**The ‘Starter for Ten’ Thought Plan for Qualitative Research**

**Define the question - What do you want to know?**

Is it a ‘why’, ‘how’, ‘who’ or ‘what’ question? Do you have a hypothesis or other existing data to check and what is it, were did it come from, and what did it say? Is it likely to be a sensitive issue and do you need IRB approval or assistance?

**Define the population - Who will you include in your research?**

Is it one or multiple classes, courses, etc.? How many students/groups of students? Who is in your population? Are there certain student characteristics you want in your population?

**Define the resources - What tools and resources do you have?**

Who can help you? How much time do you have? Will you use a tool to analyze data? Will you have to transcribe data?

**Define the methodology - Now, decide on what method you will use to collect your data -**

SGID, open ended survey questions, focus group, or something else? Why did you choose your method? What are benefits and potential challenges with your choice?

**Craft 1-3 questions for your method**

**What are 3-5 likely codes you will use for your analysis? Will you use parent nodes or hierarchies? What might those look like?**

**Bias check –**

**How might bias appear in your questions, and how will you control bias in your questions?**

**How might bias or influence manifest in your method, and how will you control bias in your method?**

**How might you bring bias to your analysis, and how will you control bias in your analysis?**