Undergraduate Research Methods Courses

ANSC 169. Culture and Environment: Research Seminar and Practicum (4)
Examines the role of culture in the way people perceive and interact with the natural environment. Combines reading of select anthropological studies with training in ethnographic research methods. Students develop a research project and analyze data. Limit: fifteen students. Prerequisites: upper-division standing or consent of instructor.

CGS 100B. Conceptualizing Gender: Methods and Methodologies (4)
Introduction to interdisciplinary research methodologies used in critical gender studies. Students will learn to identify and utilize humanities, social science, and natural science methods for studying gender and sexuality, and to evaluate how knowledge about gender and sexuality is produced. Prerequisites: CGS 2A-B or at least one CGS upper-division course.

ETHN 100B. Interdisciplinary Methodologies (4)
An introduction to interdisciplinary research methodologies in critical ethnic studies. By developing a critical analysis of the politics of knowledge production, students will learn to identify different methodological approaches in the field and to evaluate their use in practical application. Prerequisites: ETHN 100A, ethnic studies major or minor, or consent of instructor.

SOCI 104. Field Research: Methods of Participant Observation (4)
Relationship between sociological theory and field research. Strong emphasis on theory and methods of participant observation: consideration of problems of entry into field settings, recording observations, description/analysis of field data, ethical problems in fieldwork. Required paper using field methods. Prerequisites: SOCI 60; majors only. Will not receive credit for SOCI 104 and SOCA 104.

SOCI 105. Ethnographic Film: Media Methods (6)
(Conjoined with SOCG 227.) Ethnographic recording of field data in written and audiovisual formats including film, video, and CD-ROM applications. Critical assessment of ethnographies and audiovisual ethnographic videotape. Prerequisites: graduate standing or consent of instructor for SOCG 227 and SOCI for SOCI 105. Will not receive credit for SOCI 105 and SOCA 105.

SOCI 106. Comparative and Historical Methods (4)
A broad-based consideration of the use of historical materials in sociological analysis, especially as this facilitates empirically oriented studies across different societies and through time, and their application in student research projects. Prerequisites: SOCI 60. Will not receive credit for SOCI 106 and SOCA 106.