

CHAMINADE UNIVERSITY OF HONOLULU

CJ215/Writing & Research About Crime/F'02-3:00-3:50pm/Henry 121

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SYLLABUS

Course Description:

The research of crime indexes, legal research, data gathering and analysis emphasizing participant observation and survey methodologies, and how to write about these factors, 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, writing and interpretation of research 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 and write a research paper based on their own research activity. At the end of this course student will be expected to be able to read and interpret statistics in refereed journals; write a parsimonious research paper; do basis SPSS analysis.

Required Text and Materials:

Vito, Gennaro F. and Blankenship, Michael B.,  
*Statistical Analysis in Criminal Justice and Criminology: A User's Guide;*  
(2002) New Jersey; Prentice Hall, Inc.  
Johnson, Jr., William, et al.,  
*The Criminal Justice Student Writer's Manual, 2<sup>nd</sup> ed.*  
(2002) New Jersey; Prentice Hall, Inc.  
SPSS for students (on university computers)

Recommended Text:

Kranzler, Gerald and Moursund, Janet  
*Statistics for the Terrified, 2d ed (1999)*  
or  
Kranzler, John H.  
*Statistics for the Terrified, 3d ed (2002)*  
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 (4)	= 20 pts.	Research development	= 10
Research paper	= 20	Assignments (10)	= 30
Att. & Classroom Part.	= 20 pts.	Total	= 100
A=89+, B=79+, C=69+, D=59+, F=<58			

Course Calendar

Week		Assignments
1	Mon	Overview, Pretest Assessment, SOS sheet, Group formation
	Wed	Lecture: Kranzler, Stats for the Terrified, Chs. 1 and 2
	Fri	Review and Intro to SPSS



- 2 Mon **LABOR DAY - NO CLASS**  
Wed Vito & Blankenship, Ch. 1 with Exercises  
Fri Quiz #1, Assign. #1
- 3 Mon Krantzler, Ch. 3  
Wed Computer Day, SPSS Exerc. #1  
Fri Krantzler, Ch. 4, Assign. #2
- 4 Mon Vito & Blankenship, Ch. 2 with Key Terms and Exercises  
Wed Computer Day, SPSS, Exerc. #2  
Fri Review
- 5 Mon Quiz #2, Choose our own research  
Wed SPSS, Exerc. #3, Cont. discussion on our own research  
Fri Johnson, et al. Chs. 1 through 4, Assign. #3
- 6 Mon Present research proposal; Johnson, et al., Ch. 5  
Wed Computer Day (SPSS, Exerc. #4)  
Fri Assign. #4
- 7 Mon **DISCOVERER'S DAY - NO CLASS**  
Wed Review  
Fri Vito and Blankenship, Chs. 3 and 4 with Exercises
- 8 Mon Krantzler, Ch. 5  
Wed Vito and Blankenship, Ch. 5 with Exercises  
Fri Work on our own research project, Assign. #5
- 9 Mon Review  
Wed Quiz #3  
Fri Work on our research project
- 10 Mon Johnson, et al. Ch. 5  
Wed Computer Day (SPSS)  
Fri Johnson, et al., Ch. 7, Assign. #6
- 11 Mon Vito & Blankenship, Ch. 6 with Exercises  
Wed Computer Day (SPSS)  
Fri Research project day
- 12 Mon Vito & Blankenship, Ch. 7  
Wed Computer Day  
Fri Catchup day, review, Assign. #7
- 13 Mon Johnson, et al., Ch. 8  
Wed Writing our own research paper, Assign. #8  
Fri **THANKSGIVING RECESS - NO CLASS**
- 14 Mon Johnson, et al., Ch. 9  
Wed Quiz #4  
Fri Group progress reports
- 15 Mon Wrapup, Assign. #9  
Wed Wrapup  
Fri Wrapup, Assign. #10

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 12M 2002M 12:45 - 2:45 **FINAL EXAM**

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