

Department of Criminal Justice and Criminology
COURSE CRIJ #3378.15
Introduction to Research Method (Online) Writing Enhanced
Fall 2017

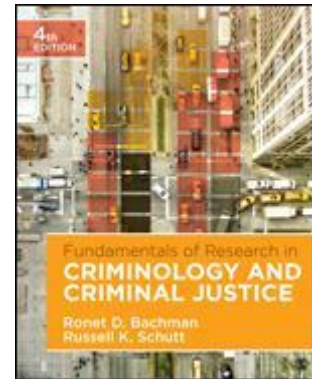
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Classroom: Online
Class hours: Online
Credit Hours: 3
Office Hours: Email Only

Textbook

Required:

Bachman, R. D. & Schutt, R. K. (2013). Fundamentals of Research in Criminology and Criminal Justice (4th Ed.). Los Angeles: Sage Publication. ISBN 9781506359571



Course Description and Objectives

This course introduces you the basic and principal methods used in the field of criminology and criminal justice. Topics that will be covered in this class are divided into four sections, including (1) the foundation for scientific inquiry in criminal justice, (2) key concepts and components of research design, (3) different types of research design and their procedures to conduct, and (4) brief introduction to data analysis and interpretation. You will be asked to apply the materials covered above to your own research proposal.

By the end of this semester, you will be expected to:

- Identify important terminologies and concepts related to research design in the field of criminology and criminal justice.
 - Apply different types of research designs to different research questions.
 - Distinguish well-designed research from poorly designed and unethical research.
 - Efficiently find academic resource to solve research questions related to criminology and criminal justice.
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Course Requirement and Grading

Quizzes	200
Research Paper	100

Grading scale:	A:	100-90%	270 – 300 points
	B:	89-80%	240 – 269
	C:	79-70%	210 – 239
	D:	69-60%	180 – 209
	E:	<60%	< 180

This is a “W” course which means that at least 50 percent of your course grade will derive from writing activities designed to help you master course objectives

Quizzes

There will be 10 open-book quizzes. Chapter 1 to 7 and Chapter 10 will have a quiz for each chapter, but Chapter 8 and 9 will be in one quiz and Chapter 11 and 12 will be in one quiz. Each quiz is 20 points. In each quiz, there will be 10 multiple choices (1 point for each) and 2 short answer questions (5 points for each). Quizzes are due on Sunday midnight (23:59 pm) of that material’s week (see schedule at the bottom in details). Each quiz only allows one attempt with force completion and you will have one hour to finish your quiz.

Make-up Exams

Make-up exams for quizzes are allowed only if you provide certain document to prove you have to miss the deadline.

Research Proposal

Each student is asked to complete a research proposal on a crime or criminal justice related research topic. Your paper would include an Introduction, Literature Review, and Methods section. You also need a reference page for all the articles, books, and other sources you cite in your paper. Use APA format for the paper, in-text citations, and the reference page. You will have 5 deadlines for the research topic, introduction, literature review, methods, and the whole draft. See the schedule at the end of the syllabi for details.

1. Research topic: 1-2 sentences describing your research topic or research question
2. Introduction: 1 page on brief introduction to your research proposal
3. Literature review: 3-5 pages on what previous studies found on this research topic
4. Methods: 2-3 pages on how you will design a study to answer your research question
5. Whole draft: includes all the above, a title page, and a reference page, abstract is not needed

Academic Honesty

Academic dishonesty of any kind (e.g. plagiarism, cheating) will not be tolerated. Students found to have plagiarized or cheated will receive a failing grade for the course. If a cell phone is visible during an exam, the student will receive a zero for that test. There will also be disciplinary actions at the university level. Further information concerning academic honesty can be found at:

