

SOCI 2000B: Foundations of Sociological Inquiry

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COURSE DESCRIPTION

In this course you will be introduced to the principles of sociological research. You will learn about the philosophical, ethical and practical considerations that underlie sociologists' decisions as they design, implement and complete research projects. You will learn how to come up with sociological research questions, how to create a corpus of existing knowledge around that question, and ultimately how to design a research project that would help answer that question. In this process, you will be introduced to a wide range of research methods (the tools sociologists use to generate knowledge) and learn about their limitations and advantages. This learning will prepare you to engage with social scientific research critically and lays the foundations for you to, eventually, contribute to the production of sociological knowledge.

EVALUATION

Weekly Quizzes: 50%

Weekly Class Activities: 50%

TEXT

Sheppard, Valerie A. 2019. *An Introduction to Research Methods in Sociology*. New Westminster, B. C.: *Justice Institute of British Columbia*. Free access [here](#).

All other readings will be accessible online through Ares the Carleton library.