SURVEY PRACTICUM II
SURV 641

COURSE DESCRIPTION

This is the second semester of a two-semester course on how survey research is done. This semester covers post data collection activities including coding, weighting, and imputation; data analysis; and presentation of results. The course will consist of lectures, readings, and hands-on experience with the survey that was designed in SURV 640.

ASSIGNMENTS

The main assignment is the preparation of a paper that uses the survey results to address a research question. The paper should follow the format of articles published in journals such as Public Opinion Quarterly.

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<td>Coding assignment</td>
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We will use a website for the course, to provide data files for analysis, and also to post student work files and instructions for the coding assignment. A current copy of the syllabus will also be available from this website.

http://www.jpsm.umd.edu/surv641
CLASS SCHEDULE AND READINGS

September 4: Overview

September 11: Analysis Strategy


September 18: Coding, Cleaning, and Data Preparation


September 25: Class Presentations (Assignment 1 Due)

Each student will have 10 minutes to present a hypothesis, describe the variables to be used to test it, and outline the tables and inferential statistics to be produced. Practical/data quality issues relevant to the analysis (and how they will be handled) should also be described.

October 2: Data Analysis (Assignment 2 due via email to Ashley)


October 9: Imputation


October 16: Data Interpretation (Assignment 3 Due)


October 23: No class

Stanley and Ashley will be available to meet individually with students to discuss analyses.
October 30: Weighting


November 6: Variance Estimation


November 13: Report Presentation (Assignment 4 due)


November 20:

Individual meetings to discuss Assignment 4

November 27: No class

December 4 and 11: Presentation of Findings by Students (Assignment 5 Due)

Presentations should be a maximum of 20 minutes.

December 18: No class (Assignment 6 Due)