

UNIVERSITY OF NAIROBI
INSTITUTE OF ANTHROPOLOGY, GENDER AND
AFRICAN STUDIES

DEGREE: MASTER OF ARTS IN ANTHROPOLOGY

COURSE: NAF 602: SOCIAL SCIENCE RESEARCH METHODS

CLASS: FIRST YEAR

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OBJECTIVES

At the end of this course, students should be able to:

- (a) Demonstrate an understanding of the philosophy, principles and methodology of social science research.
- (b) Prepare and defend a proposal on their chosen topic of research.
- (c) Carry out an independent research on their chosen topic and present the findings in an examinable thesis for the award of a Master of Arts Degree in Anthropology of the University of Nairobi.

MODE OF DELIVERY

Lectures, class discussions, as well as group and individual presentations.

STUDY TOPICS

- 1. Basic concepts.
- 2. The nature of social science research.
- 3. Social research strategies.
- 4. Research designs.
- 5. Quantitative research.
- 6. Qualitative research.
- 7. Mixed methods research.
- 8. E-research.
- 9. Ethical issues in social science research.
- 10. Designing a search proposal.

CLASS TEXTS

Babbie, Earl 2007. *The practice of social research*, 12th ed. Belmont, CA: Wordsworth.

Bernard, Russel H. 2000. *Research methods in anthropology: Qualitative and quantitative*. London: Sage.

Bryman, Alan 2012. *Social research methods*, 4th ed. Oxford: Oxford University Press.

Dooley, David 2001. *Social research methods*, 4 ed. Upper Saddle River, NJ: Prentice-Hall.

Frankfort-Nachmias, Chava and Nachmias, David 2005. *Research methods in the social sciences*, reprint. London: Arnold.

Green, Judith and Thorogood, Nicki 2009. *Qualitative methods for health research*, 2nd ed. London: Sage.

NB: 1) Each student will be required to come up with a list of **TEN** items relevant to the course. Such items should not have been published before 2000.

2) Students are strongly advised to read various journals in the IAGAS Library and to consult the internet for additional information.

EVALUATION

CATS	-	40%
Final Examination	-	60%
TOTAL	-	100%
PASS MARK:	-	50%