The University of Texas at San Antonio
Department of Bicultural Bilingual Studies

BBL 7043 Research Design and Qualitative Analysis for CLL

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Course Description:
The course aims to help students produce rigorous empirical research using qualitative methods: observations, textual analysis, recordings, and especially interviews and focus groups. First, the course focuses on analyzing data. This includes developing analytical tools for organizing your data set, coding transcripts and texts, and developing interpretive categories. Secondly, it focuses on writing up your research. This includes how to write the method chapter of your dissertation. It also includes making decisions about the most effective way to present your data analysis (for example, as a case study or by themes), as well as ways of combining data excerpts, analysis, and interpretation in your write up.

Texts:
Additional readings are posted on WEB-CT.

Evaluation:
Book review: 10%
Interview transcript: 10%
Analysis assignment 1: 10%
Analysis assignment 2: 10%
Project proposal: 10%
Final project: 40%
Attendance and participation in class discussions: 10%
TOTAL 100%
Grades: 90-100 = A  80-89 = B  70-79 = C  Below 70 = no pass