UNIVERSITY OF GUELPH  
College of Social and Applied Human Sciences  
RESEARCH METHODS IN CRIMINAL JUSTICE  
CCJP6300

Time: Tuesday, 11:30 a.m. – 2:20 p.m.  
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Location: TBD  
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COURSE OUTLINE

General Description:
This course will provide Masters-level students with a broad introduction to the various research designs and methods adopted by researchers, evaluators, and practitioners to create new knowledge. The course material will help students understand and criticize research, evaluate programs and policies, develop policy, and participate in social, political, criminological, and economic debates and discussions. This course focuses on the key research methods and analytical techniques used by social scientists.

General Course Objectives: There are four main objectives for this course. The first objective is to help students gain a broader understanding of the various methods available for undertaking research. The second objective is to have students critically assess the strengths and weaknesses of each of the methods that will be introduced—covering quantitative, qualitative and mixed methods approaches. Third, the course will introduce students, in a hands-on way, to some of the techniques used to analyze research data, in addition to learning how to present research findings in an intelligent, clear and accessible fashion. Fourth, students will gain an understanding of the interplay between theory, methods and data.

Required weekly readings are drawn from one main text listed below as well as journal articles and book chapters. The text (Palys & Atchison 2014) is available for purchase in the bookstore. Other required readings can be accessed through ARES, the online library system, or CourseLink.

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