# **Cover Sheet: Request 12146**

# FYC4XXX--Advanced Social Research Methods

#### Info

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# Actions

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# Responses

Recommended PrefixFYC
Course Level 4
Number XXX
Category of Instruction Advanced
Lab Code None
Course TitleAdvanced Social Research Methods
Transcript TitleAdv Research Methods
Degree TypeBaccalaureate

Delivery Method(s)4637On-Campus Co-ListingNo Co-Listing ExplanationN/A Effective Term Earliest Available Effective Year2019 Rotating Topic?No Repeatable Credit?No

Amount of Credit3
If variable, # min 0
If variable, # max0
S/U Only?No
Contact Type Regularly Scheduled
Weekly Contact Hours 3

**Course Description** Advanced Social Research Methods is a 3-credit advanced course in the design, implementation, and interpretation of social research. Advanced standing undergraduate students work as part of a social research team. Students collaboratively conduct original social research under faculty supervision and produce a manuscript suitable for submission to a scholarly outlet.

Prerequisites FYC4801 and Instructor approval.

Co-requisites N/A

Rationale and Placement in Curriculum This is an advanced research methods course offering upper division undergraduate students an opportunity to gain additional and higher level research training. Undergraduates are required to take an introductory social science research course (FYC4801) as part of the major. In FYC4801, they are introduced to both quantitative and qualitative research methodologies, instrument development, analysis, and written presentation of the results. This is done in fairly controlled fashion by the instructor. They choose a research question from a list of questions and are required to create an instrument that will yield data that can be analyzed using correlations and t-tests. Qualitative data comes from focus groups and transcripts are coded for theme development. FYC4801 is driven by specific learning objectives for this required course. The objectives of Advanced Social Research Methods are to provide students with an opportunity to research a question they ask, measure their variables with an instrument that they either develop or locate, analyze data with analyses that fit their question and hypotheses, and produce a paper that is judged to be of a quality acceptable for presentation to a local audience, but also having the potential to present at a regional or national outlet and to be considered for publication in a peer-reviewed outlet. This course is fashioned in a problem-based format, where the students create their learning agenda and that agenda is dependent on the specific research project they are conducting. The work they do in the advanced course goes beyond the work done in FYC4801 by requiring them to deal

with issues of social science research in more depth than is possible in an introductory course. Topics that might be glossed over in FYC4801 are explored in more detail in this advanced course.

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Course Textbook(s) and/or Other Assigned ReadingAll required readings are located in Canvas. The course operates in the fashion of a problem-based learning course where students develop their learning agenda based on the needs of the problem they are working on. Because of the fluid nature of the course demands and needs, the instructors do not assemble a required reading list ahead of time. The instructors locate readings for the students on an as-is-needed basis, with need determined either by the students themselves or by the instructors based on student questions. What is included here is a sample of readings required in previous offerings of the course.

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**Weekly Schedule of Topics** This weekly schedule of topics include content related topics as well as research related to the work needed to achieve courses goal of producing a manuscript suitable for presentation and/or publication. Topics can be added as needed given the research question selected by the students.

Wk. 1) Research Interests Discussion

Wk. 2) Research topic and question:

Theoretical framework;

Assign Practical Research Issues Discussion Topics

Wk. 3) Instrument development; Theoretical population;

Data collection procedures (within IRB Framework)

Wk 4) Review IRB Paperwork;

Draft instrument

Wk 5) Instrument testing;

Decide sample; Collect data;

Review data collection procedures

Wk 6) Analysis procedures

Wk 7)Lit review outline and assign topics for annotated bib

(weeks 6 and 7 can switch if IRB isn't approved)

Wk 8) Analyze data

Wk 9) Spring Break

Wk 10) Discuss results

Wk 11) Select journal;

Create manuscript outline and assign sections

Wk 12) Review manuscript sections

Wk 13) Discussion of full paper;

Prepare submission

Wk 14) Work on presentation and letter for submitting paper to journal

Wk 15) Present research to department

#### Links and Policies Attendance and Make-Up Work

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(http://www.dso.ufl.edu/sccr/process/student-conduct-honorcode/) specifies a number of behaviors that are in violation of this code and the possible sanctions. Furthermore, you are obligated to report any condition that facilitates academic misconduct to appropriate personnel. If you have any questions or concerns, please consult with the instructor in this class

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appointment to take the test(s) at the DRC. Do not assume that I can provide additional assistance for testing needs. If you fail to follow through on making arrangements with the DRC to take a test, you will take the test with the rest of the class and will be given the same amount of time to take the test as the rest of the class.

