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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 bow 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 that they can interpret qualitative and quantitative data in basic criminological research.

Required Text and Materials:

Witte, Robert S., Statistics (6th Ed.) 2000.
Orlando., FL: Harcourt Brace Jovanovich
(with accompanying student workbook).
SPSS for students (on university computers)

Recommended Text

Kranzler, Gerald and_ Moursund, Janet
Statistics for the Terrified, 2d ad (1999)
New Jersey, Prentice-Hall

Attendance

Attendance is an expected and necessary requirement of this course. 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 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.

Grading Policy:

Quizzes (7)	= A2 pts.
Final	= 8 pts
Computer Assign. (10)	= 30
Att. & Classroom Part.	= 20 pts. Total = 100
A=85+. 8=75+, C=65+, D=55+, F=54>	

Week | Assignments

1 Mon Witte, Chs. 1 G 2
Wed Chapter #2 (cont.)
Fri Lecture only; Ex. Witte, **(student handbook)**

2 Mon LABOR *DAY* - NO **CLASS**
Wed Ch. 3, Witte
Fri **Quiz** *#1*, **Assign.** *#1*

Mon Witte, Ch. #3 (cont.)
Wed_ Computer Day (SPSS Exerc. #1)
Fri Witte, *Ch. #4*

4 *Mon* Witte, Ch. 5
Wed Computer Day (SPSS, Exerc. *#2)*
Fri Review, *Assign.#2* (Witte)

Mon Quiz #2,
Wed Computer Day (SPSS, Exerc. #3)
Fri Witte, *Ch. 6 4* Ch. 7

6 **Mon** Witte, Ch. 8, Review
Wed **Co ter** Day (SPSS, Exerc. #4)
Fri Quiz #3, Assign. #3 (Witte)

7 *Mon* **DISCOVERER'S** DAY - NO CLASS
Wed Witta, Ch. 9
Fri Witte, Ch. 10

8 **Mon** Witte, Ch. 1-10 (review)
Wed Computer Day (SPSS, **Exerc.**
Fri Witte, Assign. *#4* (Witte)

9 *Mon* Review
Wed **Computer** Day (Let's review)
Fri **Quiz** #4, Assign. #5 (Witte)

10 *Mon* Witte, Ch. 13
Wed Computer Day (SPSS)
Fri Witte, Ch. 14, *Assign. #6* (Witte)

11 Mon Review
Wed **Computer Day** (SPSS)
Fri **Quiz** #5

12 Mon Witte, Ch. 15 (cont.)
Wed Computer Day
Fri **Quiz** *#6,* Assign. #7 (Witte)

13 Mon **Research** Day
Wed Research Day
Fri **THANKSGIVING** RECESS - *NO* **CLASS**

14 Mon Witte, Ch. 17
Wed Witte, Ch. 18
Fri Witte, Ch. *19, Assign.* #8 (Witte)

15 Mon Witte, Ch. 20
Wed Witte, Ch. 21
Fri **Witte,** Quiz #7

MONDAY, DEC. 11, 2000, **HH118,** 12:45 - 2:45 **FINAL EXAM**