

SURVEY RESEARCH COURSE GUIDE, 2011-12
PROGRAM ON SURVEY RESEARCH AT HARVARD UNIVERSITY
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WHY STUDY SURVEY RESEARCH?

Surveys are powerful tools for data collection – used widely in academics, business, politics and government. Courses in survey research help students understand and critically evaluate data collected by surveys and the associated analyses. Students who take a variety of survey research courses develop the skills necessary to design, conduct and analyze their own surveys.

Studying survey research provides a wealth of career opportunities. Public opinion, market research and political consulting firms actively recruit Harvard graduates with skills in survey methods. Such training is also valuable for those interested in graduate study in disciplines such as health, education, law, politics, business, economics, sociology and psychology.

HOW CAN THIS COURSE GUIDE HELP?

This course guide has been compiled by Harvard's Program on Survey Research as a reference for students interested in the field of survey research. Various schools and departments offer courses related to survey research – and this guide represents our attempt to bring these listings together. Students are advised to check course catalogs for the most up-to-date and comprehensive information.

The courses are divided into broad, and sometimes overlapping, areas: *survey research methods*, including courses devoted almost exclusively to the methods of survey research; *applications of survey research*, including courses covering discipline-specific uses of survey research; *introductory and advanced quantitative methods*, including courses about survey data analysis (but not necessarily design or implementation) at different levels of sophistication; and *general research methods*, including courses on the logic and design of research methodologies including, but not limited to, surveys.

WHAT ABOUT PRE-REQUISITES AND PERMISSION?

The courses listed below are suggestions for Harvard students interested in learning more about survey research. Of course, it is the responsibility of students to ensure that they have the proper pre-requisites and permissions before they enroll in a course. (For the searchable Harvard University 2011-2012 Course Catalog, see <http://coursecatalog.harvard.edu/icb/icb.do?keyword=CourseCatalog&pageid=icb.page335057>.)

For more information on the courses listed below, please refer to the official listings in school course catalogues and websites – or contact the appropriate registrars directly. Students must cross-register in order to take classes in Harvard schools other than the one they are registered. Policies and deadlines for cross-registration generally vary from school to school. Students should contact their own registrar's office as well as that for the school offering the course.

Faculty of Arts and Sciences	495-1543	http://www.registrar.fas.harvard.edu/fasro/courses/index.jsp
Harvard Business School	495-6247	http://www.hbs.edu/mba/registrar/crossregistration/
Harvard Grad. School of Education	495-3418	http://www.gse.harvard.edu/academics/catalogue/index.html
Harvard School of Public Health	432-1032	http://www.hsph.harvard.edu/administrative-offices/registrar/
Harvard Medical School	432-1515	http://www.hms.harvard.edu/registrar/default.htm
Kennedy School of Government	495-1155	http://www.hks.harvard.edu/degrees/registrar/cross-registration

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SURVEY RESEARCH METHODS

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Gov 1010	Survey Research Methods	Moynihan	Fall	Tu, 2-4p
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This course introduces students to the theoretical underpinnings and practical challenges of survey research, designed to help students better understand, interpret and critically evaluate surveys and public opinion polls.

Bio 212	Survey Research Methods in Community Health	Mangione	Spring	W, 3.30-5.20p
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This School of Public Health course covers research design, sample selection, questionnaire construction, interviewing techniques, the reduction and interpretation of data, and related facets of population survey investigations. Focuses primarily on the application of survey methods to problems of health program planning and evaluation. Treatment of methodology is sufficiently broad to be suitable for students who are concerned with epidemiological, nutritional, or other types of survey research.

Stats 160	Design and Analysis of Sample Surveys	Zaslavsky	Fall	M/W, 2.30-5p
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Methods for design and analysis of sample surveys. The toolkit of sample design features and their use in optimal design strategies. Sampling weights and variance estimation methods, including resampling methods. Brief overview of nonstatistical aspects of survey methodology such as survey administration and questionnaire design and validation (quantitative and qualitative). Additional topics: calibration estimators, variance estimation for complex surveys and estimators, nonresponse, missing data, hierarchical models, and small-area estimation.

Stats 260	Design and Analysis of Sample Surveys	Zaslavsky	Fall	M/W, 2.30-5p
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Meets with Statistics 160, but graduate students will have an extended class period and complete additional assignments for a more theoretical, in-depth treatment of topics.

S-010B	Questionnaire Design: A Practical Guide from Conceptualization to Administration	Gehlbach	Winter 2012 module (Jan. 3 – Jan. 11)	
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*Although surveys are among the most common data collection methods that educational researchers and other social scientists employ, far too few of them are fluent in the basic processes needed to produce valid, reliable surveys. This course will familiarize students with the steps and procedures that are essential to developing high-quality surveys, focusing primarily on extracting best practices in designing surveys from the extant evidence. For example, we will examine research that bears on the following questions: How many response options should survey items provide? Should the format of the items be open ended, rankings, or ratings? How should the items be organized? In addition, students will learn a modest number of theories associated with survey design. These theories will help inform survey design, particularly in the (many) areas in which there are few empirical studies. The major topics of the course include defining constructs; creating items and item wording; response scales; cognitive pretesting items; organizing, ordering, and formatting surveys; bolstering response rates; and pilot testing surveys. The course is not designed to cover sampling procedures (i.e., how to obtain a random sample of participants versus collecting a stratified random sample). **This module will cover most of the same content as the semester-long course S-015. However, unlike S-015, students in the module will focus on evaluating and adapting existing surveys rather than developing completely new measures.***

[S-015	Questionnaire Design: A Practical Guide from Conceptualization to Administration	Gehlbach	Not offered in 2011-2012	
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SHDH 250	Research in Social and Behavioral Health	Check listing	TBD	TBD
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This School of Public Health course is an introduction to research methods that are important to designing, conducting, and evaluating research that involves the assessment of social or behavioral aspects of health. The course will cover study design, measurement, data collection, and analytic issues that are important to this area of public health research. Because surveys are an important tool for social and behavioral research, a major component of this course will focus on survey design and administration. The course will present introductory level research methods and survey design with a focus on practical applications. Students will critique published studies that examine specific aspects of social and behavioral health. Students will be expected to prepare a brief proposal for a study of an aspect of social/ behavioral health that uses a survey instrument, and draft the corresponding survey instrument. The course will consist of 15 two-hour lectures with readings, in class critique of relevant studies and measures, and a final project. Requirements are completing the required reading, active participation in class, and successful completion of the project.

