

PROPAGANDA AND INFLUENCE OPERATIONS
DEPARTMENT OF CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND SECURITY STUDIES
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II. TEXTBOOK

None

III. COURSE OBJECTIVES

Upon satisfactory completion of this course, you will be able to:

1. Understand optimal procedures for experimental study data collection in an area of criminal justice or psychology and law.
2. Carry out the procedures for data collection for a specific experimental study in an area of criminal justice or psychology and law.

IV. COURSE CATALOG DESCRIPTION

This course is designed for the advanced student who is capable of independent study. Existing regulations, both formal and informal, which govern practitioners in the area of criminal justice will be examined. This course may be repeated for credit when the topics vary.

V. COURSE REQUIREMENTS

A. Attend lab meetings

Meetings will be held on a weekly basis to assess the progress of data collection and discuss any updates or concerns. The student is expected to attend all scheduled lab meetings and adhere to instructions during those meetings.

B. Attend scheduled experimental sessions

The student is expected to attend all scheduled experimental sessions and to be prepared to

carry out their duties professionally and correctly. If a student is unable to attend a scheduled experimental session, they are expected to notify the professor well in advance so that a replacement may be found.

C. Complete data collection tasks correctly and in a timely manner

Students must complete assigned tasks in a timely manner. They must ensure that they fully understand all instructions and be conscientious about carrying out the tasks correctly.

VI. GRADING SCALE AT THE END

Grade	Attend lab meetings	Attend experimental sessions	Complete data collection tasks
A	Consistently attended lab meetings and incorporated updates into data collection tasks	Consistently attended experimental sessions and carried out tasks professionally and correctly	Consistently completed tasks in a timely manner and completed tasks correctly
B	Mostly attended lab meetings and incorporated updates into data collection tasks	Missed several experimental sessions but carried out tasks professionally and correctly	Occasionally completed tasks late but completed tasks correctly
C	Sporadically attended lab meetings; did not incorporate update into data collection tasks	Missed several attended experimental sessions and made regular mistakes during tasks	Often completed tasks late or completed some tasks incorrectly
D	Rarely attended lab meetings; did not incorporate update into data collection tasks	Rarely attended experimental sessions and made regular mistakes during tasks	Sporadically completed tasks and completed some tasks incorrectly
F	Never attended lab meetings	Never attended experimental sessions	Completed few, if any, tasks

NOTE: Final grades are not curved.

VII. INCOMPLETE GRADE POLICY

Incomplete grades may be requested only in exceptional circumstances after you have completed at least half of the course requirements. Talk to me immediately if you believe an incomplete is warranted. If granted, we will establish a contract of work to be completed with deadlines.

VIII. TECHNOLOGICAL REQUIREMENTS

Students are able to use the laboratory equipment, including computers and cameras, to carry out the experimental tasks. In some cases, such as coding videos, students may wish to carry out their tasks on their own computer. If they choose to do this, they must abide by the following:

1. Students must have a OneDrive account so that they can access the shared OneDrive folder. The instructor can show them how to access their UTEP OneDrive account, if needed.
2. **Students may never delete a file from a shared OneDrive folder.**
3. **Students may never keep a file with participant data on their computer's hard drive.** In some cases, it may be necessary to temporarily download a video file to view it, but students must immediately delete the file from their hard drive (not from the OneDrive folder!) after viewing the video. Other files, such as spreadsheets are accessible to edit without downloading.
4. Inappropriate use of participant data will be grounds for a report to the Office of Student Conduct and Conflict Resolution.

IX. STUDENTS WITH SPECIAL NEEDS

The University is committed to providing reasonable accommodations to students with documented disabilities. Students who become pregnant may also request reasonable accommodations, in accordance with state and federal laws and regulations and University policy. Accommodations that constitute undue hardship are not reasonable. To make a request, please register with the UTEP Center for Accommodations and Support Services (CASS). Contact CASS at 915-747-5148, email them at cass@utep.edu, or apply for accommodations online via the CASS portal.

X. COURSE DROP POLICY

If unforeseen circumstances happen where a drop is necessary, you are responsible for initiating any course drop. It is your responsibility to determine how dropping courses may affect financial aid. **Some students are limited in the number of courses they may drop over their entire academic career of all courses taken at any public college or University in Texas.**

If a course is dropped before the "official census date," the course will not appear on the transcript, and doesn't count toward the drop limit.

Dropping a course after the official census date, but before the "course drop date" will generate a "W" in the course—although the drop shows on your transcript, a "W" does not lower your GPA. However, a "W" counts against your drop limit.

If the course is dropped after the "course drop date" or if you just stop participating, taking tests, etc., UTEP requires the instructor to issue an "F" in the course that permanently remains on the transcript.

Students will be dropped from the course if they stop attending the experimental sessions or completing the experimental tasks assigned to them or if they are regularly carrying out their tasks incorrectly or unprofessionally. Students will be given multiple warnings about their performance prior to the instructor taking this course of action.

XI. STUDENT CONDUCT

According to University policy, “The Texas Department of Public Safety defines a concealed handgun as a handgun, the presence of which is not openly discernible to the ordinary observation of a reasonable person. This same definition is utilized at UTEP. At all times, the handgun must be on or about the license holder’s body or secured and concealed safely.” This means that handguns may not be openly displayed on campus.

XII. UTEP EDGE STATEMENT

The UTEP Edge is our philosophy that acknowledges the many assets our students bring to the University. We provide a variety of high-impact experiences both in and out of the classroom through work of our faculty, staff, alumni, and community partners that build on these assets and talents. Participation in faculty research is an opportunity for students to obtain skills and knowledge in research methodology, preparing the way for future student research and possible pursuit of post-graduate education.

XIII. ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

UTEP provides a variety of student services and support. Please refer to the QR code below for a listing of campus resources.