<http://www.shsu.edu/dept/academic-affairs/aps/aps-students.html>

Disabled Student Policy and Services for Disabled Students

Any student with a disability that affects his/her academic performance should contact the Office of Services for Students with Disabilities in the SHSU counseling center (Lee Drain Building North Annex, telephone 936-294-3512, TDD 936-294-3786) to request accommodations. Reasonable accommodations will be provided to students who have a documented disability. Please notify the Professor during the first week of classes. Failure to do so may result in the accommodations being unavailable. Further information regarding SHSU policy can be found at: <http://www.shsu.edu/dept/academic-affairs/aps/aps-students.html>

Student Absences on Religious Holy Day Policy

In accordance with SHSU policy, students who wish to be absent on a religious holy day must provide written documentation to the Professor prior to the day. If the religious holy day coincides with the date an assignment is due, the assignment will be due during the next class period. If the religious holy day coincides with an exam, the student and professor will agree upon a timely make-up date. Further information regarding this policy can be found at: <http://www.shsu.edu/dept/academic-affairs/aps/aps-students.html>

Email Correspondence

Email is the best way to reach your instructor after class. I will respond you within 48 hours. If I may not address your question or concern within 24 hours, I will let you know in advance. Email should be sent in a formal and professional style. Always put CRIJ 3378 or Methods of Research in your title line as this will help me respond to your emails promptly. Do not use emoji in your email, except for smiling face ☺, because I want you to think positively every day.

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Toll Free: (877) 759-2232
E-mail: blackboard@shsu.edu

Dedicated personnel available:
Monday - Saturday
7:00 am – Midnight CST

Chat with the Support Desk:
Monday - Friday, 7am - 6pm CST

For questions about your email account, or password assistance, please refer to the IT@Sam Help Desk:

Phone: (936) 294-1950
Email: helpdesk@shsu.edu
Monday-Thursday: 7:30am - 9pm CST
Friday: 7:30am - 6pm CST

Tentative Course Schedule

Dates	Topics	Assignment due
Week 1 (Aug. 23 – Aug. 27)	Read syllabus	Nothing due
Week 2 (Aug. 28 – Sept. 03)	Chapter 1	Quiz 1 due at midnight on Sept. 03 Research topic due at midnight on Sept. 01
Week 3 (Sept. 04 – Sept. 10)	Chapter 2	Quiz 2 due at midnight on Sept. 10
Week 4 (Sept. 11 – Sept. 17)	Chapter 3	Quiz 2 due at midnight on Sept. 17 Introduction due at midnight on Sept. 15
Week 5 (Sept. 18 – Sept. 24)	Chapter 4	Quiz 2 due at midnight on Sept. 24
Week 6 (Sept. 25 – Oct. 01)	Chapter 5	
Week 7 (Oct. 02 – Oct. 08)	Chapter 5	Quiz 2 due at midnight on Oct. 08
Week 8 (Oct. 09 – Oct. 15)	Chapter 6	
Week 9 (Oct. 16 – Oct. 22)	Chapter 6	Quiz 2 due at midnight on Oct. 22
Week 10 (Oct. 23 – Oct. 29)	Chapter 7	Literature review due at midnight on Oct. 20
Week 11 (Oct. 30 – Nov. 05)	Chapter 7	Quiz 2 due at midnight on Nov. 05
Week 12 (Nov. 06 – Nov. 12)	Chapter 8 – 9	Quiz 2 due at midnight on Nov. 12
Week 13 (Nov. 13 – Nov. 19)	Chapter 10	Quiz 2 due at midnight on Nov. 19 Methods due at midnight on Nov. 17
Week 14 (Nov. 20 – Nov. 26)	Thanksgiving	
Week 15 (Nov. 27 – Dec. 03)	Chapter 11 – 12	Quiz 2 due at midnight on Dec. 03
Week 16 (Dec. 04 – Dec. 08)	Final week	Whole draft due at midnight on Dec. 04

NOTE: The schedule may be changed during the semester. If anything needs to be changed in the syllabus, students will be noticed in advanced in class and a new version of syllabus will be posted on the Blackboard.