APPLICATIONS OF SURVEY RESEARCH

<u>COURSE #</u>	<u>TITLE</u>	<u>INSTRUCTOR(S)</u>	<u>TERM</u>	<u>DAY, TIME</u>
Gov 98pd	Polling and Democracy in America	Moynihan	Fall	W, 2-4p
<i>One early promise of public opinion polling was to allow democratic leaders to hear the true voice of the American people. The legacy of polling, however, seems to be something less. This course will consider the implications of conflating polling data with public opinion; how public opinion can be manipulated by leaders through polling; whether polls provide all Americans a say in policy making; and the role pollsters play in democratic responsiveness.</i>				
Gov 1013	Election Polling and Public Opinion	Moynihan	Spring	W, 4-6p
<i>This course will provide students an opportunity to examine the intersection between research methods and political discourse by focusing attention on election and public opinion polls, particularly as reported in the media and used as a source of political information by both the general public and political leaders. Students will gain practical skills in survey design and evaluation by analyzing and critically assessing current opinion polls, designing survey questions and interpreting results. Offered jointly with the Kennedy School as DPI-615.</i>				
Gov 98qa	Community in America	Putnam	Spring	Tu, 2-4p
<i>Has the social fabric of America's communities and the civic engagement of its citizens changed over the last generation? Why? Does it matter? What lessons might we find in American history? These questions are at the focus of this seminar.</i>				
[Gov 98nk	Voters, Parties and Elections in Comparative Perspective	Spirling	Expected to be given in 2012-13	
<i>Why do people vote the way they do? What role do parties play in democracies? Which electoral system is 'best'— and why? This seminar seeks answers to these questions and is divided into three sections dealing with the fundamentals of modern democracy: voters, parties and elections. Readings will be both theoretical and empirical, and will cover voting behavior, party organization and strategy, electoral systems and electoral reform. Substantive focus will be on Western Europe.]</i>				
[Gov 98dt	Theory and Research in Domestic Politics and International Relations	Tingley	Expected to be given in 2012-13	
<i>The course will cover foundational material on the relationship between domestic politics and international relations. The course material will cover both security and economic relations between states, and emphasize the ways domestic political groups influence these relations. We will cover different methodological approaches to this relationship, including public opinion surveys, analysis of legislative voting, and game theoretic modeling.]</i>				
[Gov 1328	Electoral Politics	Ansolabehere/ Snyder	Expected to be given in 2012-13	
<i>Elections are the foundation of American democracy. This course focuses on the simple questions: Who wins elections and why? Answers to these questions guide the interpretation of elections and evaluation of how well government represents the public preferences. The first half of the course presents the basic explanations and models of elections and voting behavior, and asks students to make their best forecast of the election. The second half of the course will examine why the models worked or didn't work. Students will learn how to interpret and analyze surveys and other data, to estimate models and make forecasts, and test arguments and models using predictions.]</i>				
[Gov 1362	Democratic Citizenship Public Opinion and Participation in the U.S.	Gay	Expected to be given in 2012-13	
<i>Course examines the nature of public opinion and political participation. Considers how people acquire, organize, and apply their political beliefs; historical and contemporary patterns of public opinion, with emphasis on conflicts of values and social groups; who votes and why; the role of the media and political campaigns in mobilization and in formation of public opinion; and linkage between opinion, participation, and policy, with attention to whether citizens can discharge the responsibilities of democratic citizenship.]</i>				

- Gov 2008 Experimental Political Science Enos/Tingley Spring Tu, 2-4p**
Experimentation is increasingly used by political and other social scientists to help identify causal relationships. This class will cover arguments for and against the use of experiments, as well as a broad cross-section of foundational and cutting edge experiments in political science and allied fields. In particular, we will cover the use of survey experiments, field experiments, and lab experiments. Substantive applications will span the sub-fields as well as integrate work from experimental economics and psychology.
- Gov 2310 Social Capital and Public Affairs: Putnam Spring W, 4-6p**
Research Seminar
Topics in the relationship between politics and civil society in the United States. Offered jointly with the Kennedy School as DPI-360.
- [Gov 2314 Topics in American Political Gay Expected to be given in**
Behavior 2012–13
Course surveys field of political behavior, emphasizing recent developments in literature. Topics include uncertainty; opinion change and learning; partisanship and ideology; salience of race and social identity; participation; links between public opinion, elections, and policy.]
- [Gov 2328 Electoral Politics Ansolabehere Expected to be given in**
2012–13
This seminar examines the politics of US elections, with emphasis on theoretical models of electoral competition and empirical research of voting behavior and election outcomes. The first third of the seminar examines voter behavior, the second third of the seminar electoral competition among parties and candidates and aggregate election results, and the final third of the seminar examines electoral institutions and laws. Specific topics include party competition, incumbency advantages, electoral districts, campaign finance, issue and economic voting, and electoral accountability.]
- Gov 2474 Approaches to the Study of the U.S. Shepsle/Snyder Spring Tu, 2-4p**
Congress: Models and Methods
In this seminar we survey and critically evaluate various models of Congressional politics. Special emphasis is given quantitative and modeling approaches to legislative organization, legislative process, congressional elections, legislative parties, House-Senate comparisons, and inter-branch politics. Students are expected to participate actively each week, complete several small writing assignments, and produce a research paper.
- [Gov 2881 Mass Media, Public Opinion, and Baum Expected to be given in**
Foreign Policy 2012–13
This course investigates whether, how, and to what extent the mass media and public opinion interact with each other and with political leaders in order to influence the conduct of foreign policy. Offered jointly with the Kennedy School as DPI-611.]
- Soc 210 Issues in the Interpretation of Lieberman Spring W, 3-5p**
Empirical Evidence: Seminar
Special problems occur in the interpretation of either qualitative or quantitative results based on non-experimental data – whether from surveys, historical research, or field work. These issues differ from those that can be resolved through statistical solutions.
- [Soc 248 Race, Politics, and Social Inequality: Bobo Expected to be given in**
Seminar 2012–13
Examines intersection of race, public will, and policy-making. Reviews theories of race-making and racial inequality, dynamics of public opinion, and effects of a racialized public sphere on social policy. Focuses on the welfare state, the criminal justice system, and the dynamics of a multiethnic society.]

