

Evaluation SOS9008 2024

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Student evaluations of SOS9008, Qualitative Research Methods and Analysis, were generally positive. All student evaluators agreed that instructors provided sufficient information before the course began, and that the teaching structure and course curriculum were effective. Students also valued the in-class exercises and noted that the mix of interactive learning, presentations, and discussions were helpful for understanding key issues related to the four qualitative methods discussed in the course. They noted that the professors were extremely engaging and were willing to provide individual advice tailored to their specific research projects. All students agreed that the course was relevant for their future work (~38% indicated that it was 'extremely relevant'), and everyone agreed that this course was better than the average quality of other PhD courses that they had taken. Regarding potential improvements, students mentioned the desire to focus more on data analysis, and to have further discussion of strategies for integrating different sorts of qualitative data within the same research project. These are important issues. The professors are discussing a new course that would focus specifically on qualitative data analysis. We will also take time to discuss data integration during the next iteration of this course.