#### Campus Helping Resources

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Sexual Assault Recovery Services (SARS)

Student Health Care Center, 392-1161.

University Police Department, 392-1111 (or 9-1-1 for emergencies). http://www.police.ufl.edu/

# Academic Resources

E-learning technical support, 352-392-4357 (select option 2) or e-mail to Learning-support@ufl.edu. https://lss.at.ufl.edu/help.shtml.

Career Resource Center, Reitz Union, 392-1601. Career assistance and counseling. http://www.crc.ufl.edu/

Library Support, http://cms.uflib.ufl.edu/ask. Various ways to receive assistance with respect to using the libraries or finding resources.

Teaching Center, Broward Hall, 392-2010 or 392-6420. General study skills and tutoring. http://teachingcenter.ufl.edu/

Writing Studio, 302 Tigert Hall, 846-1138. Help brainstorming, formatting, and writing papers. http://writing.ufl.edu/writing-studio/

Student Complaints Campus: https://www.dso.ufl.edu/documents/UF\_Complaints\_policy.pdf On-Line Students Complaints: http://www.distance.ufl.edu/student-complaint- process

# **Grading Scheme** 30% Participation for 150 points

30% Homework for 150 points

30% Individual Project Deliverables

(2 @ 15% per deliverable) for 150 points

10% Practical Research Issues Discussion for 50 points

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- C 73.50-76.49% (382.49-367.5 pts)
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- D 63.50-66.49% (332.49-317.5 pts)
- D- 60.00-63.49% (317.49-300 pts)
- E 59.99% and below (299 pts-below)

Instructor(s) Dr. Candice Stefanou

Dr. Kelly Moore



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#### FYC4XXX: Advanced Social Research Methods

**Instructors**: Dr. Kelly Moore and Dr. Candice Stefanou

Meeting Time: TBD Class Location:

**Dr Stefanou's Office**: 3041B McCarty Hall D **Phone**: 352-273-3502 **Office Hours**: Tuesday and Thursday 2.00-3.30 **Email**: cstefanou@ufl.edu

The instructors reserve the right to adjust the syllabus in order to meet the objectives of the course.

**Course Description.** Advanced Social Research Methods is a 3-credit advanced course in the design, implementation, and interpretation of social research. Advanced standing undergraduate students work as part of a social research team. Students collaboratively conduct original social research under faculty supervision and produce a manuscript suitable for submission to a scholarly outlet.

About the course. Advanced Social Science Research Methods is a 3-credit advanced course in the design, implementation, and interpretation of social research. The purpose of this class is to engage advanced standing undergraduate students in a social science research team. The course closely resembles the type of professional teams students will likely be expected to participate in after graduation. This course is designed to provide students with the experience of the research and publication process characteristic of professional scientists. Students enrolled will work together to develop a research question, design and carry out the study, and analyze the data with faculty supervision. The outcome will be a manuscript that is suitable for submission to a scholarly journal and the preparation and presentation of the research project at a scholarly venue.

The course is highly recommended for students considering graduate school, as it will give students an opportunity to further examine social science research procedures and issues that arise during the research process.

**Prerequisites:** FYC4801 and Instructor approval.

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#### **Classroom Policies:**

- Make sure that your phone is turned to vibrate during class.
- Stay on task.

- Respect your fellow classmates and instructors.
- Come to class on time.
- Come to class prepared.