SHDH 281	Methods for Research: Social and Behavioral Public Health	Kubzansky	Fall	M/W, 3.30-5.20p
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This School of Public Health course introduces methodology to explore fundamental social and behavioral science concepts and theories useful in understanding social disparities in health. The course emphasizes quantitative research social science methods applied to social and behavioral issues in public health research. Major attention is given to methodology from sociology and psychology in their application to public health problems.

SUP 575	Political Analysis and Strategy for U.S. Health Policy	Blendon	Spring	TBD
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This HKS course is designed to meet the following objectives: (1) to analyze the politics surrounding major health policy developments in the United States; (2) to examine and to develop possible strategies for influencing political debates and health policy outcomes; and (3) to emphasize the ways political analysis and strategy can improve policy outcomes. Major topics to be covered include analyzing the role of interest groups, media, public opinion, legislative lobbying, elections, coalition building, policy legacies, institutions, and the politics of information as it affects health policy. Case studies focus on the enactment of the Medical Prescription Drug Bill, The Massachusetts Universal bill, as well as passionate issues such as abortion. Major movements toward comprehensive national health insurance, including the Clinton health plan, will also be covered. Leaders in political strategy from both the health and political fields will be guest lecturers. Also offered by the School of Public Health as HPM 247cd.

INTRODUCTORY QUANTITATIVE METHODS

<u>COURSE #</u>	<u>TITLE</u>	<u>INSTRUCTOR(S)</u>	<u>TERM</u>	<u>DAY, TIME</u>
API 201 (a,b,c,d)	Quantitative Analysis and Empirical Methods	Check listing	Fall	Check listing
<i>This HKS course introduces students to concepts and techniques essential to the analysis of public policy issues. Provides an introduction to probability, statistics and decision analysis emphasizing the ways in which these tools are applied to practical policy questions. Topics include: descriptive statistics; basic probability; conditional probability; Bayes' rule; decision making under uncertainty; expected utility theory; sampling design; statistical inference; hypothesis testing. The course provides students an opportunity to become proficient in the use of computer software widely used in analyzing quantitative data.</i>				
Gov 50	Introduction to Political Science Research Methods	Ali Bas	Fall	M/W, 11a
<i>This class will introduce students to techniques used for research in the study of politics. Students will learn to think systematically about research design and causality, how data and theory fit together, and how to measure the quantities we care about. Students will learn a 'toolbox' of methods -- including statistical software -- that enable them to execute their research plans. This class is highly recommended for those planning to write a senior thesis. Note: This course, when taken for a letter grade, meets the General Education requirement for Empirical and Mathematical Reasoning or the Core requirement for Quantitative Reasoning.</i>				
Gov 1000	Quantitative Methods for Political Science I	Glynn	Fall	Tu, 2-4p
<i>An introduction to statistical research in political science with a focus on applied multiple linear regression.</i>				
Psych 1900	Introduction to Statistics for the Behavioral Sciences	Nock	Spring	M/W/F, 10-11a
<i>Provides a conceptual and practical introduction to statistics used in psychology and other behavioral sciences. Covers basic topics in statistics including: measures of central tendency and variability; probability and distributions, correlations and regression, hypothesis testing, t-tests, analysis of variance, and chi-square tests. Includes a lab section with instruction in statistical analysis using a computer program.</i>				
Soc 156	Quantitative Methods in Sociology	Western	Spring	M/W/(F), 10-11a
<i>Introduces quantitative analysis in social research, including principles of research design and the use of empirical evidence, particularly from social surveys. Descriptive and inferential statistics, contingency table analysis, and regression analysis. Emphasis on analysis of data and presentation of results in research reports.</i>				
Stats 100	Introduction to Quantitative Methods for the Social Sciences and Humanities	Glickman/ Harrington	Fall/ Spring	Check listing
<i>Introduction to key ideas underlying statistical and quantitative reasoning. Topics covered: methods for organizing, summarizing and displaying data; elements of sample surveys, experimental design and observational studies; methods of parameter estimation and hypothesis testing in one- and two-sample problems; regression with one or more predictors; correlation; and analysis of variance. Explores applications in a wide range of fields, including the social and political sciences, medical research, and business and economics.</i>				

Stats 101	Introduction to Quantitative Methods for Psychology and the Behavioral Sciences	Page	Fall	Tu/Th, 10-11.30a
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Similar to Statistics 100, but emphasizes concepts and practice of statistics used in psychology and other social and behavioral sciences. Topics covered: describing center and variability; probability and sampling distributions; estimation and hypothesis testing for comparing means and comparing proportions; contingency tables; correlation and regression; multiple regression; analysis of variance. Emphasis on translation of research questions into statistically testable hypotheses and models, and interpretation of results in context.

Stats 104	Introduction to Quantitative Methods for Economics	Parzen	Fall/ Spring	Check listing
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Similar to Statistics 100, but emphasizes applications in fields including, but not limited to, economics, health sciences and policy analysis. Topics covered: descriptive and summary statistics for both measured and counted variables; elements of experimental and survey design; probability; and statistical inference including estimation and tests of hypotheses as applied to one- and two-sample problems, multiple regression, correlation, and analysis of variance. Taught at a slightly higher level than Statistics 100 and 101.

S-012	Empirical Methods: Introduction to Statistics for Research	Tivnan	Fall	Tu/Th, 11.30a-1p
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This HGSE course covers the basic principles of elementary statistics, providing a good foundation for students intending to do further course work and research involving the use of statistical analyses. Topics will include basic descriptive measures; sampling and sample size estimation; testing for differences between means, correlation, and measures of association; techniques for analyzing categorical data; and summarizing and presenting statistical results. There will be a heavy emphasis on applications of basic statistical concepts to a wide variety of problems encountered in educational and policy-related research. The focus will be on understanding how to use and interpret the statistical procedures commonly used in quantitative research. The use of computer packages for assisting in data analysis will be emphasized throughout the course. There will be several take-home assignments involving data analysis and reporting of research results.

