

Ultimate goal for the course:

For an issue that concerns you, design an Action Research process that includes the various components of the "Cycles & Epicycles" framework

(given in overview at http://www.faculty.umb.edu/pjt/ActionResearchEpi_Cycles.html and in *Taking Yourself Seriously*.)

Map of materials to support your learning and development

Useful **Tools** for Action Research are included in *Taking Yourself Seriously* (or through links to the webpage above). A form to report glitches in the online version of the materials is available at <http://bit.ly/692glitches>.

Two cross-connected **backbones** to the course process towards the goal (above) = two **portals** to course materials:

SYLLABUS

ASSIGNMENT CHECKLIST

Basic course info, including **key links** assembled at the top & links to take you to each session

Session-by-session overview (in 4 parts: Prep. work for session; Session outline; Follow-up; and Assignments due that session)

Bibliography (with readings accessible by password-protected wikipage)

A sequence of written assignments & presentations building up to the final report on the design of an Action Research process

Each written assignment in the list is linked to the section of **Notes** giving instructions & to **examples from previous students' work**

Participation items
Each item is linked to the section of **Notes** giving instructions

Participation items include **Syllabus Quiz** to undertake **between sessions 1 & 2**, having two parts:
1. **Technological competencies** needed to: bookmark key wikipages, submit assignments, share annotated bookmarks on the web, etc.

& 2. **Initial foot into syllabus & course materials**, with the expectation that it will be more than can be digested at the start (even with buddy help) thus the "quiz" requires formulation of questions to be taken up in class.

NOTES

= Instructions on assignments and participation items, with links to **Tools** which are also included in *Taking Yourself Seriously*

TOOLS for Action Research

(These tools are referred to not only in the Notes for the relevant assignment but also in the session-by-session overview and in the "Cycles & Epicycles" framework.)