Course Project Warm-up #4

Overview   For this warm-up, you will do a pilot study and write a brief progress report. The pilot study will consist of collecting a small amount of data in order to assess how well your data collection process works and to estimate how long it will take you to collect a full set of data.

Specific requirements   Complete your pilot study and submit a progress report by Tuesday, November 20. Your progress report should include

- a brief description of your data collection (number of subjects, time involved, etc.)
- a brief assessment of how well your data collection process will work for your full study
- a description of any significant changes you need to make as a result of what you learn from the pilot study
- a copy of any data collection forms or survey forms you used in the pilot study
- a copy of any data you collected (including a photocopy of any handwritten data)

Comments

- If you think it best to make a significant change to your initial proposal, check with me in person or by e-mail.
- You will need to stay organzied as you start collecting data in a pilot study and the full study. Consider buying a bound notebook to record everything you do on this project, from notes on your ideas at this stage to data from the full study and everything in between.
- Come talk with me or send e-mail if you have questions or want help thinking things through.

Looking ahead   Here's a rough outline of remaining project steps with tentative deadlines:

- Pilot study progress report due Tuesday, November 20.
- Final data due Thursday, December 6.
- Final report due Monday, December 17 (at scheduled final exam time).