

Tentative

Spring 2017

Instructor: Prof. Leigh Johnson

Lecture: MW 2:00-3:20 pm

Sections: Th 11-11:50, 12-12:50, 13-13:50

F 9-9:50, 10-10:50, 11-11:50

Geography 391: Social Science Inquiry & Research

This course equips you to create knowledge about the world around us – about people’s experiences, practices, and beliefs – and to be a more savvy consumer of knowledge claims about the social world. You’ll gain exposure to the quantitative and qualitative methods most often used by human geographers, including surveys, interviews, focus groups, and participant observation. You’ll learn and practice planning, conducting, and analyzing applied research with a large collaborative project on the UO campus, and discover how geographical questions can change the way you see the world around you. No geography background required.



This quarter, our applied research themes are ***Mobility, Resources, and Belonging***: How do people utilize resources and space, feel a sense of belonging, and maintain identity in a world of mobility?

Assessment:

Problem sets and pre-class assignments (45%)

Applied research project portfolio (40%)

Participation (15%)

*Discussion section attendance *required**

Text: R. Schutt, *Understanding the Social World* (SAGE)