Required work:

1) Weekly Forum entries on CTools. 1) **Every Tuesday until Thanksgiving** you must post an update to the Forum describing what you have accomplished on your thesis this week. You can also discuss what hurdles you've encountered, successes you've had, how you've problem solved. Posts should be at least 1 paragraph. 2) You must also respond to at least one peer's postings AFTER you have posted.
   - 10 posts-- 1 pt each
   - 10 responses -- .5 pts each

2) Submit a 1-2 page draft of a plan for your work for the term. The plan should include a summary of what you have accomplished to date and a list of tasks and your plans and timeline for accomplishing them this term. Turn this in to your mentor and me on **9/10**. You should also ask your mentor for feedback on the plan: is it too ambitious? are there steps you are forgetting? is it realistic? I will also give you feedback. 5 pts

3) Write and submit to me and your mentor, the research methods section that will appear in your thesis by **12/17**. Details to follow. 20 pts

4) Give a presentation of your preliminary findings to your peers (and possibly mentor) in class after TG. 10 pts

5) Check in with me individually, regularly (1x every 2-3 weeks). A link to sign up for appointments is on CTools/Resources 5 pts

6) Attend all group class meetings and participate in discussion. 5 pts

7) Get your data collected and begin analysis and submit a 1 page description of what you’ve accomplished with your research methods section paper: Data collection and analysis can be uncertain. You will need to put in the time it takes to get the data you need to write your thesis. If you get stuck with recruitment or access, please see me immediately so we can strategize. 40 pts.
Schedule

9/3 Full Class: Welcome back! Soc Library 4147

Getting organized for the term.

9/10 Individual meetings.

*Term work plan due to me and to your mentor

9/17 Individual meetings

9/24 Individual meetings

10/1 Full class Soc Library 4147

Overcoming research hurdles

10/8 Individual meetings

10/15 FALL BREAK

10/22 Qualitative data analysis workshop [could be earlier depending on when class needs it] 4154 LSA

10/29 Individual meetings

11/5 Full class if needed. Soc Library 4147

11/12 Individual meetings

11/19 Individual meetings

11/26 TG

12/3 Full Class: Presentations of preliminary findings (mentors invited) 4154 LSA

12/10 Full Class: Presentations of preliminary findings (mentors invited) 4154 LSA

12/17 *Research Methods section of thesis due.
**Recommended reading:**

**Quantitative Analysis:**


**Archival research:**


**Content analysis:**

- Klaus Krippendorf and Mary Angela Bock, 2008. *The Content Analysis Reader*.
- Klaus Krippendorf, 2003/2012. *Content Analysis: An Introduction to Its Methodology*

**Interviewing:**


**Getting your writing done:**


**Writing References:**

• ASA Style Guide