

Methodology

Course I

Compulsory Course for PhD Entrants

Module I

Overview

- Introduction to Method in Sociology

Module 2

Ethnography

- Reading ethnographic texts
(To cover issues such as history and politics, writing and representation, subjectivity and reflexivity etc. In addition, students will read a range of ethnographies in various locations and across time and experiments with form, covering the range from village based studies to institutions, cities, war and violence, science and technology etc.)

Module 3

Fieldwork

- Fieldwork Methods: (For example Participant Observation, Interviewing, Questionnaires, Archives, Oral History, Case Study, Legal Work, Visual Methods, kinship charts etc.)
- Field Notes
- Challenges (For example Ethics, Safety etc.)

Module 4

Quantitative Methods

- Data sets
- Survey and Sampling methods
- Basic Statistical Methods
- Software (Content Analysis, SPSS etc.)

Module 5

Writing Sociology

- Academic writing for dissertation, publication, proposals for funding etc.
- Literature Review, Bibliography and Citation

Each student will be required to make class presentations and hand in written work regularly.