

SPRING 2016
Research Practicum
Sociology 403 A/B

The format for the course combines a seminar with field work conducted outside the classroom.

Research methodology is tailored by students to serve the research questions proposed by the partner organization.

Students will conduct various collaborative research activities such as project development, interviewing, leading focus groups, taking site observations, investigating data sources, analyzing and mapping geographic data. The student researchers will prepare a formal, written report as well as present their research at the end of the quarter.



SOC 403B - SLN 19214
Moving to Better Homes:
Measuring Mobility
Patterns for Persons Living
in Subsidized Housing

Students will conduct research for our community partners – The Seattle and King County Housing Authorities – to measure mobility patterns of persons living in subsidized housing and evaluate the neighborhood quality and opportunities found in their origins and destinations. Where do housing authority residents live and where do they go when they move? How do these locales differ from those communities into which subsidized housing residents do not move? Project team members will develop and execute an applied research project that can improve our knowledge about how to help housing insecure individuals and families across King County enhance their residential and socioeconomic outcomes.

SOC 403A - SLN 19213
Rainier Beach's Safe
Passage Program:
1-Year Impact Study

UW students will partner with Rainier Beach: A Beautiful Safe Place for Youth Initiative and Boys & Girls Club of King County to assess the progress of Safe Passage, a program that aims to reduce crime and youth victimization in south Seattle's Rainier Beach neighborhood by providing a safe zone around neighborhood schools for children and youth, and increases the visibility of neighborhood guardianship. The results from the student-led research will directly inform neighborhood non-arrest strategies that create a safer Rainier Beach neighborhood where youth can thrive.