



COLLEGE OF SOCIAL AND APPLIED HUMAN SCIENCES  
Department of Sociology and Anthropology

**ADVANCED ISSUES IN MIXED METHODS RESEARCH**  
**SOC\*6200**  
**Winter 2022**

**Class:** Thursdays 2:30–5:20pm  
**Room:** TBD  
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**Course Description**

Empirical analyses that combine quantitative and qualitative methods are increasingly common within sociology, at least partly because they are perceived as allowing researchers to overcome the deficiencies of any one methodological paradigm. However, good mixed methods research requires more than simply the *ad hoc* blending of historically distinct methods. In this course, students will critically interrogate the opportunities and challenges associated with integrating quantitative and qualitative methodological approaches in sociological research. The broader epistemological foundations of mixed methods research will be addressed, as well as specific methodological approaches. Students will acquire a deeper understanding of how using a mixed methods research approach in sociological research can enhance scholarly rigour in a theoretically informed research project, and they will be equipped to evaluate literature that utilizes a mixed methods approach.

**Restrictions:** Restricted to students registered in the PhD program in Sociology.

**Course Objectives**

These course objectives are aligned with the Department of Sociology and Anthropology's Graduate Program Learning Outcomes. By the end of this course students will be able to:

- Demonstrate competency in mixed methods for social research
- Interrogate the epistemological and ontological assumptions that underlie diverse methodological perspectives and debates
- Apply appropriate theory and methods to design original, rigorous, and ethical research to advance social justice
- Demonstrate a commitment to understanding methodological pluralism
- Create and mobilize knowledge in clear and accessible written and oral forms
- Engage in ethical, professional, accountable, and socially responsible behavior through scholarly interaction

**Required Texts:** All readings are available through the library or on CourseLink.