S-040	Introduction to Applied Data Analysis	Masyn	Fall	Tu/Th, 8-10a and lab
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Often when quantitative evidence is being used to answer questions, scholars and decision-makers must either analyze empirical data themselves or thoughtfully manage and appraise the analyses of others. This HGSE course will cover the basic principles of empirical inquiry and quantitative analysis. By examining real data gathered to address questions in educational, psychological, and social research settings, students will become acquainted with the formulation of research questions and research hypotheses; sampling; basic descriptive statistics; tabular and graphical methods for displaying data; the notion of statistical inference; analytic methods for exploring relationships with both categorical and continuous measures; and the foundations of statistical modeling with simple and multiple linear regression along with analysis of variance (ANOVA) and analysis of covariance (ANCOVA). There will be an emphasis on applying the statistical concepts; in particular, how to (1) select the appropriate statistical techniques; (2) properly execute those techniques; (3) examine the assumptions necessary for the technique to work appropriately; (4) interpret analytic results; and (5) summarize the findings in a cogent manner. Because quantitative skills are best learned through practice, computer-based statistical analyses will be an integral part of the course. There will be several take-home assignments involving data analysis and the interpretation and reporting of research results.

ADVANCED QUANTITATIVE METHODS

<u>COURSE #</u>	<u>TITLE</u>	<u>INSTRUCTOR(S)</u>	<u>TERM</u>	<u>DAY, TIME</u>
API 202 (a,b,c,d)	Empirical Methods II	Check listing	Spring	Check listing
<p><i>Intended as a continuation of API 201, this HKS course equips students with an understanding of common tools of empirical analysis in policy applications. Much of the learning will take place through hands-on analysis of data sets. The course will cover regression analysis, including multiple regression, dummy variables, and binary dependent variables; as well as program evaluation, including selection effects; the advantages and disadvantages of experimental, quasi-experimental, and observational data; and instrumental variable techniques. The final part of the course includes an integrative exercise in which students will have the opportunity to assess empirical analysis in an open-ended and professionally realistic project. Prerequisite: API 201 or equivalent.</i></p>				
API 205	Politics and Policies: What Can Statistics Tell Us?	Hallett	Fall	M/W, 11.40a-1p; Review F, 1.10-2.30p
<p><i>Intended for decision makers, this HKS course provides a broad overview of the major concepts of statistics. The focus is on critical interpretation, with applications to policy analysis and program evaluation. Includes experimental design, sampling methods, probability, confidence intervals, hypothesis tests, and regression. Using case studies, the course asks what insight data can provide—and what it cannot—and compares the perspectives of statistics and ethics.</i></p>				
API 208	Program Evaluation: Estimating Program Effectiveness with Empirical Analysis	Abadie	Spring	Tu/Th, 1.10-2.30p; Review F, 11.40a-1p
<p><i>Program evaluation comprises a set of statistical tools for assessing the impact of public interventions. This methodological HKS course will develop students' skills in quantitative program evaluation. Students will study a variety of evaluation designs (from random assignment to quasi-experimental evaluation methods) and analyze data from actual evaluations, such as the national Job Training Partnership Act Study. The course evaluates the strengths and weaknesses of alternative evaluation methods. This course meets the PhD requirement for empirical methods. Prerequisite: Familiarity with the basic concepts of statistical inference and regression analysis (such as API 202 or API 210).</i></p>				
API 209	Advanced Quantitative Methods I: Statistics	Levy	Fall	Tu/Th, 10.10-11.30a; Check review listing
<p><i>The goal of this HKS course is to prepare students to analyze public policy issues using statistics. Topics included fall in the areas of probability theory, sampling, estimation, hypothesis testing, and regression analysis. While many students taking this class will have already taken courses in statistics and regression analysis, this course will probably place a much stronger emphasis than typical courses on conceptually understanding the statistical methods. Since the course is targeted to first-year students in the MPA/ID program, we will not shy away from using the mathematical tools needed to develop the conceptual understanding. But the emphasis of the course will be on the conceptual understanding and application of the tools rather than on the math or the mechanics behind the tools. Prerequisites: Multivariate calculus or linear algebra</i></p>				
API 210	Advanced Quantitative Methods II: Econometric Methods	Abadie	Spring	Tu/Th, 10.10-11.30a; Check review listing
<p><i>Intended as a continuation of API 209, Advanced Quantitative Methods I, this HKS course focuses on developing the theoretical basis and practical application of the most common tools of empirical analysis including non-linear models, instrumental variables, and panel data. Foundations of analysis will be coupled with hands-on examples and assignments involving the analysis of data sets. Prerequisite: API 209 or permission of instructor.</i></p>				

API 217	Introduction to Applied Econometrics	Chamberlain	Spring	TBD
<i>This HKS course is an introduction to methods employed in applied econometrics, including linear regression, instrumental variables, panel data techniques, generalized method of moments, and maximum likelihood. Prerequisites: API 209 or Econ 2110.</i>				
Bio 200	Principles of Biostatistics	Harrington	Fall	Tu/Th, 9-10.20a
<i>Lectures and laboratory exercises in this HSPH course acquaint the student with the basic concepts of biostatistics and their applications and interpretation. The computer is used throughout the course. Topics include descriptive statistics, graphics, diagnostic tests, probability distributions, inference, tests of significance, association, linear and logistic regression, life tables, and survival analysis.</i>				
Bio 201	Introduction to Statistical Methods	Gauvreau	Fall	Tu/Th, 3.30-4.50p
<i>This HSPH course covers basic statistical techniques that are important for analyzing data arising from epidemiology, environmental health and biomedical and other public health-related research. Major topics include descriptive statistics, elements of probability, introduction to estimation and hypothesis testing, nonparametric methods, techniques for categorical data, regression analysis, analysis of variance, and elements of study design. Applications are stressed. Designed as an alternate to BIO200, for students desiring more emphasis on theoretical developments. Background in algebra and calculus strongly recommended.</i>				
Bio 222	Basics: Statistical Inference	Wypij	Fall	Tu/Th, 8.30-10.20a
<i>This HSPH course will provide a basic, yet thorough introduction to the probability theory and mathematical statistics that underlie many of the commonly used techniques in public health research. Topics to be covered include probability distributions (normal, binomial, Poisson), means, variances and expected values, finite sampling distributions, parameter estimation (method of moments, maximum likelihood), confidence intervals, hypothesis testing (likelihood ratio, Wald and score tests). All theoretical material will be motivated with problems from epidemiology, biostatistics, environmental health and other public health areas. This course is aimed towards second year doctoral students in fields other than Biostatistics. Background in algebra and calculus required.</i>				
Biostats 230	Probability Theory & Applications I	Barr	Fall	M/W, 1.30-3.20p and lab
<i>Axiomatic foundations of probability, independence, conditional probability, joint distributions, transformations, moment generating functions, characteristic functions, moment inequalities, sampling distributions, modes of convergence and their interrelationships, laws of large numbers, central limit theorem, and stochastic processes.</i>				
Biostats 231	Statistical Inference I	Betensky	Spring	M/W, 10.30a-12.20p and lab
<i>Exponential families, sufficiency, ancillarity, completeness, method of moments, maximum likelihood, unbiased estimation, Rao-Blackwell and Lehmann-Scheffe theorems, information inequality, Neyman-Pearson theory, likelihood ratio, score and Wald tests, uniformly and locally most powerful tests, asymptotic relative efficiency. Note: Offered jointly with the School of Public Health as BIO231.</i>				
Biostats 232	Methods I	Lin	Fall	M/W, 10.30a-12.20p and lab
<i>Introductory course in the analysis of Gaussian and categorical data. The general linear regression model, ANOVA, robust alternatives based on permutations, model building, resampling methods (bootstrap and jackknife), contingency tables, exact methods, logistic regression. Note: Offered jointly with the School of Public Health as BIO232.</i>				

