

Winter 2018

Instructor: Prof. Leigh Johnson

Sections: Th 12-12:50, 13-13:50, 14-14:50

Lecture: MW 2:00-3:20 pm, 145 Straub

Fri 11-11:50, 12-12:50, 13-13:50

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 this world. We’ll begin by learning basic strategies used to analyze data, and then develop answerable research questions and generate our own data about the community around us. You’ll learn how to decide *who* and *what* to ask, and get hands-on practice with the methods most often used by human geographers, including surveys, interviews, and focus groups. No geography background required. *Geography majors/minors are encouraged to register for lab Th 14:00 or Fri 12:00. Registration Weeks 1 & 2 restricted to Geog majors and minors; open to all majors beginning Week 3.*



Assessment:

Homework/labs (40%)

Quizzes (20%)

Group applied research project (30%)

Participation (10%)

*Discussion section attendance *required**

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