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Research Methods for the Social Sciences: An Introduction

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What OER Book are you reviewing (Title) Research Methods for the Social Sciences: An Introduction

Location/ Link where it can be found:

<https://pressbooks.bccampus.ca/jibcresearchmethods/>

Does the author have appropriate authority of standing to release a book? (Professor associated with a university etc..) Valerie Sheppard licensed the book under the Creative Commons Attribution-NonCommercial-ShareAlike 4.0 International License. No university affiliation was provided on the webpage or within the textbook.

For what course are you reviewing this book: Qualitative Research Methods

What is this course's average enrollment:

Fall - 30

Spring – 30

Summer – N/A

What is the current resources used for this class and how much does it generally cost? Mills, Jane and Melanie Birks. Qualitative Methodology: A Practical Guide. Sage Publishing

What are your course objectives for this course? (copy and paste)

1. Demonstrate an understanding of the aims and philosophical frameworks of qualitative research.
2. Recognize the theoretical and practical considerations behind the range of techniques, including interviewing, focus groups, and participant observation.
3. Design and conduct in-depth interviews, participant observation, and textual analysis.
4. Conceptualize and design projects, collect data, and make wise choices in qualitative research projects.
5. Use appropriate techniques for analyzing and reporting qualitative research.

Which chapters or sections align to each course objective.

Course Objective	Section or Chapter that addresses it.
Objective #1	Chapters 1, 2, 3, 6, 8, 10
Objective #2	Chapters 1, 2, 3, 4, 5

Objective #3	Chapters 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 12, 13
Objective #4	Chapters 6, 7, 9, 10, 15
Objective #5	Chapters 14, 15, 16

Which Course objectives are not covered in the book.

Course Objective
N/A

If you were to use this book, what would be your plan to find material to meet the uncovered objectives? (One option is to find another OER to meet it. Multiple Open Educational Resources can be used for a course) The textbook covers all learning objectives and outcomes. Guest lectures, speakers, and in-class and out of class activities would be utilized to demonstrate the application of various methodologies.

Are there additional materials available (power points, test questions etc..)

No, no additional resources are provided.

Is the author contact information available to contact if there are more materials?

No, there is no contact information available for the author.

What are the strengths of this book? (Think: writing style, citations, currency, diagrams etc..)

The book begins with an overview of social science research, ethics, and the basic components of a research paper/article. The chapters are divided into meaningful sections, each focusing on a particular aspect of the chapter's aim. The book is very in-depth, but still approachable by upper-division students in the social sciences. The book does an excellent job of guiding the student through the research process from start to finish and functions as an outline students may use to help when conducting research.

What are the weaknesses of this book?

The lack of instructor resources, test bank, supplemental readings, and suggested activities is the only weakness of the book.

To be able to use this book – what will you have to supplement?
N/A

If you were to use this book, would you also use a homework system? If yes, which one would you use (LibreTexts and Lumen learning are some examples) The book does not include a test bank, or other modes of assessment. If adopted, assignments would have to be created and imported to Blackboard and be completed in class or on Blackboard.

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