Biostats 233	Methods II	Haneuse	Spring	M/W, 8.30-10.20a and lab
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Intermediate course in the analysis of Gaussian, categorical, and survival data. The generalized linear model, Poisson regression, random effects and mixed models, comparing survival distributions, proportional hazards regression, splines and smoothing, the generalized additive model. Note: Offered jointly with the School of Public Health as BIO233.

Biostats 235	Regression and Analysis of Variance	Cai	Fall	M/W, 10.30a-12.20p and lab
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An advanced course in linear models - regression and analysis of variance. Estimation (maximum likelihood and least squares) and inference (confidence intervals, hypothesis testing, analysis of residuals) are presented from a theoretical and data analysis perspective. Note: Offered jointly with the School of Public Health as BIO235.

Biostats 244	Analysis of Failure of Time Data	Lok	Spring	M/W, 10.30a-12.20p
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Discusses the theoretical basis of concepts and methodologies associated with survival data and censoring, nonparametric tests, and competing risk models. Much of the theory is developed using counting processes and martingale methods. Note: Offered jointly with the School of Public Health as BIO244.

[Biostats 245	Analysis of Multivariate and Longitudinal Data	Wypij	Expected to be given in 2012–13	
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The multivariate normal distribution, Hotelling's T², MANOVA, repeated measures, the multivariate linear model, random effects and growth curve models, generalized estimating equations, multivariate categorical outcomes, missing data, computational issues for traditional and new methodologies. Note: Offered jointly with the School of Public Health as BIO245.]

Biostats 251	Statistical Inference II	Schwartzman	Spring	Tu/Th, 1.30-3.20p
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Advanced topics in statistical inference. Limit theorems, multivariate delta method, properties of maximum likelihood estimators, saddle point approximations, asymptotic relative efficiency, robust and rank-based procedures, resampling methods, nonparametric curve estimation. Note: Offered jointly with the School of Public Health as BIO251.

Econ 1123	Introduction to Econometrics	Stock/Chaney	Fall/ Spring	Check listing
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An introduction to multiple regression techniques with focus on economic applications. Discusses extensions to discrete response, panel data, and time series models, as well as issues such as omitted variables, missing data, sample selection, randomized and quasi-experiments, and instrumental variables. Aims to provide students with an understanding of and ability to apply econometric and statistical methods using computer packages.

Econ 1126	Quantitative Methods in Economics	Chamberlain	Spring	Tu/Th, 11.30a-1p
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Topics include elements of statistical decision theory and related experimental evidence; some game theory and related experimental evidence; maximum likelihood; logit, normal, probit, and ordered probit regression models; panel data models with random effects; omitted variable bias and random assignment; incidental parameters and conditional likelihood; demand and supply.

Econ 1127	Statistical Methods for Evaluating Causal Effects	Rubin	Spring	Tu/Th, 2.30-4p
<i>Statistical methods discussed for inferring causal effects from data from randomized experiments or observational studies. Students will develop expertise to assess the credibility of causal claims and the ability to apply the relevant statistical methods for causal analyses. Examples will come from many disciplines: economics, education, other social sciences, epidemiology, and biomedical science. Evaluations of job training programs, educational voucher schemes, changes in laws such as minimum wage laws, medical treatments, smoking, military service.</i>				
Econ 2110	Introductory Probability and Statistics for Economists	Ibragimov	Fall	M/W, 10-11.30a
<i>Introduction to probability and statistics. Emphasis on general methods applicable to both econometrics and economic theory. Topics include probability spaces, random variables, limit laws, estimation, hypothesis testing, and Bayesian methods.</i>				
Econ 2120	Introduction to Applied Econometrics	Chamberlain	Spring	Tu/Th, 2.30-4p
<i>Introduction to methods employed in applied econometrics, including linear regression, instrumental variables, panel data techniques, generalized method of moments, and maximum likelihood. Includes detailed discussion of papers in applied econometrics and computer exercises using standard econometric packages. Note: Enrollment limited to PhD candidates in economics, business economics, health policy, public policy, and political economy and government (PEG). Offered jointly with the Kennedy School as API-217.</i>				
Econ 2140	Econometric Methods	Imbens	Spring	Tu/Th, 11.30a-1p
<i>Econometric methods for cross-section and panel data. Topics include generalized method of moments, empirical likelihood, instrumental variables, bootstrapping, clustering, treatment effects, selection bias, difference-in-differences, qualitative choice, quantile regression, nonparametric methods, and semiparametric methods.</i>				
Econ 2142	Time Series Analysis	Stock	Fall	Tu/Th, 8.30-10a
<i>A survey of modern time series econometrics. Topics include univariate models, vector autoregressions, linear and nonlinear filtering, frequency domain methods, unit roots, structural breaks, empirical process theory asymptotics, forecasting, and applications to macroeconomics and finance.</i>				
Econ 2144	Advanced Applied Econometrics	Pakes	Spring	M/W, 11.30a-1p
<i>An introduction to the theory and application of recently developed econometric techniques used in advanced applied work. Simulation techniques, estimation subject to inequality restrictions, as well as semiparametric and nonparametric tools will be studied in a variety of empirical contexts.</i>				
Gov 1002	Advanced Quantitative Political Methodology	King	Spring	M, 2-4p
<i>Introduces theories of inference underlying most statistical methods and how new approaches are developed. Examples include discrete choice, event counts, durations, missing data, ecological inference, time-series cross sectional analysis, compositional data, causal inference, and others.</i>				
Gov 2000	Introduction to Quantitative Methods I	Glynn	Fall	Tu, 2-4p
<i>Graduate-level version of Gov. 1000. Meets with Gov. 1000, an introduction to statistical research in political science with a focus on applied linear regression. Will require extra homework and examination problems in addition to those for Gov. 1000.</i>				

