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Lecture/Class Meeting Times: 100% Online.

Campus Meeting Place: Pafford - Social Science Bldg. (Carrollton Campus).

Class Meeting Place: CourseDen and 100% Online


COURSE OVERVIEW & DESCRIPTION:

This course will introduce students to research methods. Students will become familiar with the ethnical practices of undertaking research. They will learn the steps they need to take when conducting research, how the measurement and operationalization of a given concept are constructed, and the sampling process. Students will also become familiar with the various methods, such as experiments, surveys, in-depth interviews, mixed methods, qualitative and quantitative data analyses, which social scientists use when they perform research. The course will also introduce students to when and how to use the different methods and when one or more methods can be utilized during the research process.


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Course Prerequisite(s): Introductory Sociology 1101.

Technology: To be successful in this course, you must be able to use the UWG’s CourseDen and be computer literate. You must be able to properly upload your documents, submit assignments, and use reply and discussion boards efficiently through a computer.

Attendance and Encouragement: Read the assigned readings in each module each week. It will make the learning process easier for you. More importantly, the material being covered will not be totally new to you if you go through the assigned readings before each assignment is due. You are responsible for all due assignments, they must be submitted on time and in CourseDen. Students are required to visit CourseDen daily to view all course materials. This means reading chapters and submitting assignments when they are due.

CourseDen: This course uses CourseDen; it is the University of West Georgia’s online course management system. See CourseDen regularly for course updates and assignments. Your grades on all exams, assignments, and labs will also be posted on CourseDen.

Support in the Course: If you need my help in understanding the material, you must give me notification a day in advance. The days that you can email me for help with home-works should fall between Mondays and Thursdays. Send me the questions a day in advance. We can then communicate over email or in voice on how to solve the problem. I recommend that you should not email me for help on a Friday, given that quizzes are due on Saturdays most week.

Quizzes: You will be assigned four quizzes, and the questions in the quizzes will reflect textbook readings. The quizzes are multiple choice (usually 50 questions each). Please follow the instructions of each question when conducting your quizzes in CourseDen. Quizzes will generally be due on Saturdays. Your quiz must reflect your understanding of the course materials. You cannot copy other students’ work. Late quizzes will not be accepted. Each quiz contributes eighteen points seventy-five percent each to your final grade (18.75% each). All quizzes are posted and must be submitted on CourseDen.

Submitted Project: There will be a submitted project. Directions on it will be posted in course-den. This project requires that you write well. The questions and page numbers will be posted on course-den. The project will contribute 25% to your final grade. This assignment must be submitted on course-den.

Late Works: Apart from extraordinary situations, I will not accept late work. You are expected to meet most deadlines.

University of West Georgia Department of Sociology’s Principle on Academic Integrity: In this course, students are expected to abide by the department of sociology’s academic integrity principle. The department states that “the presence of academic dishonesty in particular frustrates the effort to create and sustain an academic culture and community that nurtures student growth and development.” It is also against any form of academic dishonesty as it states that “integrity [ ]
should characterize communities both within academia and without [it], is corrupted by the threat of untruthfulness, deceit, and fraud.” In this course, we will all live up to the department’s principle on academic integrity. You must abide by the principles stated in the UWG’s Academic Honor Code, which stands against cheating, plagiarism, and academic dishonesty and lack of integrity. For more information on this, see the UWG Student Handbook: https://www.westga.edu/administration/vpsa/ocs/assets/docs/2016_2017_UWG_Student_Planner.pdf.

Dishonesty on Assignments: Any submitted assignments with plagiarism and/or copying of textbook authors’ or classmates words will be graded an automatic zero. There is no exception.

University Language for Course Syllabi: See http://www.westga.edu/assetsDept/vpaa/Common_Language_for_Course_Syllabi.pdf for UWG’s academic support information.

Center for Academic Success: To succeed academically and enhance your learning, please visit the Center for Academic Success at https://www.westga.edu/cas/.

University Writing Center: For the university writing center, please visit the website at https://www.westga.edu/writing/.

University Counseling: Visit https://www.westga.edu/UWGCaress/ for more information and for online counselling information please visit https://www.westga.edu/student-services/counseling/online-counseling.php.

University of West Georgia’s Disability Statement: UWG is committed to giving students with disabilities a quality education by providing access to campus resources and opportunities. If you have a disability-related need for reasonable academic adjustments in this course, contact the Accessibility Services Accommodations (ASA) at (678)839-6428 or by email at counseling@westga.edu. For further information regarding ASA, please visit the Accessibility Services Accommodations web site at https://www.westga.edu/student-services/counseling/accessibility-services.php. To accommodate any of your disability needs, I need a letter of accommodation from ASA.

Campus Emergencies: Information about campus emergencies and weather delays are announced on UWG website, www.westga.edu or enroll in Wolf Alert. Further campus emergency information can be obtained from UWG Police’ website at https://www.westga.edu/police/index.php. To contact the university police dial (678)-839-6000, and for weather information call the Department of University Police Weather Line (678)-839-6200.

University Carry Policy: See https://www.westga.edu/police/policies.php for UWG’s carry information.

Grading System:

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**Grading: There will not be any rounding up of grades.**
## Course Schedule:

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| Chapters 1, 2, 3, & 4 | Introduction chap. 1 for (Week 1-2, Aug 14 - Aug 24)  
Science and Social Research chap. 2 (Week 1-2, Aug 14 - Aug 24)  
The Ethics and Politics of Research chap. 3 (Week 3, Aug 25 - Aug 31)  
Research Designs chap 4 (Week 4, Sep 1 - Sep 7)  
**Sep 2 no classes Labor Day** |       |      |
| Chapters 1, 2, 3, & 4 | **Saturday, Sep 7** | Quiz 1 |      |
| Chapters 5, 6, & 7 | Measurement chap 5 (Week 5, Sep 8 – Sep 14)  
Sampling chap 6 (Week 6, Sep 15 – Sep 21)  
Experiments chap 7 (Week 7, Sep 22 – Sep 28) |       |      |
| Chapters 5, 6, & 7 | **Saturday, Sep 28** | Quiz 2 |      |
| Chapters 8, 9, 10 & 11 | **Oct 3-4 Fall Break; No classes**  
Surveys chap 8 (Week 8-9, Sep 29 – Oct 12)  
Field Research and In-depth Interviews chap 9 (Week 10, Sep 13- Sep 19)  
Existing Data Analysis chap 10 (Week 11, Sep 20 - Sep 26)  
Multiple Methods chap 11 (Week 12, Sep 27 – Nov 2) |       |      |
| Chapters 8, 9, 10 & 11 | **Saturday, Nov 2** | Quiz 3 |      |
| Chapters 12, 13, & 14 | Quantitative Data Analysis chap 12 (Week 13, Nov 3 – Nov 9)  
Qualitative Data Analysis chap 13 (Week 14, Nov 10 – Nov 16)  
Reading and Writing in Social Research chap 14 (Week 15, Nov 17 – Nov 23) |       |      |
| Chapters 12, 13 & 14 | **Saturday, Nov 23** | Quiz 4 |      |
|           | **Thanksgiving Holiday no classes (Week 16, Nov 24 - Nov 29)**                    |       |      |
|           | **Submitted Project (Week 16-17, Nov 30 – Dec 7)**  
**Last Day to Submit Project is, Saturday, Dec 7 (this is the last day of classes by UWG policy)** | Final Project Due |      |
|           | **Final Exam Week (Dec 7- Dec 13)**                                              |       |      |

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