Course Title:
Research Methods in Human Relations

Course Number:
HR 5023-106

Course Description:
This course serves as a graduate-level introduction to the theoretical and methodological skills necessary to conduct an applied research program. The methodological approaches covered in this course are varied and emphasize a range of social science orientations. Special focus will be upon designing and implementing a research project related to the student's area of concentration in human relations.

Class Dates, Location and Hours:
Location: OCCE, Norman, Oklahoma. Classes are held at the Thurman White Forum Building of OCCE, 1704 Asp Avenue.
Hours: Fri 5:30-9:30 p.m.; Sat 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m.; Sun 1:00-5:00 p.m.
Last day to enroll or drop without penalty: December 8, 2011

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Professor availability: The professor will be available via e-mail to students before and after the class sessions. On-site office hours are half an hour before and after each class session, by appointment.

Textbook(s) and Instructional Materials:
Student materials are available at the Follett/AP Bookstore located in the Oklahoma Memorial Union, 900 Asp Ave., Norman, OK. Orders can be placed online at www.oklahomaunion.bkstr.com or by telephone at 866-369-9713 (toll free in the U.S.) or 405-325-5960 (outside the U.S.). E-mail orders may be sent to oklahomaunion@bkstr.com. Representatives are available from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. CST Monday through Thursday and 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. CST on Friday. Summer hours: 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. CST. Faxed orders may be placed 24 hours a day to 866-223-5607 (toll free in the U.S.) or 405-325-1557 (outside the U.S.).

Note: The Follett/AP Bookstore is the Advanced Programs contractual textbook provider. Should text changes become necessary after publication of the course syllabus, Advanced Programs will facilitate text returns/refunds only for texts purchased through the Follett/AP Bookstore.

Course Objectives:
- To prepare human relations professionals to be both a consumer and producer of applied research.
- To prepare human relations professionals to understand the theoretical issues of inquiry.
- To study and demonstrate an understanding of the scientific method.
- To understand issues of validity and reliability.
- To develop a research question and formulate hypotheses related to the research question.
- To study and demonstrate an understanding of basic descriptive and inferential statistics.

Course Outline:

Unit One – Getting Started
1. The types and uses of social research.
2. The relationship between theory and research.
3. Selecting researchable topics and questions.
4. Ethics and social research.

Unit Two – Observational Methods and Measurement: Questionnaires and Structured Interviews
5. Strategies of systematic observational research.
7. Reliability and validity in measurement and research.
8. Qualitative interviewing.

Unit Three – Design and Implementation
9. Randomized experiments and causal inference.
11. Random and non-random sampling strategies

Unit Four – Describing Data and Making Inferences
12. Summarizing and describing data.
13. Correlating variables.
14. Statistical significance, effect size, and power analysis.
15. Communicating research findings.

Assignments, Grading and Due Dates:
Students are expected to have read all material for the course before the first class meeting. In general, students who have not read the textbook prior to the first class meeting experience great difficulty keeping up with the pace of the condensed course format. Written assignments will consist of manuscript reviews. In addition students will be expected to present their review of a published research study to the class.

1. Read Rosnow & Rosenthal (2008), chapters 1-3 and complete the Unit One exercises posted on Desire2Learn (www.learn.ou.edu) prior to the first class meeting. The deadline to submit this document is the first night of class. Allow plenty of time to complete this assignment. I recommend you begin working to complete this module at least one month before class starts. (10% of final grade).
2. Article Review. The review accounts for 30% of the final course grade. The format for the review will be provided before the first class meeting. The article review is due at the final class meeting. I strongly encourage you to submit a draft of your review for my perusal and comments so that you can make revisions and resubmit a polished final draft for a grade.
3. **In-Class Presentation on a Research Study** (10% of the final grade). Each student will make a brief presentation (5-10 minutes) on his/her article review (see item #2). The expected structure and content for the presentations will be discussed in class.

4. **Final Exam** (50% of the final grade). There will be an in-class final exam during the last class meeting. The exam will cover all of the material from the assigned readings and content covered in class discussions.