Gov 2001	Advanced Quantitative Research Methodology	King	Spring	M, 2-4p
<i>Graduate-level version of Gov. 1002. Meets with Gov. 1002, introduces theories of inference underlying most statistical methods and how new approaches are developed. Examples include discrete choice, event counts, durations, missing data, ecological inference, time-series cross sectional analysis, compositional data, causal inference, and others. Will require extra homework and examination problems in addition to those for Gov. 1002.</i>				
Gov 2002	Topics in Quantitative Methods	Spirling/Glynn	Fall	Th, 10a-12p
<i>Will cover topics of general interest to political methodology: causal inference, graphical models, mixed methods, contest modeling, text-as-data, item response. Illustrates how ideas and methods from these areas can be applied to substantive questions.</i>				
Psych 1950	Intermediate Statistical Analysis in Psychology	Courvoisier	Fall	M/W, 1-2:30p; Lab W, 11a-12:30p
<i>This course offers foundational exposure to psychological statistics, focusing heavily on analysis of variance (one-way, factorial, repeated-measures, mixed-model). Other topics include: exploratory data analysis, sampling distributions, null hypothesis significance testing, t-tests, fixed versus random effects, post hoc and planned comparisons, correlation, simple regression, the general linear model, chi-square tests, nonparametric statistics, confidence intervals, and meta-analysis.</i>				
Psych 1952	Multivariate Analysis in Psychology	Sidanius	Spring	Lecture M/W, 1-2:30p; Lab Th, 5-6:30p
<i>This course introduces the empirical measurement of abstract constructs and multivariate analysis. Topics include: reliability and validity, multiple regression, exploratory and confirmatory factor analyses, discriminant analysis, canonical correlation analysis and structural equation modeling.</i>				
Psych 3800	Psychometric Theory	McNally	Fall	TBD
<i>Covers basic psychometric theory and methods essential for reliable and valid measurement. Also covers conceptual issues in the assessment of individual differences (e.g., intelligence, personality). Note: Limited to Harvard graduate students in clinical psychology.</i>				
Soc 178	Social Network Analysis: Theory, Methods and Applications	An	Fall	W, 3-5p
<i>Interests in social network analysis have exploded in the past few years. Aimed to examine social relationships and interactions from a structural perspective, social network analysis has become an essential tool for us to understand and address a variety of social issues, including friendship formation, peer influence, career mobility, socioeconomic inequality, organizational alliance and competition, economic development, international trade, diffusion of innovations, political mobilization, crime proliferation, spreading of diseases, etc. This course covers the basic concepts and theory in social network analysis, and major approaches and methods to collect, represent, visualize and analyze social network data. Students will also have the opportunity to learn using the mainstream software in social network analysis to conduct their own research on social networks.</i>				
Soc 202	Intermediate Quantitative Research Methods	Beckfield	Spring	Tu/Th, 10-11.30a
<i>Research designs and measurement techniques used in quantitative sociological research. Regression methods for continuous and binary response variables, including categorical predictors, nonlinearity interactions, diagnostics, and criticism. Emphasis on applications and implementation.</i>				

Soc 203a	Advanced Quantitative Research Methods	Winship	Fall	Tu/Th, 10a-12p
<i>Matrix approach to regression analysis with an emphasis on the assumptions behind OLS. Instrumental variables, generalized least squares, probit and logit models, survival analysis, hierarchical linear models, and systems of equations are studied.</i>				
Soc 303a	Advanced Topics in Quantitative Research	Winship	Fall/ Spring	TBD
<i>Examines current methodological scholarship in the social sciences with an eye to assessing its quality and potential for advancing quantitative methods. Recently published and unpublished work by local scholars examined.</i>				
Stats 110	Introduction to Probability	Blitzstein	Fall	M/W/F, 12p
<i>A comprehensive introduction to probability. Basics: sample spaces and events, conditional probability, and Bayes' Theorem. Univariate distributions: density functions, expectation and variance, Normal, t, Binomial, Negative Binomial, Poisson, Beta, and Gamma distributions. Multivariate distributions: joint and conditional distributions, independence, transformations, and Multivariate Normal. Limit laws: law of large numbers, central limit theorem. Markov chains: transition probabilities, stationary distributions, convergence.</i>				
Stats 111	Introduction to Theoretical Statistics	Airoidi	Spring	Tu/Th, 1-2.30p
<i>Basic concepts of statistical inference from frequentist and Bayesian perspectives. Topics include maximum likelihood methods, confidence and Bayesian interval estimation, hypothesis testing, least squares methods and categorical data analysis.</i>				
Stats 131	Time Series Analysis and Forecasting	Dasgupta	Fall	Tu/Th, 1-2.30p
<i>An introduction to time series models and associated methods of data analysis and inference. Auto regressive (AR), moving average (MA), ARMA, and ARIMA processes, stationary and non-stationary processes, seasonal processes, auto-correlation and partial auto-correlation functions, identification of models, estimation of parameters, diagnostic checking of fitted models, forecasting, spectral analysis, and transfer function models.</i>				
Stats 135	Statistical Computing Software	Finch	Fall	M/W/F, 10a
<i>An introduction to major statistics packages used in academics and industry (SAS and R). Will discuss data entry and manipulation, implementing standard analyses and graphics, exploratory data analysis, simulation-based methods, and new programming methods.</i>				
Stats 139	Statistical Sleuthing Through Linear Models	Pattanayak	Fall	Tu/Th, 11.30a-1p
<i>A serious introduction to statistical inference with linear models and related methods. Topics include t-tools and permutation-based alternatives, multiple-group comparisons, analysis of variance, linear regression, model checking and refinement, and causation versus correlation. Emphasis on thinking statistically, evaluating assumptions, and developing tools for real-life applications.</i>				
Stats 149	Statistical Sleuthing through Generalized Linear Models	Pillai	Spring	M/W, 1-2.30p
<i>A sequel to Statistics 139, emphasizing common methods for analyzing categorical data. Topics include mixed effects model, contingency tables, log-linear models, logistic, Probit and Poisson regression, model selection, and model checking. Examples will be drawn from several fields, particularly from biology and social sciences.</i>				
Stats 210	Probability Theory	Blitzstein	Fall	M/W, 2.30-4p
<i>Random variables, measure, representations. Families of distributions: Multivariate Normal, conjugate, marginals, mixtures. Conditional distributions and expectation. Convergence, laws of large numbers, central limit theorems, and martingales.</i>				

