

# SOC 321: Module 1 Focus Questions and Key Terms

## Focus Questions

- 1) What is the goal of social scientific research?
- 2) What is the relationship between theories and hypotheses?
- 3) What is SPSS?
- 4) Why are we using SPSS in this course?
- 5) What is the difference between dependent and independent variables?
- 6) What is the GSS?
- 7) How is the GSS conducted?
- 8) How can 2,023 individuals give an accurate view of the entire American population?
- 9) How do you access SPSS?
- 10) How do you open a file in SPSS?
- 11) How is the data view different from the variable view?
- 12) How do you get help in SPSS?
- 13) How can you find information on variables in SPSS?

## Key Terms

<b>Chapter 1</b>		
Theory	Deductive and inductive research	Abbreviated variable name
Concept	Variable (independent, dependent)	Probabilistic
Exhaustive	Categories	Hypothesis
Exclusiveness	Dimensions	
<b>Chapter 3</b>		
GSS	Values	NA (no answer)
Sampling	Values labels	NAP (not applicable)
Representativeness	Hypothesis	DK (don't know)
Sampling error		Missing data
<b>Chapter 4 (SPSS-related concepts)</b>		
Toolbar	Numeric value	Toggling
Respondent	Variable view	Title bar
Dialog box	Value label	Data view
Data editor	Menu bar	Drop-down menu
Record number	Scroll bar	Active cell