

## 1. Course Information

### LIS 9801: ADVANCED RESEARCH METHODS I

**COURSE MEETINGS:** Tuesdays 9:00-11:50, FIMS-Nursing Building 4022

## 2. Instructor Information

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## 3. Course Description

The role of theory in research. The choice of a research problem. Design of research projects. Use of a range of research methods.

Students completing this course will:

- Understand the role of theory in research;
- Be able to identify appropriate research problems;
- Become familiar with the range of qualitative research methods appropriate to investigating research problems in library and information science;
- Understand the ethical issues related to research, especially research involving humans;
- Be able to examine critically and discuss qualitative research;
- Be able to design a basic research project, collect and analyze data.

Assignments will consist of a multi-phase pilot study and evidence of class preparation and participation.

## 4. Course Materials

All course readings will be made available through our Owl site.

## 5. Methods of Evaluation

- A. Evidence of class preparation and participation
  - a. Weekly reading reports (10%)
  - b. Weekly in-class participation (10%)
  - c. Weekly reflective memos (10%)
  
- B. Assignments:
  - a. Methods papers
    - i. Methods paper 1 (5%)
    - ii. Methods paper 2 (5%)
  - b. Draft of a research design (20%)
  - c. Peer review of a classmate's research design (10%)
  - d. Final research design (30%)

## 6. Statement on Academic Offences

Scholastic offences are taken seriously and students are directed to read the appropriate policy, specifically, the definition of what constitutes a Scholastic Offence, at the following Web site:

[http://www.uwo.ca/univsec/pdf/academic\\_policies/appeals/scholastic\\_discipline\\_grad.pdf](http://www.uwo.ca/univsec/pdf/academic_policies/appeals/scholastic_discipline_grad.pdf)

## 7. Support Services

Students who are in emotional/mental distress should refer to Mental Health@Western

<http://www.uwo.ca/uwocom/mentalhealth/> for a complete list of options about how to obtain help.