Grading: This is a letter-graded course: A, B, C, D, or F. The standard convention for assigning letter grades for the course will be followed:

- **A** = 90% - 100% of total points possible
- **B** = 80% - 89%
- **C** = 70% - 79%
- **D** = 60% - 69%
- **F** < 60%

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NOTICE: Failure to meet assignment due dates could result in a grade of I (Incomplete) and may adversely impact Tuition Assistance and/or Financial Aid.
POLICIES AND NOTICES

Attendance/Grade Policy

Attendance and participation in interaction, individual assignments, group exercises, simulations, role playing, etc. are valuable aspects of any course because much of the learning comes from discussions in class with other students. It is expected that you attend all classes and be on time except for excused emergencies.

Excused absences are given for professor mandated activities or legally required activities such as emergencies or military assignments. Unavoidable personal emergencies, including (but not limited to) serious illness; delays in getting to class because of accidents, etc.; deaths and funerals, and hazardous road conditions will be excused.

If you are obtaining financial assistance (TA, STAP, FA, VA, Scholarship, etc.) to pay all or part of your tuition cost, you must follow your funding agency/institution’s policy regarding “I” (Incomplete) grades unless the timeline is longer than what the University policy allows then you must adhere to the University policy.

Students who receive Financial Aid must resolve/complete any “I” (Incomplete) grades by the end of the term or he/she may be placed on “financial aid probation.” If the “I” grade is not resolved/completed by the end of the following term, the student’s Financial Aid may be suspended make the student ineligible for further Financial Aid.

Students are responsible for meeting the guidelines of Tuition Assistance and Veterans Assistance. See the education counselor at your local education center for a complete description of your TA or VA requirements.

Academic Honesty

Honesty is a fundamental precept in all academic activities and … [you] have a special obligation to observe the highest standards of honesty. Academic misconduct in any form is inimical to the purposes and functions of the University and is therefore unacceptable and is rigorously proscribed. Academic misconduct includes:

- cheating (using unauthorized materials, information, or study aids in any academic exercise), plagiarism, falsification of records, unauthorized possession of examinations, intimidation, and any and all other actions that may improperly affect the evaluation of a student’s academic performance or achievement;
- assisting others in any such act; or attempting to engage in such acts.

All acts of academic misconduct will be reported and adjudicated as prescribed by the student code of the University of Oklahoma. All students should review the “Student’s Guide to Academic Integrity” found at http://www.ou.edu/provost/integrity

Accommodation Statement

The College of Continuing Education [Advanced Programs] is committed to making its activities as accessible as possible. For accommodations on the basis of disability, please contact your OU Site Director.

Course Policies

Advanced Programs policy is to order books in paperback if available. Courses, dates, and professors are subject to change. Please check with your OU Site Director. Students should retain a copy of any assignments that are mailed to the professor for the course.

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Education

2006  Ph.D., Educational Psychology-Research Methods and Evaluation
Oklahoma State University, Stillwater, OK

Current Positions

- Associate Professor, University of Oklahoma, Human Relations Department
- Advanced Programs Professor since 2007

Frequently Taught Advanced Programs Courses

- HR5023 Research in Human Relations
- HR5323 Organizational Behavior
- HR5113 Diversity and Justice in Organizations

Major Areas of Teaching and Research Interest

- Research Methods
- Advanced Research Methods
- Statistics
- Organizational Behavior
- Work/Life Integration
- Diversity and Justice in Organizations

Representative Publications and Presentations


**Representative Honors and Awards Received**

- 2010-2013 – Principal Investigator, “Juvenile Offender Re-entry Project” with Tulsa Youth Services, and the Oklahoma Office of Juvenile Affairs. Funding received through the US Department of Justice ($297,992).
- 2008-09 – Co-Principal Investigator on “Child Care Portfolio Project” with the State of Oklahoma, Department of Human Services ($20,000).
- 2007-08 – Co-Principal Investigator to evaluate the Positive Behavior Support (PBS) programs with Tulsa Public Schools ($31,728).
- 2007-08 – Co-Principal Investigator contracted to evaluate the Youth Philanthropy Initiative (YPI) with by Schusterman Family Foundation ($9,995).
- 2006-07 – Tulsa Mayor’s Citizen Corps Contract Award to investigate volunteer engagement ($4,900).

**Major Professional Affiliations**

- American Psychological Association (APA)
- Academy of Management Association (AMA)
- Southern Management Association (SMA)
- American Educational Research Association (AERA)