# **Grading**

# Grades will be determined based on the following:

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# **Grade Ranges:**

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All of the following must be true for the student to be eligible to receive a grade of "I:"

- 1) The student has completed a major portion of the course work with a passing grade (D or better),
- 2) the student is unable to complete course requirements because of documented circumstances beyond their control, and
- 3) the student and instructor have discussed the situation prior to the final exam (except under emergency conditions).

# Participation (30%)

Students are expected to actively participate and to sometimes work collaboratively on various aspects of the project both in and out of class. In class participation includes actively contributing to group discussion and arriving to class having completed all individual responsibilities required to stimulate research progress.

# Homework (30%)

Homework is designed so that students can make adequate progress on their research project each week. Homework is assigned as a way to prepare students for in-class work.

# **Individual Project Deliverables (30%)**

Each student will be assigned two deliverables they are responsible for completing. One of the deliverables will be to write a section of the final manuscript, individually or in conjunction with another student depending on the section. The other deliverable will be related to the research

procedures decided on by the research team. For example, 1-2 students will be responsible for locating a sampling frame (if available) and drawing the sample. As part of their deliverable they will create a document describing the details of their procedures to assist with writing the methods section of the final manuscript. Two other students will work together to prepare the IRB protocol. All deliverables will be decided upon and assigned by the research team at the start of the semester.

# **Practical Research Issues Discussion (10%)**

Each student will facilitate one, 20-minute class discussion related to a topic or issue in social science research. The purpose of this assignment is to facilitate greater depth of understanding of advanced social research topics relevant to the research procedures being utilized and/or the research process through publication. Students will select the discussion they will facilitate at the beginning of the semester.

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- Library Support, http://cms.uflib.ufl.edu/ask. Various ways to receive assistance with respect to using the libraries or finding resources.

- Teaching Center, Broward Hall, 392-2010 or 392-6420. General study skills and tutoring. http://teachingcenter.ufl.edu/
- Writing Studio, 302 Tigert Hall, 846-1138. Help brainstorming, formatting, and writing papers. http://writing.ufl.edu/writing-studio/
- Student Complaints Campus: https://www.dso.ufl.edu/documents/UF\_Complaints\_policy.pdf
- On-Line Students Complaints: http://www.distance.ufl.edu/student-complaint-process

Week	Class Topic	Practical Research Issues Discussion (facilitated by students)	Homework (Due for the day listed)	Deliverable (Due for the day listed)
1	Research Interests Discussion			
2	Research topic and question; Theoretical framework; Assign Practical Research Issues Discussion Topics		HW: Identify a theory that interests you	Decide on Research Question (by the end of class)
3	Instrument development; Theoretical population; Data collection procedures (within IRB Framework)	Discussion Topic: Ethical Considerations	HW: 2-3 articles to share that provide examples for operationalizing variables	
4	Review IRB Paperwork; Draft instrument	Discussion Topic: Instrument Development		Completed IRB Protocol and Draft Instrument (Instructors submit IRB after class)
5	Instrument testing; Decide sample; Review data collection procedures	Discussion Topic: Sampling Issue		Completed Instrument Draw Sample
6	Analysis procedures	Discussion Topic: Assumptions of statistical tests if quantitative; Pros and cons of transcription if qualitative		
7	Lit review outline and assign topics for annotated bib (weeks 6 and 7 can switch if IRB isn't approved)	Discussion Topic: Handling Missing Data		

8	Analyze data		HW: annotated bib of 2-3 articles for lit review; research potential data analysis procedures to use	Data Collected
9	Spring Break			
10	Discuss results	Discussion Topic: Reporting results for public consumption	HW: bring one journal idea	Data Analyzed
11	Select journal; Create manuscript outline and assign sections	Discussion Topic: The Peer-Review Process		
12	Review manuscript sections	Discussion Topic: Impact Factors		Draft Article
13	Discussion of full paper; Prepare submission		HW: edit section of paper and send to instructors prior to class	Final Article
14	Work on presentation and letter for submitting paper to journal			
15	Present research to department			Submit Article



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