

## SOC420: Research Methods for Community Change

This course is designed to provide an overview of the history, theory, and methods of participatory community-based research for social change. Communitybased research (CBR) is a collaborative, change-oriented approach to research that equitably engages all partners in the research process and recognizes the unique strengths that each brings. CBR is research that is conducted with and for, not on, members of a community. CBR begins with a research topic based in the needs of communities, and has the aim of combining knowledge with action and achieving social change on behalf of disadvantaged communities or groups. Please note that this course employs service learning and therefore involves significant work outside of the classroom.

**Credit Hour(s):** 3

**Prerequisites:**

SOC111 or 118.

**Program:** [Sociology](#)