



Innovative Courses on Race and Ethnicity

Collaborative Psychiatric Epidemiology Surveys (CPES): Investigating Cultural and Ethnic Influences on Mental Health

June 16-18, 2008

Pending funding. The Collaborative Psychiatric Epidemiology Surveys (CPES) provide the first national data with sufficient power to investigate cultural and ethnic influences on mental disorders. The course will educate researchers about the background and goals of the three studies comprising CPES, the complexities of the instrumentation and datasets, the diagnostic algorithms and other constructed variables, the sample design and weights, appropriate techniques for the analysis of complex sample survey data, ICPSR's online data analysis system through which CPES is available, and concrete examples of analytic strategies. CPES investigators and researchers will join classroom discussions regarding CPES via video-conference or in person.

Four organizations across the Institute for Social Research, University of Michigan will collaborate to offer the best possible instructional staff. Expert statistical consultants will also be available for personalized instruction and problem-solving.

Methodological Issues in Quantitative Research on Race and Ethnicity

June 23-July 18, 2008

Instructor: Phillip Bowman, University of Michigan

This course examines research design, measurement, and analysis issues in quantitative research on racial and ethnic minority populations in the United States. Participants will explore a variety of research methodologies for the purpose of refining analytic skills and setting research agendas. The course will feature inter- and cross-disciplinary perspectives and hands-on analysis of computerized data.

Methodological areas focused on will include: reliable and valid measurement of racial and ethnic variables in major survey studies, innovative sampling strategies for diverse populations, race-related measurement errors in data collection, and analysis of traditions and trends within various social/behavioral science fields.

Prerequisites: Two courses in statistics and a course on research methods/design. A limited number of small stipends are available to help support participation.

Enrollment in both courses is limited. Applicants must include a vita and cover letter summarizing research interests, experience, and course objectives. Application materials are due by April 28, 2008.

To apply, or for further information, visit www.icpsr.umich.edu/sumprog

Since 1963, the Inter-University Consortium for Political and Social Research (ICPSR) has offered its annual Summer Program in Quantitative Methods of Social Research. The ICPSR Summer Program offers an integrated and comprehensive curriculum of study in the field of social science methodology. Classes are held at the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor and at a number of other locations across the nation (Amherst, MA; Bloomington, IN; Chapel Hill, NC; and New Haven, CT).

The ICPSR Summer Program's dynamic instructional environment emphasizes integration of statistical methods and quantitative analysis within the broader context of substantive social research. Classroom instruction is reinforced by hands-on analysis of real datasets using high-end, networked computing technology. The ICPSR Summer Program provides a stimulating and enjoyable environment that facilitates an exchange of ideas related to the theory and practice of social research.