
SPRING 2025

CJ 540

planning and evaluation

METHODS

in criminal justice

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MODULE 1

READ/WATCHSyllabus
Module 1 Materials**DUE**Email Policy Check (1/25)
Google Doc Submission Check (1/25)
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Video Introductions (1/25)

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INTRODUCTION TO THE COURSE**2**

MODULE 2

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Specific Considerations
Developing Research Questions
Components of a Research Project**DUE**

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BASICS OF SOCIAL RESEARCH**3**

MODULE 2

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Theories & Approaches
Literature Review Videos
Boolean Searching for Literature**DUE**

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THEORY**4**

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READ/WATCHCh. 3 (Babbie)
Studying Humans
Institutional Review Boards
Informed Consent
CITI Certification Training**DUE**

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ETHICS IN SOCIAL RESEARCH**5**

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Qualitative or Quantitative?
RCTs
Lacking Design: Failure of D.A.R.E.**DUE**

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RESEARCH DESIGN: MEASUREMENT, VARIABLES, CAUSALITY**6**

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Ch. 7 (Babbie)

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Field Research
Copes et al. 2008
Contreras 2009**DUE**

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METHODS OF DATA COLLECTION 1: QUALITATIVE**8**

MODULE 4

READ/WATCHChs. 8, 9, & 11 (Babbie)
Surveys
Constructing Survey Questions
Abrams et al. 2011
Dunbar et al. 2019**DUE**

MAR 10

METHODS OF DATA COLLECTION 2: QUANTITATIVE

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MODULE 5

READ/WATCH**DUE**

Ch. 13 (Babbie)
Analysis of Field Data
Analysis of Interview Data
Qualitative Coding

MAR 17

ANALYSIS OF DATA 1: QUALITATIVE**10**

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Ch. 14 (Babbie)
RStudio Walkthroughs for Quant

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ANALYSIS OF DATA 2: QUANTITATIVE**11**

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Ch. 15 (Babbie)
Lit. Review Guide
Evaluating Sources Guide

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READING & ORGANIZING RESEARCH**13**

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Using a Reference Manager
APA & ASA Citation Style Guides

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WRITING-UP RESEARCH**14****READ/WATCH****DUE**

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ADDITIONAL MATERIALS ON DATA ANALYSIS**15**

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Final Presentation (5/15)

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FINAL PROJECT
