RESEARCH WORKSHOP – 2017

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RESEARCH QUESTIONS AND OBJECTIVES

- Objectives
 - Goals you set out to attain in the study
 - Word them clearly and specifically
 - Main and sub objectives
 - Main overall drive of study main associations and relationship u want to establish/discover
 - Sub specific aspects of the topic u want to investigate
 - Each contain only one aspect of the study
 - Difference between questions and objectives way they are stated
 - Questions are questions… ???
 - Objectives transform questions into behavioral aims use action-oriented phrases (to analyze, to examine, to ascertain, to determine etc.)

QUESTIONS & OBJECTIVES...

- Objectives should be ...
 - Clear
 - Complete Descriptive studies Correlational studies
 - Specific
 - Identify main variables
 - Identify direction of relationship
- Hypothesis testing

- NB: for Some objectives first then questions. Or one or the other...
- Be careful about wording it determines the type of research design

FIRST: identify Variables and indicators

Topic: The effect of living environment on students' performance

Variable 1

Living environment

- Sanitation facilities
- Safe water supply
- Residential condition

Variable 2

Students' performance

- Grades
- Class attendance
- Class participation

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Research objectives

. Sanitation environment students' performance

- . Examine
- . Assess
- . Analyze
- . Investigate
- . Ascertain

. Sanitation facilities
.Impact
.Influence
.Effect
. Residential condition

. Students' performance

NEXT...

- Assess objectives
 - Feasibility of achieving them
 - Consider time, resources, technical expertise
- Double check
 - Interested and enthusiasm?
 - Resources?

Reference

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