

CRIJ 5397
Master's Thesis I
Independent Study

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COURSE DESCRIPTION:

CRIJ 5397 is an Independent Study format where Students work directly with their Thesis Chair to accomplish the following goals over the course of one semester

LEARNING OBJECTIVES:

Step 1. Finalize 3-member thesis committee (thesis chair, one faculty from CJ Dept, one faculty from a different department at UTEP or from a CJ/Criminology Department at a different University)

Step 2. Complete IRB Training through CITIprogram.org

Step 3. Get IRB Approval to conduct research- Complete IRB packet and submit through IRB Net

Step 4. Submit a Thesis Outline of the Chapters to Your Thesis Chair

Step 5. Write Thesis Proposal

Step 6. Finalize Written Proposal. Share Proposal with 2 other committee members for their comments.

Step 7. Schedule and Orally Defend Thesis Proposal in front of committee

READINGS:

Consult the latest edition of the American Psychological Association Style Guide online at: <https://apastyle.apa.org/> for short summary guides on citing and references

or

https://owl.purdue.edu/owl/research_and_citation/apa_style/apa_formatting_and_style_guide/general_format.html

COURSE-RELATED POLICIES

UTEP WRITING CENTER

I expect your proposal to be free of all grammar and spelling errors. The University Writing Center is located in the UTEP Library. It is a great place to receive help with editing your written papers, and with APA style assistance. They are open M-Th 9:00-5:00 pm, Fr 9:00-2:00 pm, and Sundays 12:00-5:00pm. Appointments are recommended, but they will take walk-ins.

ACADEMIC DISHONESTY

Academic dishonesty includes use of artificial intelligence, and/or plagiarism.

a) Plagiarism includes: (1) use by paraphrase or direct quotation of the published or unpublished work of another person without fully and properly crediting the author with citations or biographical reference; (2) unacknowledged use of work/materials prepared by another person or agency engaged in the selling of term papers or other academic materials; (3) unacknowledged use of original work/material that has been produced through collaboration with others without release in writing from collaborators.

b) Artificial Intelligence (AI) Use of AI technologies or automated tools, particularly generative AI such as ChatGPT or DALL-E, is not allowed for assignments in this class. Each student is expected to use critical and creative thinking skills to complete tasks and not rely on computer-generated ideas. Any direct use of AI-generated materials submitted as your own work will be treated as plagiarism and reported to the Office of Student Conduct and Conflict Resolution (OSCCR).

c) Response to Academic Dishonesty: Per UTEP policy, Each student's thesis will be subjected to Turnitin.com to check the absence of plagiarism. For students who are found to have allegedly engaged in any form of academic dishonesty, the case will be referred to the Office of Student Conduct and Conflict Resolution (OSCCR). While the case is being investigated by OSCCR, an "I" (Incomplete) will be assigned. If the student is found by OSCCR to have engaged in misconduct, sanctions may include a failing grade in the course, suspension, or dismissal from the University (sanctions depend on violation severity).