

Stalking the Wild Dataset

Note: This is the 1996 syllabus. The 1997 Spring syllabus is under construction. It will be very similar to last year's syllabus. Classes will be held beginning April 9, 1997. The first class only is in room 229 Main Library. All other classes in room 228, Technology Enhanced Classroom, Main Library. Write the instructor, Dan Tsang at dtsang@uci.edu for more info. There is No class April 2.

Social Sciences 208B
Dissertation Workshop
Course code: 68703
Course units: 2
Spring Quarter, 1996, Wednesdays 5-6:50 p.m.
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Description: A new class, it aims to acquaint students with the diversity of data that are available out in the research community, and how to find it. Students will get practical experience creating and documenting a dataset; discuss issues of ethics and privacy relating to data collection and use; discuss data sharing issues; learn how to locate data around the world; and especially learn to use the Internet to locate data.

Text (avail. at UCI Bookstore):

Sharing Social Science Data: Advantages and Challenges, ed. by Joan E. Sieber (Newbury Park, CA: Sage, 1991).

On Reserve in Student Center (across from Main Library entrance):

1. Beyond Conjecture in International Politics: Abstracts of Data-based Research, by Susan D. Jones and J. David Singer (Itasca, IL: Peacock, 1972).
2. Sharing Social Science Data: Advantages and Challenges, ed. by Joan E. Sieber (Newbury Park, CA: Sage, 1991).
3. ICPSR Data Deposit Form
<http://www.icpsr.umich.edu/ICPSR/Archive/Deposit/depositform.html>
4. ICPSR Guide to Resources and Services, 1995-1996
5. ICPSR Guide to Social Science Data Preparation and Archiving
<http://www.icpsr.umich.edu/ICPSR/Archive/Deposit/dpm.html>

Schedule of classes:

1. April 3 Overview
2. April 10 Data? What's that?
For this session, locate recent news articles about data, and be prepared to discuss what you find in

class. Check out WWW News Resource Page
<http://sun3.lib.uci.edu/~dtsang/netnews1.htm> or
the news search engines
<http://sun3.lib.uci.edu/~dtsang/newssrch.htm>

3. April 17 Data Collection and Documentation
For this class, read:
 - a: ICPSR Guide to Social Science Data Preparation and Archiving: Introduction through Technical Aspects...pp. 1-15 on reserve copy.
 - b: Chapter 5 in Sharing Social Science Data
4. April 24 Data Archives: ICPSR's collection
For this session, browse: ICPSR Guide to Resources...
5. May 1 Other Data Archives
For this session, read: Chapter 6 in Sharing Social Science Data.
6. May 8 Different Ways of Getting Data
7. May 15 U.S. Government Data:
Guest Lecturer Kay Collins
kcollins@uci.edu
8. May 22 International Data
9. May 29 Data Sharing
For this session, read:
 - a: ICPSR Guide to Social Science Data...
(Preparing Data for Archiving, 19-22)
 - b: ICPSR Data Deposit Form
 - c: Chapters 1-3, 8-9 of Sharing Social Science Data
10. June 5 Data Confidentiality, Privacy and Ethical Use of Data. For this session, read:
 - a: ICPSR Guide to Social Science Data... (Confidentiality chapter, pp. 17-19 on reserve copy).
 - b: "Sharing Confidential and Sensitive Data" (chapter 4 in Sharing Social Science Data).

Papers or Projects:

1. Write an abstract of a data-based journal article using a format similar to what is in Beyond Conjecture.
Due: April 24.
2. Describe how the trials and tribulations of obtaining an actual dataset (of your choice) for secondary analysis.
Due: May 29
3. Create a questionnaire or coding instrument and a sample dataset with documentation ready for deposit.
Due: June 12.