Stats 211 Statistical Inference Morris/Blitzstein Spring M/W, 2.30-4p
Inference: frequency, Bayes, decision analysis, foundations. Likelihood, sufficiency, and information measures. Models: Normal, exponential families, multilevel, and non-parametric. Point, interval and set estimation; hypothesis tests. Computational strategies, large and moderate sample approximations.

Stats 230 Multivariate Statistical Analysis Kou Fall M/W, 1-2.30p
Multivariate inference and data analysis. Advanced matrix theory and distributions, including Multivariate Normal, Wishart, and multilevel models. Supervised learning: multivariate regression, classification, and discriminant analysis. Unsupervised learning: dimension reduction, principal components, clustering, and factor analysis.

[Stats 231 Time Series Analysis and Forecasting Dasgupta Expected to be given in 2012–13]
Meets with Statistics 131, but graduate students will be exposed to a more rigorous treatment of time series analysis.]

[Stats 232 Topics in Missing Data Rubin Expected to be given in 2012–13]

Stats 244 Linear and Generalized Linear Models Agresti Fall Tu/Th, 11.30a-1p
The theory and application of generalized linear models, including models for binary and multinomial data, models for count data, overdispersion and quasi likelihood methods, and models and methods for clustered (e.g., repeated measurement) data.

S-030 Intermediate Statistics: Applied Regression and Data Analysis Ho Spring Tu/Th, 10-11.30a
Are scores on high-stakes tests primarily a function of socioeconomic status? Do mandatory seat belt laws save lives? In this HGSE course, students will learn how to use a set of quantitative methods referred to as the general linear model – regression, correlation, analysis of variance, and analysis of covariance – to address these and other questions that arise in educational, psychological, and social research. Using dozens of real data sets as catalysts, we will discuss how to (1) formulate interesting research questions; (2) select appropriate statistical techniques; (3) conduct necessary calculations; (4) examine assumptions necessary for the technique to work appropriately; (5) interpret analytic results; (6) identify rival explanations of the results; and (7) summarize the findings in a cogent and convincing argument. Because quantitative skills are learned best through practice, computer-based statistical analyses will be an integral part of the course.

S-052 Applied Data Analysis Willett Spring Tu/Th, 10-11.30a
This HGSE course is designed for those who want to extend their data analytic skills beyond a basic knowledge of multiple regression analysis, and who want to communicate their findings clearly to audiences of researchers, scholars, and policymakers. The course contributes directly to the diverse data analytic toolkit that the well-equipped empirical researcher must possess in order to perform sensible analyses of complex educational, psychological, and social data. Topics in the course include more extensive use of transformations in regression analysis, influence statistics, building and comparing taxonomies of regression models, general linear hypothesis testing, an introduction to multilevel modeling, nonlinear regression analysis, binomial logistic regression analysis, principal components analysis, cluster analysis, introduction to discrete-time survival analysis, and others. S-052 is an applied course that offers conceptual explanations of statistical techniques, along with opportunities to examine, implement, and practice them in real data. Because the course will feature the intensive use of Stata statistical software in all data analyses, learning the computer skills necessary to conduct these kinds of analyses, and the communication skills to discuss them, is an integral part of the course.

*S-061A1	Methods of Educational Measurement (Part I)	Koretz	Fall	M/W, 10a-12p (Aug. 31 – Oct. 17)
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This is a two-module HGSE survey course on methods of educational measurement designed for students with prior statistical training. It is designed both for students who need to become critical consumers of test-based information and for those who may apply methods of measurement in their own research. This module will cover traditional psychometric methods (classical test theory) and differential item functioning (DIF), and it will address analytical implications of some current education policies, such as the validity of score gains in high-stakes testing programs. The module will require application of psychometric methods to data from large-scale testing programs.

*S-061A2	Methods of Educational Measurement (Part II)	Ho	Fall	M/W, 10a-12p (Oct. 19 – Nov. 30)
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This module is the second of two that together constitute a survey course on methods of educational measurement for students with prior statistical training. It is designed to serve students who need to become critical consumers of test scores, students whose work will not focus on measurement but who will need to make appropriate use of test scores, and students whose work may entail a focus on testing. This module will extend from S-061A1 to advanced concepts of measurement, such as generalizability theory, item response theory, scaling, and equating. It will introduce generalizability theory as an extension of classical test theory, overview practical applications of item response theory, and describe the importance of scaling and linking for both test development and the use of accountability metrics. This module will require application of psychometric methods to data from large-scale testing programs.

