KINE 5307 - Research Design in Kinesiology
Course Syllabus - Fall 2008

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COURSE NUMBER: KINE 5390
COURSE NAME: Research Design in Kinesiology
CREDIT: 3 Hours

I. COURSE DESCRIPTION

The application of fundamental research methods to the design and development of a research proposal in kinesiology. Prerequisite: EDFN 5301, KINE 5311.

II. RATIONALE

The course provides students with the skills necessary to conduct a research study in kinesiology.

III. ADOPTED PROFICIENCIES

N/A

IV. TEExES COMPETENCIES

N/A

V. COURSE OBJECTIVES AND OUTCOMES

As a result of successfully completing this course, the student will be able to:

1. list and describe the major steps involved in conducting a research study.
2. describe the steps of the scientific method.
3. briefly define and state the major characteristics of each of five methods of research (historical, descriptive, correlational, causal-comparative, and experimental).
4. use the library and data sources effectively for gathering information (ERIC, CIJE, Education Index, Psychological Abstracts, Dissertation Abstracts International, Medline, other electronic data bases, etc.).
5. formulate a testable hypothesis.
6. describe ethical and legal considerations involved in conducting and reporting educational research.
7. describe the components of a research plan.
8. identify and describe four sampling techniques.
9. list the guidelines for test selection and administration.
10. define, describe, and utilize descriptive and inferential statistics.
11. utilize the computer for data analysis using STATPAK or other data analysis software.
12. develop a research prospectus using form and style as outlined by the American Psychological Association.
13. explain the importance of being a responsible consumer of research information.

VI. COURSE TOPICS

1. Introduction to research in physical activity.
2. Developing the problem and using the literature.
3. Presenting the problem.
4. Formulating the method.
5. Ethical issues in research and scholarship.
6. Becoming Acquainted With Statistical Concepts
7. Statistical Issues in Research Planning and Evaluation
8. Relationships Among Variables
9. Differences Among Groups
10. Nonparametric Techniques
11. Measuring Research Variables
12. Historical Research in Physical Activity
13. Philosophic Research in Physical Activity
14. Research Synthesis (Meta-Analysis)
15. The Survey
16. Other Descriptive Research Methods
17. Physical Activity Epidemiology Research
18. Experimental and Quasi-Experimental Research
19. Qualitative Research
20. Completing the Research Process
21. Ways of Reporting Research

VII. INSTRUCTIONAL METHODS AND ACTIVITIES

A. Traditional Experiences: readings, exams.
B. Online Experiences: instructor presentations, written assignments, videos, interactive websites, online library, quizzes, exams.

VIII. EVALUATION AND GRADE ASSIGNMENTS

COURSE REQUIREMENTS

1. Successful completion of quizzes and exams.
2. Complete all written assignments.
3. Participate in all class activities.
4. Demonstrate computer proficiency through the use WebCT, word processors, e-mail, and the Internet.
5. Each student must submit an acceptable research proposal (grade of 70% or better) in order to receive a passing grade (C or better) in the course.

NOTE: Late assignments will not be accepted. All written work must exhibit a college level competency in spelling, grammar, punctuation, and style. Written work with significant mechanical flaws will not be accepted.

EVALUATION

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1. Written Tests 25%
2. Quizzes 15%
2. Written Assignments 10%
3. Research Proposal 50%

100%

GRADING SCALE
90-100% A
80-89% B
70-79% C
60-69% D
59% or less F

DEFINITION OF GRADES
Grades are distributed according to the following criteria:

F You either fail to do the assignment your work is too far below acceptable standards to merit any consideration. You either completely miss the point of the assignment or disregard critical elements of it.

D You demonstrate that you understood the assignment, but constructed and presented the material in a less than satisfactory way. Your performance was sub-standard relative to normal expectations.

C You complete an assignment that the average student, working the average amount of time should be expected to prepare. Your work is complete but in no way exceptional or deserving of extra attention.

B You exceed expectations. Your preparation and delivery serve as examples of the proper concepts and practices. All of the required material is plainly in evidence, and your work is fluid and smooth.
A Your work obviously stands out from that of the normal body of students. You serve as a role model for how the assignment should be carried out. You are creative and energetic, expanding the boundaries of the assignment.

IX. COURSE POLICIES

ATTENDANCE POLICY
Students are required to punctually attend all class meetings. Excused absences are limited to participation in a TAMUCC sanctioned event or participation in a religious holy day as outlined in the University catalog. Any assignment, quiz, or test missed due to a TAMUCC sanctioned event must be completed prior to the absence. Coursework, assignments, and quizzes may not be made up due to tardiness. **Consistent and punctual attendance is critical to the successful completion of this course.**

STUDENT CONDUCT
Professional behavior is expected of all students. Inappropriate class conduct (cursing, disruption, etc.) may result in a reduced final grade or failure of the course. All cell phones will be turned off or to the inaudible mode during class. Do not answer a call during class. Do not leave the classroom to answer a call, unless you anticipate an emergency call and warn me prior to class.

**NOTE: Please be aware that no food or drink (including water) is allowed in the lab. Please leave all food or drink outside of the classroom.**

CONDITIONS THAT AFFECT PARTICIPATION
**Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) -**The ADA is a federal anti-discrimination statute that provides comprehensive civil rights protection for persons with disabilities. Among other things, this legislation requires that all students with disabilities be guaranteed a learning environment that provides for reasonable accommodation of their disability. If you believe you have a disability requiring an accommodation, you must contact the Disability Services Office (DSO) at (361)825-5816 or visit the office in Driftwood 101. Any accommodations needed are required to come through the DSO. The DSO will then contact your professor and set up necessary provisions. Do not seek accommodations directly from your professor because professors do not have the authority to make such decisions/modifications.

ACADEMIC HONESTY
University students are expected to conduct themselves in accordance with the highest standards of academic honesty. Academic misconduct for which a student is subject to penalty includes all forms of cheating, such as illicit possession of examinations or examination materials, forgery, or plagiarism. (Plagiarism is the presentation of the work of another as one’s own work.)

Disciplinary action for academic misconduct is the responsibility of the faculty member assigned to the course. The faculty member is charged with assessing the gravity of any case of academic dishonesty, and with giving sanction to any student involved. Penalties that may be applied to individual cases of academic dishonesty include one or more of the following:
1. Written reprimand;
2. Requirement to re-do work in question;
3. Requirement to submit additional work;
4. Lowering of grade on work in question;
5. Assigning grade of “F” to work in question;
6. Assigning grade of “F” for course;
7. Recommendation for more severe punishment.

If the faculty member determines that assigning a grade of “F” to the course is the appropriate penalty and this disciplinary action occurs prior to the deadline for dropping courses, the student forfeits his/her right to drop the course in question.

The faculty member may file a record of cases of academic dishonesty, including a description of the disciplinary action taken, along with any materials involved, with his or her college dean and the Office of Student Affairs. The office of the academic dean of the college in which the offense took place will maintain records of all cases of academic dishonesty reported for a period of not more than two years.

Any student who has been penalized for academic dishonesty has the right to appeal the judgment or the penalty assessed. The Appeals Procedure will be the same as that specified for grade appeals. The grade appeals procedure may be found in the University Rules manual.

NOTE: Printing online tests and/or quizzes is strictly prohibited.

X. TEXTBOOK


XI. BIBLIOGRAPHY


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Syllabus Acknowledgment Form

I, (print name)____________________________________________, certify by my signature that I have read and understand the class policies that have been presented in the class syllabus for KINE 5390-Research Design in Kinesiology at Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi.

Signature __________________________________ Date __________________