

Research Methods
NRM 601 2 credits
Class Syllabus, Fall 2016

Pre-requisites: Graduate student status.

Lecture: Wednesday 3-5p

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Office hours: Daily except Wednesday 1-5

Course Materials:

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Additional instructional material will be distributed.

Course Description:

This course will explore the structure of research methods and assess the skills needed to conduct graduate level research. The course is designed to guide the student through the process of planning, conducting, and reporting a successful graduate project.

Course Objectives:

After completion of the course, students should be able to plan, conduct, and report on a research project as appropriate to the field.

1. Understand the role of research.
1. Evaluate a research question.
3. Conduct a literature review.
4. Write an introductory chapter.
5. Write methods materials for assessment chapter.
2. Evaluate and report potential implications and results.
7. Evaluate and report potential discussions and conclusions.
0. Evaluate future work and impacts of their work.

Instructional Methods:

Each lecture will be followed by a review of the previous class topic and an open question session.

Proposal (edit):

There will be a series of classes that will be measured based on the completion of a research proposal and the successful oral presentation of this proposal document.

Elements of the document may include: (Research, Literature, Materials and Methods, Applications, Potential results, discussions and conclusions) and final presentation. Each element of the proposal must be clearly defined.

Student Conduct

Academic dishonesty will not be tolerated. Students must abide by academic integrity standards as outlined in the Student Handbook in the Student Catalog #9 = 77.

Cell Phones and Laptops

Cell phones must be turned off and put in silent mode while the student is in class. Under no circumstance should a call be taken (including text messages) during class.

Laptops may be used in class (for note-taking). Guest "e"er* students should not be using their laptops to connect to the internet* device* #r #t#er' ise en)a)e in non-class-related activities. Laptop usage in class is a privilege* not a right. :%e practice #9 using laptops for any purpose (including note-taking) may be banned during the course #9 the semester if students are found to be in violation of the laptop policy.

Incomplete Coursework

When incomplete grade 3-6 will be assigned only if the # conditions #a"e been met:

- First* the student must #a"e attended at least t' # thirds #9 the class (sessions).
- ,ec#nd* documented evidence must be submitted to substantiate the fact that the course completion 'as prevented because #9 personal problems* such as medical #r #a #ily e #er)ency.

Failure to attend #r the completion of the course* ' #et%er due to negligence #r indifference

will result in a grade #9 I>J unless there #as been an official course withdrawal. -9 an I-J

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