

Psy 303

Fall, 1987

Syllabus

<u>Date</u>	<u>Lecture Topic</u>	<u>Assignment Due</u>	<u>Handbook Section</u>
Tu Sep 29	Overview of course, Collecting and describing data		Sect. 1
Th Oct 1	Forming and testing hypotheses		2-1 to 2-16
Tu Oct 6	Learning how to write concisely	1	Sect. 4
Th Oct 8	Locating published research		Sects. 3,5,6
Tu Oct 13	Operationally defining variables and sampling populations	2	2-17 to 2-19
Th Oct 15	Operationalizing hypotheses		---
Tu Oct 20	Measuring hypothetical constructs (Standardized tests)	3	---
Th Oct 22	Evaluating standardized tests (validity and reliability)		2-19 to 2-23
Tu Oct 27	Interpreting correlation	4	Sect. 7
Th Oct 29	Exploring alternative hypotheses		2-23 to 2-25
Tu Nov 3	Conducting Observarional Research	5	---
Th Nov 5	MIDTERM EXAM (demonstrating what you know so far)		---
Tu Nov 10	Exam feedback (re-learning what you didn't know) and Coding observed behavior		2-25 to 2-28
Th Nov 12	Collecting observational data		---
Tu Nov 17	Conducting questionnaire research	6	---
Th Nov 19	Conducting interview research		---
Tu Nov 24	Constructing questionnaire and interview material		---
Th Nov 26	Enjoying Thanksgiving holidays		---
Tu Dec 1	Conducting experimental research	7	---
Th Dec 3	Controlling for possible confounds		Sect. 8
Tu Dec 8	Talking about your research, Part I	8 or 9	---
Th Dec 10	Talking about your research, Part II	8 or 9	---
Mo Dec 14 3:15	FINAL EXAM (demonstrating all you know)		---

COURSE INFORMATION

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Required handbook: "Gernsbacher's Handbook for Psychology 303" at Campus Copy Shop (EMU breezeway)

Grading: Course grades will be based on 9 out-of-class ASSIGNMENTS, 1 in-class MIDTERM EXAM and 1 in-class FINAL EXAM.

Each of the nine ASSIGNMENTS will be worth 20 points
The MIDTERM EXAM will be worth 50 points
The FINAL EXAM will be worth 70 points

Thus, a possible 180 + 50 + 70 or a total of 300 points can be earned.
Of the 300 points, anyone earning:

A total of 270 to 300 points will receive an	A
A total of 240 to 269 points will receive a	B
A total of 210 to 239 points will receive a	C
A total of 180 to 209 points will receive a	D
Less than a total 180 points will receive an	F

Based on the actual distribution of final grades, this criterion might be relaxed, but not stiffened.

Late Assignments: Assignments are due at the beginning of class on the date due. Assignments will be accepted up to 24 hours after the date due, but two points will automatically be subtracted. NO assignments will be accepted after 24 hours past the due date.