

200B

CHC/LAT 200B Problems and Methods in Chicano/Latino Research  
4.0 units

Meets once a week, seminar style

This class examines issues of related to conducting research in Latino communities. Topics include problem definition, sampling, quantitative and qualitative methods, participant-observation, language and interviewing, immigration status, gender, participatory research, and communication with the larger community.

**Requirements:**

All members of the class will be expected to participate actively and regularly in discussion, which means they must be up on the readings for that week. Students will turn in a one page READING NOTES for the week's readings at the beginning of each class that summarizes what the main points of the readings. Late reading notes will not be accepted. Students will also be asked to complete a number of field exercises or PRACTICUMS. These MUST be turned in as well. Grades will be based on both written work and oral contributions.

**Required readings:**

H. Russell Bernard, *Research Methods in Anthropology*, 3rd edition.  
Altamira Press.

*The Elements of Style*, Strunk and White

Articles handed out in class.

**WEEKLY SCHEDULE**

**Week 1: Introduction:**

Social Science Research and Latinos  
Humanities Research and Latinos

READ: *Research Methods in Anthropology*, chapters 1, 2

**Week 2: Qualitative Research among Latinos**

**Week 3:** "The Field" in Fieldwork; Literature Review

READ: *Research Methods in Anthropology*, chapters 3, 4

article: "Tricking and Tripping: Fieldwork on prostitution in the era of AIDS"

article: "Crack in Spanish Harlem"

NOTE: articles provided in class

**WEEK 4:** Problems of "Site," and Research Design

READ: *Research Methods in Anthropology*, chapters 5

Examine Research design and proposal structure:

Problem

Literature review

questions or hypotheses

methods

analytic methods

possible findings

significance

**WEEK 5:** Methods: sampling, interviewing; structured interviews

READ: *Research Methods in Anthro*, chapter 6, pages 141-146; 160-162

chapter 8, pages 180-193;

chapter 9, pps.203-224 [stop at "Focus

Groups";

230-end of chapter

chapter 10, pps. 254-263

chapter 11, pps. 280-287

**WEEK 6:** Participant Observation, unobtrusive measures

READ: *Research Methods in Anthropology*, chapters 13, 15

**WEEK 7:** Fieldnotes: collecting, recording, recording

READ: *Research Methods in Anthropology*, chapters 14, 17

**WEEK 8:** Text management Program

Hands on training

**WEEK 9:** Analysis of Textual Data

**WEEK 10:** Review of Topics: Special Issues Conducting Research in Latino Communities; Social Responsibility and Ethics