This course will explore how community development organizations can draw on social science theories and methodology to improve their understanding of the dynamics of target communities. In consultation with a local non-profit organization a project area will be identified. The class will examine how existing research on neighborhoods and relevant methodologies can be used by community development agencies to develop and evaluate a multi-prong approach to neighborhood revitalization based on grassroots planning and a understanding of social, physical and economic factors that impede or support these efforts. Completion of Sociology 101 is recommended for this course.