

EDAD 8193 - Seminar in Educational Research--Dissertation: Methodology

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Course Description

8193. Seminar in Educational Research--Dissertation: Methodology. Students will build knowledge and skills in developing Chapter 3 of their dissertation. Writing of Chapter 3 will be broken down into manageable milestones, following the guidelines set forth in the YSU Educational Leadership Dissertation Guidelines and template. Admission to the Ed.D program required. Prereq. or Coreq.: EDAD 8191. 2 s.h.

Course Readings

Group	Title	Author	ISBN
Required	Qualitative Research: A guide to design and implementation. 4th Edition.	Merriam & Tisdell	
Required	Surviving your dissertation: A comprehensive guide to content and process. 4th	Rudestam & Newton	

- Merriam, S.B. & E.J. Tisdell (2016). *Qualitative Research: A guide to design and implementation*. 4th Edition. Jossey Bass: San Francisco.
- Rudestam, K.E. & R.R. Newton (2015). *Surviving your dissertation: A comprehensive guide to content and process*. 4th Edition. Sage: Los Angeles.

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
8/24	Rudestam & Newton p. 99-107 Review Cayuse and sign up for account Merriam Chapter 1-2 & 4	Research Method, Sample & Role of Researcher	Module 1 Assignment: Write the following subsections (40 Points) -Introduction of Chapter -Research Method -Participants/ Sample Role of Researcher / Validity Discussion (2 Points): What is an appropriate role for a researcher?
9/7	Rudestam & Newton 108-135 Merriam Chapter 5-8	Data Collection & Analysis	Module 2 Assignment: Write the following subsections (20 Points) -Data Collection / Instruments -Data Analysis, Validity, Limitations Discussion (2 points) Identify someone who you feel is a good interviewer. What qualities makes that person a good collector of data?



9/21	Rudestam & Newton 108-135 Merriam Chapter 5-8 YSU's Elements of Informed Consent Merriam Chapter 9	Ethical Considerations & Summary of Chapter	Module 3 Assignment: Write the following subsections (20 points): -Ethical Considerations -Summary of Chapter Discussion (2 points) Give an example from your own work or life of an ethical dilemma associated with discovering or reporting information. How does your status as an insider / outsider to an organization affect your ability to gain knowledge?
10/12	YSU's IRB Application	Complete and save (but don't submit!) an IRB Application	Module 4 Assignment (4 points) -Upload your completed IRB application Discussion (Optional) Students may post to discussion board about any questions/concerns with the IRB application.
11/9		Make final revisions to Chapter 3	Module 5 Assignment (10 points) -Upload a consolidated document that tracks changes (i.e. you show the edits made) to all subsections. In other words, you are revising and resubmitting Modules 1-3.

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