



**COURSE SCHEDULE: OBJECTIVES, ASSIGNMENTS AND DEADLINES**

<b>Week</b>	<b>Objectives/Expected Outcomes</b>	<b>Reading requirements</b>	<b>Assignments</b>	<b>Deadline</b>
Week 1: Introduction	To get familiar with the course, student policies, Ecampus services. To know one another		Introduce yourself to class.	
Week 1: Introduction to Qualitative Methods	Learn about the philosophical underpinnings of qualitative research, its purpose, how it differs from other research methods and the ethical issues to consider while conducting qualitative research.	Creswell, (Chapter 1, 2, 3)  Maxwell, (Chapter 1)	#1 Submit a researcher identity memo.	Sunday 11:59 pm
Week 2: Methods employed in qualitative research	Understand different types of qualitative research; their strengths, weaknesses and suitability. Use the reading materials to design your own research project.	Maxwell, Chapter 2, 3, 4  Creswell, Chapter 4, 5, 6	#2 Submit your research statement and short description of the method.	Sunday 11:59 pm
Week 3: Research Design	Differentiate between research purpose and research questions and understand the importance of research relationships, and different processes in qualitative research.	Creswell, Chapter 7  Maxwell, Chapter 5	#3 Submit a concept map of your research. Submit a short description of your research design	Sunday 11:59 pm
Week 4: Research Methods	Determine the instrument for data collection. Practice interview to reflect upon the questions and evaluate your instrument for data collection	Weiss, Chapter 1, 2, 3	#4 Submit your interview questionnaire Practice interview with one of your friends	Sunday 11:59 pm

Week 5: Data collection	Understand and learn about various ways to collect data, interview techniques, and conduct field interviews	Weiss, Chapter 3, 4, 5	#5 Submit a list of references of the documents you will use for your research. Submit at least one interview transcript	Sunday 11:59 pm
Week 6: Data Analysis	Learn to code your interviews, using a software or MS word, and use field notes and other reference materials to complement your interview data.	Weiss, Chapter 6  Creswell, Chapter 8	#6 Submit your primary codes for at least one transcript, and a short description of your field notes.	Sunday 11:59 pm
Week 7: Data Analysis and Presentation	Analyse your data using existing theories or frameworks. Evaluate different methods to writing qualitative research and compare them to employ a particular style for your own research.	Creswell, Chapter 9, 11  Weiss, Chapter 7	#7 Submit your research outline and a short description of the writing methodology of your choice.	Sunday 11:59 pm
Week 8: Validity	Understand the issues concerning validity and reliability in qualitative research and learn how to resolve these issues in your research	Creswell, Chapter 10 Maxwell, Chapter 6		
Week 9: Presentation	Present your research to an audience	Maxwell, Chapter 7	#8 Research presentation (in ppt slides)	Sunday 11:59 pm
Week 10: Research proposal	Develop a concrete research proposal using the learning from the class.	Maxwell, Chapter 7	#9 Submit a final research proposal.	Sunday 11:59 pm

There will be a weekly discussion (every week), which is not included in this list. Participation in the weekly discussion constitutes 10% of your total grade. You are required to submit one original post and a response post for every discussion.