S-090	Applied Statistical Analysis with Latent Variables: Path Analysis, Factor Analysis, and Structural Equation Modeling	Masyn	Spring	M/W, 10a-12p and lab
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This HGSE course introduces students to statistical analysis with latent variables, a sophisticated data analytic approach that has become prominent in educational, psychological, and social research. The broad class of latent variable models subsumes many of the more familiar statistical techniques, such as generalized linear regression. However, modeling in a latent variable framework also provides powerful extensions of these basic techniques, leading to more advanced statistical modeling approaches presented in this course, including multivariate regression analysis; path analysis; mediation analysis; confirmatory factor analysis; structural equation modeling; multiple-group modeling; latent growth curve modeling; and multilevel modeling – but with a primary focus on non-nested, cross-sectional, continuous measures. Students will learn to plan, execute, and interpret these select latent variable analyses using the Mplus program. There will be a heavy emphasis on the practical applications of the statistical concepts to address complex substantive research questions, and to that end, there will be several take-home assignments involving data analysis and the interpretation and reporting of research results. Course work culminates for each class member with an original research project of his/her own devising using one or more of the modeling approaches presented during the semester.

S-290	Quantitative Methods for Improving Causal Inference in Educational Research	Murnane and Willett	Fall	Tu, 4-7p
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This HGSE course will introduce, explain, and provide practice in using techniques social scientists have developed over the last 30 years for making causal inferences in quantitative research. The course has four major goals: (1) to ensure that participants understand the new methods and their appropriate uses; (2) to demonstrate how these new methodologies can be applied using available software; (3) to show how their application affects research findings on topics such as the impacts of class size, peer groups, and governance structures on student achievement; and (4) to guide class members in making progress on high-quality independent research projects of their own devising.

[HPM 299	Research with Large Databases	Check listing	TBD	TBD
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This HSPH course addresses potential uses of existing large administrative, clinical and survey databases to study questions regarding clinical risk factors, treatment, outcomes and health policy. Strengths and limitations of large databases that are commonly used for research will be considered, and special attention will be devoted to large federal databases that are readily available to investigators. Practical issues in obtaining, linking and analyzing large databases will be emphasized and key statistical issues addressed, including risk-adjustment and sampling weights. Students will evaluate published studies and develop a proposal for analyzing a specific research question with a large database.]

GENERAL RESEARCH METHODS

<u>COURSE #</u>	<u>TITLE</u>	<u>INSTRUCTOR(S)</u>	<u>TERM</u>	<u>DAY, TIME</u>
Gov 2009	Methods of Political Analysis	Hall	Spring	Th, 4-6p
<i>Covers the issues and techniques central to designing and researching a good dissertation, whether quantitative or qualitative, including principles of research design, case selection, comparison, measurement, and causal relations, with many practical examples. Note: Open to all doctoral students, regardless of year, and to advanced undergraduates.</i>				
Gov 2010	Strategies for Political Inquiry	Hiscox/Ichino	Fall	M, 10a-12p
<i>Research design for causal inference in qualitative and quantitative studies. Topics covered include measurement, conceptualization, case studies, the relationship between large-n and small-n studies, process-tracing, surveys, field experiments, and natural experiments, with examples of their use in political science. Note: Primarily for graduate students; may also be taken by undergraduates preparing for senior thesis research.</i>				
Psych 1901 (a, b, c, d)	Methods of Behavioral Research	Check listing	Fall/ Spring	Check listing
<i>Theoretical and practical introduction to planning, conducting, reporting, and evaluating psychological research. Topics include experimental design, hypothesis generation and testing, experimental artifacts, and analysis of published research.</i>				
[Psych 2100	Research Methodology	Hackman	Expected to be given in 2012–13	
<i>How to conduct empirical research, primarily with human participants. Topics include formulating problems, design strategies, developing and validating concepts, designing and assessing measures and manipulations; issues in data collection, analysis, and interpretation; and publishing findings.]</i>				
Social Studies 40	Philosophy and Methods of the Social Sciences	Beerbohm	Spring	TBD
<i>This course integrates research methods with an investigation of the philosophical foundations of the social sciences. Topics covered include causal explanation, interpretation, rational choice and irrationality, relativism, collective action, and social choice.</i>				
Soc 128	Models of Social Science Research	Waters	Fall	M/W, 10-11.30a
<i>Introduces the methods and logic social scientists use to study the empirical world. Topics include the scientific method, hypothesis testing, measurement of variables, survey research design and sampling, qualitative interviewing, ethnography, experiments, content analysis, GIS, demography, and the ethics of research.</i>				
Soc 205	Sociological Research Design	Dobbin	Fall	M, 1-4p
<i>This course covers the fundamentals of social science research design. Emphasis is placed on principles that are applicable in all kinds of research, including surveys, participant observation, comparative historical study, and demographic analysis. The course also delves into current methodological controversies in several arenas.</i>				
[Stats 140	Design of Experiments	Dasgupta/Rubin	Expected to be given in 2012–13	
<i>Statistical designs for efficient experimentation in physical, chemical, biological, social and management sciences and in engineering. A systematic approach to explore input-output relationships by deliberately manipulating input variables. Topics include analysis of variance, completely randomized and randomized block designs, Latin square designs, balanced incomplete block designs, factorial designs, confounding in blocks, fractional replications, orthogonal arrays, and response surface designs. Each topic is motivated by a real-life example.]</i>				

Stats 240 Matched Sampling and Study Design Rubin/Dasgupta Fall W, 5-7p

This course provides an accessible introduction to the study of matched sampling and other design techniques in any field (e.g., economics, education, epidemiology, medicine, political science, etc.) conducting empirical research to evaluate the causal effects of interventions.

**[HPM 276 Methods & Applications in Health Check listing TBD TBD
Services Research**

This School of Public Health course introduces students to the interdisciplinary field of health services research. The course covers theory, methodology, and applications using a highly interactive teaching approach. Individual sessions will be devoted to research design, analyses of large databases, cost-effectiveness analyses, survey methodology, assessment of health status, assessment of quality, measurement of racial, ethnic, and socioeconomic disparities, appropriateness of care, risk adjustment, and statistical techniques pertinent to health services research. There will be one or more sessions reviewing managerial applications such as case management, use of hospital information systems, and targeting for high-risk patients.]

**SHDH 245 Social & Behavioral Research Glymour Fall Tu/Th, 8.30-
Methods I 10.20a**

This School of Public Health course provides a broad overview of social and behavioral research methodology, including experimental, quasi-experimental and non-experimental research design, measurement, sampling, data collection, and testing causal theories. By case studies, methodological readings, discussion, written assignments, and data analytic homeworks students learn to conduct social and behavioral research and more applied program evaluations. Homework includes analytic work with observational and experimental studies and development of new measures.