

EDAD 8114 - Applied Case Study Methodology

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Course Description

8114. Applied Case Study Methodology. A course designed to acquaint students with qualitative inquiry. Focuses on philosophical and historical roots of investigation in institutional and social settings, with an emphasis on qualitative research methodology, techniques of exploring data, guided practice, ethical and social issues. 3 s.h.

Course Readings

Group	Title	Author	ISBN
Required	Qualitative Research: A guide to design and implementation.	Merriam & Tisdell	978-1394266449

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Merriam, S.B. & E.J. Tisdell (2025). *Qualitative Research: A guide to design and implementation*. 5th Edition. Jossey Bass: San Francisco.

The course readings are subject to change in the event of extenuating circumstances, research developments, current events, and/or to ensure better learning.

Schedule of Topics and Assignments

Week of	Reading(s)	Proposed Topic	Due/To Prepare for Class
10/19	Merriam Ch. 1-4 Merriam Ch. 10 Merriam Ch. 5 Merriam Ch. 6 Readings: Blee (1993); Morrissey (1987) Merriam Ch. 7 Merriam Ch. 8 Merriam Ch. 9 and 11	Lecture: "Introduction to Qualitative Research" Lecture: "Validity & Ethics in Qualitative Research" Lecture: "Sampling and Research Design" Lecture: "Interviewing in Qualitative Research" Lecture: "Observation in Qualitative Research" Lecture: "Document & Artifact Analysis in Qualitative Research" Lecture: "Data Analysis and Management 101" Lecture 2: "Writing up Qualitative Research"	Module 1 Assignment: Personal Paradigm Inventory (15 points) Discussion (2 points) Make 1 argument about how qualitative research can give us insights impossible through survey research. Make 1 counter-argument (in response to a classmate) showing the limits of qualitative research. Discussion (0.5 points) Make 1 introduction post indicating three topics you're willing to be interviewed about by a classmate for the Module 4, Interview & Transcribing Assignment." One week later, "claim" a classmate by responding to their post. Schedule a time to complete the interview. Module 2 Assignment: Quiz on Lecture & Reading (5 points) Discussion (2 points) Pretend you are conducting research within your place of employment. What would be the advantages and disadvantages of your positionality? How would potential power-gap issues affect your ability to collect good data? Write one post and respond to

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