

KINE 7010 - RESEARCH METHODS IN PHYSICAL ACTIVITY (3 cr.)

Instructor

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Office hours: Daily, 9 – 10 AM. Other times by appointment.

Lecture

Daily 8.00 – 9.30

Course Description

Review, analysis, and interpretation of available research with emphasis on designing new research to meet changing needs. The study of research methods and critical analysis of research literature specifically applied to the areas of motor performance, physical education, exercise science, health promotion, and sport.

Objectives

Upon completion of this course, students will understand:

1. How to apply scientific thinking through the analytical study of research literature;
2. How to locate and use the professional and physical resources available for research at Auburn University;
3. Specific philosophical issues related to the nature of graduate study in the physical activity subdisciplines;
4. How to develop a specific research problem in their area of specialization.

Recommended Textbook and Materials

Thomas, J.R., Nelson, J.K., & Silverman, S. J. (2005). *Research methods in physical activity* (5th ed.). Champaign, IL: Human Kinetics.

Assessment

Midterm Exam (40)
Final Exam (40)
Labs (20)

Grading

A = 90+
B=80-89
C=70-79
D=60-69
F<60

Class Policies

Attendance: It is expected that students taking a graduate class will attend every class meeting, will arrive on time, and will actively participate in each class. Absences and late arrivals will not be tolerated. If you must miss class because of illness or other emergency, please try to notify the instructor in advance. You are still responsible for any work missed during an absence.

Plagiarism: There are no group assignments or projects in this course. All exams, research abstracts library assignment, faculty biographies, and any other written work must reflect the individual efforts of each student. Please refer to the Tiger Cub for information regarding academic honesty.

Cell Phones: As a courtesy to everyone, please turn off your cell phone during class. If you have a compelling reason for leaving your phone on, please let me know at the beginning of class. Also, please do not text-message during class.

Best Work: Students are expected to show evidence of thorough reading of assigned textbook chapters and supplemental readings. Please take pride in your work and be motivated to do your best work in this class; if you are, you will gain the maximum benefit from the course.

Unannounced Quizzes: There will be no unannounced quizzes in this class.

Honesty Code: The University Academic Honesty Code and the Tiger Cub Rules and Regulations pertaining to Cheating will apply to this class.

Professionalism: As faculty, staff, and students interact in educational settings, they are expected to demonstrate professional behaviors as defined in the College of Education's conceptual framework. These professional commitments or dispositions are as follows: 1) engage in responsible and ethical practices, 2) contribute to collaborative learning communities, 3) demonstrate a commitment to diversity, and 4) model and nurture intellectual vitality.

Accommodations: Students who need accommodations are asked to arrange a meeting during office hours the first week of classes, or as soon as possible if accommodations are needed immediately. If you have a conflict with my office hours, an alternate time can be arranged. To set up this meeting, please contact me by e-mail.

Bring a copy of your Accommodation Memo and an Instructor Verification Form to the meeting.

If you do not have an Accommodation Memo but need accommodations, make an appointment with The Program for Students with Disabilities, 1244 Haley Center, 844-2096 (V/TT).

It is the student's responsibility to inform the instructor of any medical conditions or allergies that may affect in class participation or performance. Students with any health problems should have completed a Health Referral Form.

Attendance: The material and experiences in this class are important and if you are not in class, you cannot take an active role as a student. Class attendance and appropriate participation is paramount to your success as a student.

If an unusual condition such as a serious illness results in this situation (8 total absences) students are encouraged to consult the AU Bulletin and/or an academic adviser in their college to determine if they meet university guidelines for requesting withdrawal from the course.