

## SYLLABUS

**DESCRIPTION:** This course is designed to be a student-directed research course. The instructor will provide guidance in matters relating to the overall process of doing original research that is expected of seniors in the Behavioral Sciences. The instructor will direct the student in the development of a research proposal, literature search and theoretical approach, research design, development of the research instrument, and research implementation. The student is expected to take the initiative in meeting with the instructor, meet the deadlines for task and paper completion. Examples of paper products from this course are the research proposal, research instrument, such as a questionnaire, or field notes.

**OBJECTIVES:** The student will develop a research proposal that reflects the integration of theory, research methods, and data analysis, which are focused about a topic consistent with the student's major course work.

The student will conduct the research under the guidance of his or her principle advisor, with consultation of other members of the department.

The student will begin work on a scholarly research paper as the end product of the research process.

**EXPECTATIONS:** The student and advisor will and on a regular basis to discuss issues surrounding the stages of research. The advisor will provide guidance, references to sources relevant to the student's project. The student will meet the deadlines imposed by the advisor, to ensure timely progress in the research process.