CRJS 3712 - Criminal Justice Research

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Course Description

3712. Criminal Justice Research. Analysis of the major components of social research, including research design, sampling, measurement, data collection, analysis, and interpretation of findings. Prereq.: CRJS 1500. 3 s.h.

Course Readings

Group	Title	Author	ISBN
Optional	The practice of research in criminology and criminal justice (8th ed.)	Bachman, R., & Schutt, R. K.	9781071891117

Bachman, R., & Schutt, R. K. (2023). *The practice of research in criminology and criminal justice* (8th ed.). SAGE Publications.

The course readings are subject to change in the event of extenuating circumstances, research developments, current events, and/or to ensure better learning.

Schedule of Topics and Assignments

Week of	Reading(s)	Proposed Topic	Due/To Prepare for Class
10/19	Bachman & Schutt (2023), Chapters 1–2	Foundations of Scientific Inquiry in Criminal Justice	Discussion Post 1 Due
10/26	Bachman & Schutt (2023), Chapter 3	Research Ethics in Criminal Justice	Discussion Post 2 Due
11/2	Bachman & Schutt (2023), Chapters 4–5	Conceptualization, Measurement & Hypothesis Development	Discussion Post 3 Due Research Question & Hypothesis Assignment Due
11/9	Bachman & Schutt (2023), Chapters 6–8	Research Design: Quantitative Approaches & Midterm Exam	Discussion Post 4 Due MIDTERM EXAM — Administered during the Week 4 class session
11/16	Bachman & Schutt (2023), Chapters 9–10	Qualitative Research Methods & Literature Review	Discussion Post 5 Due Annotated Bibliography Due
11/23	Bachman & Schutt (2023), Chapters 11–13	Sampling, Data Collection & Introduction to Analysis	Discussion Post 6 Due Research Design Proposal Draft Due
11/30	American Psychological Association (2020), Chapters 1–3 and 8–10	Communicating Research: APA Writing, Dissemination Ethics & Final Proposals	Discussion Post 7 Due FINAL RESEARCH PROPOSAL DUE

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