

CRIJ 4399- Research Practicum

Fall 2021

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Class Dates: August 23rd- December 3rd

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Course Overview and Objectives:

Students will complete a research project resulting in a professional quality report that provides an investigative review of a topic/issue chose by the student.

Recommended Readings can be found in Blackboard

Summary of Course Requirements:

Research Proposal	100 points
Research Project Components	100 points
Research Project	100 points

GRADING SCALE: 300 points possible

Details of Course Requirements:

This class is somewhat self-paced. You will have several assignments due throughout the semester, but you will have to be responsible for pacing yourself. If you fail to submit any of the assignments, you will receive a zero on that assignment.

Research Project:

Students are required to produce a research paper within the fields of criminal justice. Students are encouraged highly to employ structured analytic techniques and established social science methodologies in developing their own project. Students choose their own project topic based upon their academic and intellectual interests and the approval of their faculty supervisor. It is the responsibility of the student to conduct their own research and write their research project independently.

Students will develop initially a research proposal no longer than 1 page. The research proposal will include all the following elements:

- 1) A research question
- 2) A paragraph providing background information about the topic
- 3) A few sentences explaining the significance and relevance of the problem
- 4) A paragraph explaining the research design and research strategy

Students will then produce a project paper of approximately 10-15 pages. Each component will be submitted individually, where you will get feedback to make corrections before submitting a final project. Your paper needs to include the following sections:

- 1) An introduction that explains fully the research question or problem under examination with an emphasis on its relevance and significance
- 2) An overview of the literature that explains the phenomena you are researching.
- 3) An examination and application of theory that applies to the social problem associated with the topic.
- 4) Analysis and implications of the results of literature review and theoretical application.
- 5) A conclusion that summarizes the principal research findings.

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Students will be responsible to schedule regular meeting times with the professor to discuss progress on the paper. You should plan to revise your research project several times before arriving at a final draft. You also should take the initiative to seek help from your faculty supervisor when necessary.

Instructor's Policies

Late Work: **Late submissions will not be accepted.** Due dates are posted. Plan accordingly. You can submit all assignments early.

Disability:

Students with a disability that affects their academic performance are expected to arrange a meeting with the instructor so that appropriate strategies can be considered to ensure that participation and achievement opportunities are not impaired. Students with disabilities are required to notify the Center for Accommodations and Support Services for accommodations, cass@utep.edu; 915-747-5148; Union East Rm 106.

ACADEMIC DISHONESTY:

Academic dishonesty includes cheating on an exam, turning in someone else's assignment from a previous class, or plagiarism: "(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."

I take cases of alleged academic dishonesty seriously. 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 until the case is resolved. If the student is found by OSCCR to have engaged in misconduct, sanctions may include a failing grade on the assignment or exam in question, a failing grade in the course, suspension, or dismissal from the University. See <http://www.utep.edu/dos>

UTEP Drop Policy

If unforeseen circumstances happen where a drop is necessary, *students* are responsible for initiating any course drop. It is the student's responsibility to determine how dropping courses may affect financial aid. **Students are limited to dropping no more than 6 courses over their entire academic career of all courses taken at any public college or University in Texas.** If a student withdraws completely from this class kindly notify Dr. Ordonez at saordonez@utep.edu.

CONTRACT

By reading this syllabus and remaining enrolled in the class, you are agreeing to the terms of the contract. If you have any questions, please email Dr. Ordonez (saordonez@utep.edu).

RECORDING OF CLASS & COPYRIGHT STATEMENT

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All assignments will be submitted in Blackboard

Research Proposal	Due 9/12/2021	100 points
Introduction	Due 9/26/2021	20 points
Literature Review	Due 10/10/21	20 points
Theoretical application	Due 10/24/2021	20 points
Analysis/Implications	Due 11/7/2021	20 points
Conclusion	Due 11/21/2021	20 points
Final Project and Presentation	Due 12/8/2021	100 points

Important Note: You will need to plan to meet with me in week 1, week 4, week 8, week 12 and during final's week. This can be done either virtually or in person; you will be responsible for scheduling these appointments with me.