

**Special Individualized Programs
School of Graduate Studies
Winter 2010 Course**

SPEC 832Y/4 Applied Social Research Doctoral Seminar, 3 credits

Location:

Loyola Campus, VE Building, Room TBC

Dates:

January 21st, 1:00 - 4:00 pm;

February 18th 12:00 - 3:00 pm;

March 18th 1:00 - 4:00 pm;

April 15th 1:00 - 4:00 pm; and

May 11th 1:00-4:00 pm

Instructors:

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Department of Applied Human Sciences*

Description

This seminar on applied social research will provide an incubatory interactive milieu for research involving human participation in and for human systems. The seminar will nurture the development of students' research questions about their research topic. Students will investigate intervention approaches such as, for example, action research, narrative inquiry, process consulting and participatory community research and explore the different epistemological assumptions that might underly such processes. Interest in research and intervention that fosters change in some way is a common ground for seminar members.

Enrollment in this course is limited (8 students for credit, audits as guests welcome with approval of the seminar participants); prospective students should contact Warren Linds (w.linds@sasktel.net).

Learning Objectives

Students will:

1. Develop the ability to reflect on social intervention approaches and the epistemological assumptions behind them.
2. Be able to clarify and position themselves with regards to an epistemological position from which they wish to explore and develop their research.
3. Develop curiosity and creativity in proposing new ideas to extend current research.
4. Design a research proposal using appropriate methodologies for the particular context of the research.