Syllabus
PT 172 Clinical Investigations and Ethics in Psychoanalysis
N. Kirman Fall 2013

Tue. 5:30-7:10
30 Clock Hours

Course Description
This course introduces students to a variety of research methodologies that have been used to study psychoanalytic questions. Contemporary methodological concepts are introduced and the problems inherent in psychoanalytic investigations involving clinical materials are explored. Students learn how psychoanalytic methods are used to infer hidden meanings behind irrational behaviors, beliefs, perceptions, and emotions. Ethical issues that arise in the practice of psychoanalysis are discussed.

This course will cover the research methods used in psychoanalysis with a particular emphasis on the single case study. It will provide a preliminary review of the tools available for psychoanalytic research as well as some of the critical issues in doing psychoanalytic research.

Objectives
The student will be able to:
- identify and define a variety of research methods used in psychoanalysis;
- provide a review of the tools available for psychoanalytic research;
- define and discuss issues involved in conducting psychoanalytic research;
- distinguish among observation, inference, assumption; and
- discuss and assess the ethical dilemmas involved in psychoanalytic research and practice

Method of evaluation
Students will be evaluated based on class participation, written logs, and a case study written over the course of the semester.

Assigned Readings
Class 1

Class 2

Class 3

Class 4
Class 5

Class 6

Class 7

Class 8

Class 9

Class 10

Class 11

Class 12


Class 13

Class 14