The Session Long Project (SLP) for this course requires that you complete a matrix in which you align common characteristics of the research process to each research methodology identified (see below). You will also write a narrative essay to accompany this matrix, in which you describe the research characteristics and their applicability to each specific quantitative and qualitative research methodology.

The overall Session Long Project consists of four module assignments. You will complete a portion of the matrix in each module, and also submit a 3- to 4-page accompanying essay for each module.

Successful completion of the Session Long Project will produce a matrix that is completely filled-in with information, and a 12- to 16-page accompanying narrative essay.

**Matrix**

You must complete the matrix below as you proceed through the course. The Session Long Project assignment will describe the portion of the matrix to be completed each module.

The Matrix can be thought of as a study guide or a handout that can be used as the direction for writing a research paper. Not all of the cells will require a great deal of writing, but if simply writing Dependent or Independent does not explain the relevance, then write what is required. You will not need this in each cell, but provide an explanation in cells as needed for clarity of idea(s). References and citations will be required for some of the cells. Be complete in your work; if you have a future research course or if you were to share the matrix with a friend, could it be used as you have developed it?

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|  | **Experimental Research** | **Correlational Study** | **Survey Research** | **Grounded Theory** | **Ethnogra- phy** | **Case Study** | **Narrative Research** | **Mixed Method** | **Action Research** |
| **Type of Research** |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |
| **Purpose**  |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |
| **Example of Research Problem** |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |
| **Type of Research Questions** |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |
| **Type of Variables** |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |
| **Role of Literature Review** |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |
| **Sample Population** |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |
| **Data Collection** |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |
| **Data Analysis** |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |
| **Evaluation of Findings** |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |

**Submitting Your Assignments**

You must submit each module’s SLP assignment (including the progressively completed matrix and accompanying 3- to 4-page essay) at the same time that you submit each module’s Case Assignment.

The following sections will contribute to your overall SLP narrative essay:

**Module 1** – Overview of the Research Process (Including: Types of Research and Examples of Research Methodologies)