, students are unaware of what constitutes academic dishonesty or plagiarism. The most common are 1) presenting another student's work as your own 2) presenting an author's work or ideas as your own without proper referencing and 3) using work completed for another course. This activity will not be tolerated in this course and students conducting themselves in this manner will be dealt with according to the procedures outlined in the calendar.

**Re: Posting of Grades and Picking-up of Assignments**

- Assignments will be handed back only in class or by the Professor at pre-arranged time(s).
- To receive your assignment back via mail, please include an appropriately sized self-addressed, stamped envelope with your assignment when handing in to the professor.
- Posting of grades will be at the discretion of each Professor and, if posted, they will be scrambled. Grades will **not** be available at Geography's main office.

**Contact Information for Student and Faculty Representation**

- SU VP Academic Phone: 220-3911 and e-mail: [suypaca@ucalgary.ca](mailto:suypaca@ucalgary.ca)
- SU Faculty Rep. Phone: 220-3913 and e-mail: [socialscirep@su.ucalgary.ca](mailto:socialscirep@su.ucalgary.ca)

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