Course number	U-LAS04 20031 LE45		
Course title (and course title in English)	Introduction to Social Research-E2 Introduction to Social Research-E2	Instructor's name, job title, and department of affiliation	Graduate School of Letters Associate Professor,Stephane Heim
Group	Humanities and Social Sciences	Field(Classification)	Pedagogy, Psychology and Sociology(Issues)
Language of instruction	English	Old group	Group A
Number of credits	2		
Number of weekly time blocks	1	Class style	Lecture (Face-to-face course)
Year/semesters	2026 • First semester		
Days and periods	Wed.4	Target year	All students
Eligible students	For all majors		

[Overview and purpose of the course]

Social sciences, which aim to achieve an in-depth understanding of human behavior, share with the natural and engineering sciences a common scientific framework, while also employing their own specific and diverse research methodologies. These methodologies are typically divided into quantitative and qualitative approaches.
This lecture focuses on qualitative approaches. We will explore how research is conducted - from formulating a sound research question to writing the final research report - and examine how several well-known studies have generated knowledge about human behavior.

[Course objectives]

This course aims to familiarize students with various qualitative research methods, helping them develop a critical perspective and the ability to analyze social, economic, and political issues as presented and debated in the media. Students will also gain the skills necessary to conduct their own qualitative research. A wide variety of studies will be examined and discussed, alongside the construction of qualitative research projects and the challenges associated with each stage of the research process.

[Course schedule and contents)]

Week 1. Introduction
Week 2. Literature Review
Week 3. Research Design: Hypothesis & Research Question
Week 4. Field Research and Questionnaire
Week 5. Interviews, Observation, and Participation Week 6
Week 6. Documents and Archives
Week 7. Review class
Week 8. Social Surveys
Week 9. Interpretation, Qualitative Data Analysis (1)
Week 10. Interpretation, Qualitative Data Analysis (2)
Week 11. Writing Research Reports
Week 12. Social Research in Critical Perspective (1)
Week 13. Social Research in Critical Perspective (2)
Week 14. Lecture Conclusions

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[Course requirements]

The lectures will be delivered in English. There are no prerequisite to take this course.

[Evaluation methods and policy]

Final report (70%), class attendance (30%)

[Textbooks]

Instructed during class

[References, etc.]

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Introduced during class

[Study outside of class (preparation and review)]

Students are required to complete preparation for each lesson on a weekly basis.

[Other information (office hours, etc.)]

Students should email the teacher to make an appointment.

[Essential courses]