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CHAMINADE UNIVERSITY OF HONOLULU
CJ215/Crim Just Research/F'99-2:00-2:50pm/Henry 120

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SYLLABUS

Course Description:

The measurement of factors in criminal justice and criminology crime indexes, legal research, data gathering and analysis emphasizing participant observation and survey methodologies, plus ethical issues in criminological research.

Course Overview

This course introduces the student without any knowledge of statistics to an understanding of how statistics are all around us. The exploration of how **to develop** concepts for research, data gathering **organization, and** analysis strategies, and **familiarity with** reading and interpreting secondary statistics is integral to this course. In addition to class lectures, text readings, workbooks, and computer work sessions, this course offers the students an opportunity to develop their own participatory/non-participatory research activity.

Course Objective:

To create a comfort level for freshman and sophomore criminal justice students to enable them to interpret qualitative and quantitative data in basic criminological research and be able to create simplistic research designs.

Course Design:

Lecture, team assignments, research project, quizzes (in class and take home assignments).

Required Text and Materials:

Kranzler, Gerald and Moursund, Janet
Statistics for the Terrified, 2d **ed. (1999) New** Jersey, Prentice-Hall.
Dantzler,
Readings for Research *Methods* in Criminology & Criminal Justice
(1999)
Handouts

Attendance:

Attendance is an expected and necessary requirement of this course. Teamwork is an integral part of the learning process. An absent team member affects all remaining members. All absences require legitimate documentation acceptable to the **Dean**. Failure to observe this requirement will adversely impact the student's grade. If the student has advanced notice of a necessary absence, advise the professor as soon as possible. In the event of an unforeseen emergency, call the office and leave a message. Missing class is not an excuse for not completing reading assignments or other projects on time, or being prepared for the next class. Students will lose one point for each unexcused absence.

Absences over five (5) will reduce the final grade.

Grading Policy

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| Quizzes (6) | = 60 pts. | Home Assignments (8) | = 48 pts. |
| Final | = 26 pts. | Computer Assign. (10) | = 40 pts. |
| Att. 6 Class Part. | = 26 pts. | Total = 200 | |
| A=174+. B=157+, C=137+, D=110+, F=109> | | | |

Course Calendar

Mon 8/30 Kranzler, Preface and Introduction, Handout
Wed 9/01 Kranzler, Ch. 1, Lecture only, Intro to SPSS
Fri 9/03 Group Assignments, Discussion, Take Home Assignment #1

Mon 9/06 LABOR DAY - NO CLASSES
Wed 9/08 Quiz #1, Chapter 1, SPSS intro (cont.)
Fri 9/10 Review, Take Home Assignment #2

Mon 9/13 Group work, Kranzler Ch. #2, Discussion
Wed 9/15 Lab - bring a data disk
Fri 9/17 Review, Quiz #2, Take Home Assignment #3

Mon 9/20 Group work, **Kr.Ch.3**, Lecture, Computer Assignment #1
Wed 9/22 Computer Day - work on assignment
Fri 9/24 Review, Take Home Assignment #4

Mon 9/27 Quiz #3, Open book
Wed 9/29 Computer Day - Computer Assignment #2
Fri 10/11 Krantzler Ch. 4, lecture, Read Chapter 1 in Dantzler

Mon 10/4 Discussion, Dantzler, Ch. 1, Group Work
Wed 10/6 Computer Day - work on assignment
Fri 10/8 Review, Take Home Assignment #5

Mon 10/11 DISCOVERER'S DAY - NO CLASSES
Wed 10/13 Krantzler Ch. 5,
Fri 10/15 Quiz #4, Open Book

Mon 10/18 Chapter 2 in Dantzler
Wed 10/20 Discuss Ch. 2 in Groups, SPSS
Fri 10/22 Group Work, Take Home Assignment #6

Mon 10/25 Review
Wed 10/27 Recap of work from Chapt. 1 through 6
Fri 10/29 SPSS research project, Take Home Assignment #7

Mon 11/1 Research project
Wed 11/3 Research project
Fri 11/5 Research project

Mon 11/8 Krantzler Ch. 7
Wed 11/10 VETERANS' DAY - NO CLASSES
Fri 11/12 Review Ch 7

Mon 11/15 Research project
Wed 11/17 Krantzer Ch. 8
Fri 11/19 Quiz #5, Open Book

Mon 11/22 Dantzler, Chs. 3, 4, 5 (group work)
Wed 11/24 Group discussions on Dantzler, Homework Assignment #8
Fri 11/26 THANKSGIVING HOLIDAY - NO CLASSES

Mon 11/29 Krantzer Ch. 9
Wed 12/1 Review
Fri 12/3 Quiz #6, open book

Mon 12/6 Krantzer, Ch 10
Wed 12/8 Review
Fri 12/10 Closure on research project

MONDAY, DEC. 14, 1998 **HH118**, 12:45 - 2:45 FINAL EXAM

Professor reserves the right to make changes in the order of the syllabus for good cause.