

PSY 303  
Research Methods

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COURSE INFORMATION

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Office Hrs: 2:30-3:30 Thursday  
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Required handbook: "Gernsbacher's Handbook for Psychology 303" available at EMU printshop (breezeway)

Grading: Course grades will be based upon performance in 8 out-of-class ASSIGNMENTS, 1 in-class MIDTERM EXAM and 1 in-class FINAL EXAM.

Each of the eight ASSIGNMENTS will be worth 20 points.  
The MIDTERM EXAM will be worth 60 points.  
The FINAL EXAM will be worth 80 points.

Thus, a possible 160 + 60 + 80 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 of 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 Mondays. 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.

Syllabus

Date	Lecture Topic	Assignment Due	Handbook Section
Week 1 9/28-10/2	Overview of Course, Collecting & Describing Data		Sect 1
	Forming & Testing Hypotheses		2-1 to 2-16
Week 2 10/5-10/9	Locating Published Research, Writing Concisely	1	Sects 3, 5, 6
	Operational Definitions		Sect 4
Week 3 10/12-10/16	Sampling Populations & Testable Hypotheses	2	2-17 to 2-19
	Measuring Constructs		---
Week 4 10/19-10/23	Standardized Tests, Reliability & Validity	3	2-19 to 2-23
Week 5 10/26-10/30	Interpreting Results		Sect 7
	Alternative Hypotheses, Correlational Data	4	2-23 to 2-25
Week 6 Mon., Nov. 2	MIDTERM EXAM		---
11/4-11/6	Exam feedback - Coding Observed Behavior Observational Research		---
Week 7 11/9-11/13	Observational research Collecting Observational Data		2-25 to 2-28
Week 8 11/16-11/20	Questionnaires and Interviews	5	---
Week 9 11/23-11/27	Experimental Designs	6	---
Week 10 11/30-12/4	Unobtrusive Measures, Controlling Possible Confounds	7	Sect 8
Week 11 12/7-12/11	Talking about research	8	---
Thurs, Dec 17 3:15 p.m.	FINAL EXAM (demonstrating all you know)		---