The purpose of this class is to introduce and help students become familiar with the fundamental goals and strategies relevant to conducting strong research. A primary goal of this class will be to present materials in a manner students can understand and connect with what they are learning (or have learned) in other classes. As well, it is expected that this course will assist students in becoming informed consumers of research.

The planning of this course is still in progress, so specific requirements are not yet set. It is likely student grades will be based on short quizzes, take-home exams, in-class projects and a short written paper. The text book for the class will be The Basics of Social Research (Sixth Edition), by Earl Babbie (copyright 2014, Wadsworth/Cengage Learning). Don’t put this class off any longer. I’ll see you in the spring.