

<b>Course title &lt;English&gt;</b>	Qualitative Research Methods		<b>Affiliated department, Job title,Name</b>	Graduate School of Agriculture Assistant Prof: FEUER, Hart Graduate School of Economics, Prof. HISANO, Shuji	
<b>Grade allotted</b>	1st year students or above	<b>Number of credits</b>	2	<b>Course offered year/period</b>	2016/Autumn semester
<b>Day/period</b>	Oct-Nov Fri 4-5 Intensive	<b>Class style</b>	Seminar		<b>Language</b> English
<b>[Outline and Purpose of the Course]</b>					
<p>Students joining this course will encounter a range of qualitative research methods and learn how someone with an economics, sociology or other basic social science background can potentially integrate these methods into their research and analysis.</p> <p>The first part of this intensive course is designed primarily for the first year master and PhD students and those who have yet to conduct their primary research, as it provides guidance about the design, proposal and execution of qualitative research methods. The second part of the course is designed for students at all graduate levels, but will be especially timely for 2nd year students and later. It presents a range of methods and options for the analysis of qualitative data, regardless of which form it is in (interviews, archives, life histories, etc.). (Note: this is still tentative. More details will be announced before the course starts)</p>					
<b>[Course Goals]</b>					
To survey a range of qualitative research and analytical methods in order for students to choose methods that are best suited for the research they are preparing for or analyzing, and understand how to implement them.					
<b>[Course Schedule and Contents]</b>					
(This list is still tentative. Adjustments will be made based on the class make-up)					
<p>Module 1: Research Methods</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Matching methods to research questions</li> <li>2. Open-ended interviewing methods</li> <li>3. Semi-structured interviewing methods</li> <li>4. Full suite methods for research and analysis</li> </ol> <p>Module 2: Analytical Methods</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>5. Matching data and analytical methods for creating theory</li> <li>6. Analyzing in-depth data (case study)</li> <li>7. Analyzing semi-structured and mixed data</li> </ol> <p>Some hot topics included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>* Ethics and practicalities of doing field work on difficult topics in complicated places</li> <li>* How to evaluate suitability of qualitative data analysis software</li> <li>* Grounded Theory Approach</li> <li>* Analytical mechanisms: Thematic content analysis; Metaphor analysis; Discourse analysis; Semiotic analysis</li> </ul> <p>[ Schedule ] Oct7, 14, 21, 28, Nov4, 11, 25</p>					
<b>[Class requirement]</b>					
English language ability sufficient to interact actively in class.					
<b>[Method, Point of view, and Attainment levels of Evaluation]</b>					
Grading will be carried out on a basis of attendance, class participation, and final paper integrating the class content into your own work.					
<b>[Textbook]</b>					
Readings will be made available in PDF through a Cloud system (Dropbox). All readings will be labeled depending on their importance: (a) Required, (b) Suggested, and (c) Optional.					

**[Reference books, etc.]**

eBooks and other reference literature will be made available on the Cloud system (Dropbox). They will be labeled "Reference", and are useful for students wishing to dig deeper into a specific method.

**[Regarding studies out of class (preparation and review)]**

Basic reading / skimming of critical articles **prior** to each class is required. In addition, some homework doing "lite" analysis for practice

**( Others (office hour, etc.) )**

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