TAKE HOME EXAM (30% of grade)

Due Wednesday, December 7, 1:00 PM in Doty’s UTA mailbox

Please answer both questions below as directed, adhering to the page limits indicated. Use the particular sources I direct you to, but also feel free to use other sources you deem appropriate, e.g., textbooks or other readings from this class this semester, class notes, sources from other iSchool courses, your own reading, and so on.

I ask that you do NOT discuss the questions with anyone else, including other members of the class.

Please label the questions you are answering in your response, and be sure that your answers are:

- Word-processed and double-spaced
- Printed double-sided
- Paginated
- 12-point font – I reiterate, 12-point font
- Submitted with a title page with your name, the date, INF 397C, and titled Take Home Exam.

Be sure to include a list of references at the end of your exam in APA format.

1. (15 points, 3 double-spaced pages)

   What does it mean to infer to a population from a sample? Why is doing so valuable?

   In order to answer this question, please use and cite at least TWO (2) of the empirical studies we have read together as a class this semester to illustrate and bolster your argument.

2. (15 points, 3 double-spaced pages)

   One of the questions that animate discussions of research methods currently is whether we can usefully employ and contrast terms such as “qualitative methods,” “quantitative methods,” and “mixed methods.” What is your opinion about that controversy?

   To address this question, you MUST use and cite at least Bergman (2008a), Bergman (2008b), and Fidel (2008). I also encourage you to use and cite any chapters from Wildemuth (2009) and Babbie (2007) you regard appropriate, although you are NOT required to do so.

References


