



ED 5307 Introduction to Graduate Research
Diagnosticians and Reading Specialists
Sul Ross State University
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CATALOG COURSE DESCRIPTION:

A course designed to introduce graduate students to the techniques of research and to familiarize students with the resources available in the University Library. This course is designed to prepare students to know and understand the basic principles of research; demonstrate comprehension of published research as successful consumers of research; and construct short assignments to demonstrate skills needed for research.

REQUIRED TEXTS:

- Creswell, J. C. (2019). Educational research: Planning, conducting, and evaluating quantitative and qualitative research. (6th ed.). Boston, MA: Pearson. [ISBN-13: 9780134519364].
- American Psychological Association (2020). Publication Manual of the American Psychological Association. (7th ed.) Washington, D. C.

COURSE OBJECTIVES:

Students will be able to:

1. Understand the processes and approaches (Qualitative and Quantitative) research
2. Follow the steps in the process of research by identify the problem, review the literature, specify the purpose, collect data, analyze and interpret data, and report and evaluate research
3. Utilize various research designs which make use of traditional frameworks and their components
4. Utilize basic principles of citation using APA format and prepare list of references, cite sources, and follow the format for manuscript preparation

SLOs: FOR DIAGNOSTICIANS STANDARDS.

VI: The educational diagnostician selects, administers, and interprets appropriate formal and informal assessments and evaluations.

(1) The beginning educational diagnostician knows and understands: (

- A) basic terminology used in assessment and evaluation;
- (B) standards for test reliability;
- (C) standards for test validity;
- (D) procedures used in standardizing assessment instruments;
- (E) possible sources of test error;
- (F) the meaning and use of basic statistical concepts used in assessment and evaluation
- (G) uses and limitations of each type of assessment instrument;
- (H) uses and limitations of various types of assessment data;
- (J) appropriate application and interpretation of derived scores (e.g., standard scores, percentile ranks, age and grade equivalents, stanines);
- (L) methods of academic and nonacademic assessment and evaluation.

SLOs: STANARDS FOR THE READING SPECIALIST**Standard I. Components of Reading:**

The Reading Specialist applies knowledge of the interrelated components

1.31s select and use appropriate materials and strategies that reflect cultural diversity, are based on a convergence of research evidence, and promote students' vocabulary knowledge;

Standard II. Assessment and Instruction:

The Reading Specialist uses expertise in implementing, modeling, and providing integrated literacy assessment and instruction by utilizing appropriate methods and resources to address the varied learning needs of all students.

2.18k the strengths and limitations of current educational theories that underlie instructional practices and programs

Standard IV. Professional Knowledge and Leadership:

The Reading Specialist understands the theoretical foundations of literacy; plans and implements a developmentally appropriate, research-based reading/literacy curriculum for all students; collaborates and communicates with educational stakeholders; and participates and takes a leadership role in designing, implementing, and evaluating professional development programs.

4.1k the major theories of language acquisition, reading, cognition, and learning(e.g., behaviorism, cognitivism, constructivism, transactionalism);

4.1s communicate the theoretical rationale for instructional decisions and practices.

4.7k foundations of basic research design, methodology, and application;

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4.8k methods and criteria for critically reviewing research on reading and selecting research for educational applications.

4.2s apply knowledge of convergent research for improved literacy instruction for all students;

4.3s facilitate teacher-based and classroom-based research that uses a range of methodologies for the purpose of improving reading instruction;

DISTANT LEARNING STATEMENT:

Students enrolled in distance education courses have equal access to the university's academic support services, such as Smarthinking, library resources, such as online databases, and instructional technology support. For more information about accessing these resources, visit the SRSU website. Students should correspond using Sul Ross email accounts and submit online assignments through Blackboard, which requires secure login information to verify students' identities and to protect students' information. The procedures for filing a student complaint are included in the student handbook. Students enrolled in distance education courses at Sul Ross are expected to adhere to all policies pertaining to academic honesty and appropriate student conduct, as described in the student handbook. Students in web-based courses must maintain appropriate equipment and software, according to the needs and requirements of the course, as outlined on the SRSU website.

SMARTTHINKING:

With Blackboard, you will note two tabs on the left, a Smarthinking Handbook tab and a Smarthinking tab. Sul Ross State University is providing this writing tutorial program, free of charge, to currently enrolled students. Smarthinking is a proven, excellent writing tutorial program and user friendly. When you are ready to submit your draft paper to Smarthinking, you may do so through the Smarthinking tab.

This service does not detect plagiarism; you will still need to use SafeAssign for similarity detection. The Smarthinking Writing Center is designed to assist secondary, post-secondary, and graduate students become stronger writers. Students receive a detailed, personalized critique of any written assignment, such as an essay, paragraph, report, or creative work. When applicable, students can select specialists such as ESL, Technical Writing, or Creative Writing experts. Students can submit writing 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

ACADEMIC INTEGRITY:

Students in this class are required to demonstrate scholarly behavior and academic honesty in the use of intellectual property. A scholar is expected to be timely, prepared, and focused. Meaningful, respectful, and pertinent online participation is also expected.

Examples of academic dishonesty include but are not limited to: submitting work as original that was used in whole or part for another course and/or professor; turning in another person's work as one's own; copying from professional works or internet sites without citation.

SAFE ASSIGN:

The Safe Assignment Tool is an advanced plagiarism prevention system deeply integrated with the Blackboard Learning Management System. SafeAssignment compares student papers submitted to Blackboard against an enormous wide range of sources and provides instructors with detailed Originality Reports. Because of SafeAssignment's flexibility, this product is an effective plagiarism prevention system that helps instructors to raise student awareness about plagiarism and to educate students about the ways to avoid plagiarism. You can check your similarity report and make corrections if needed. With your similarity report, you will note highlighted areas that have similarity noted between your paper and another source. You will click on the tab within the colored square to see the percentage of the similarity. Percentages above 20% must be corrected. It does not matter if the source that is being noted for similarity is not the same source that you used. The system is telling you what you have written is too similar to another source and you need to make corrections. You may need to change up some of the wording or order of information to make it your information. More than three or four words in a row that are identical to the originating author can be detected. You can submit your paper as many times as you would like. This system is designed to assist students with increasing awareness of plagiarism. Typically, plagiarism is an accidental occurrence and occurs when students do not realize their writing is overly similar to another source.

ADA (Americans with Disabilities Act)**SRSU DISABILITY SERVICES:**

Sul Ross State University (SRSU) is committed to equal access in compliance with Americans with Disabilities Act of 1973. It is SRSU policy to provide reasonable accommodations to students with documented disabilities. It is the Student's responsibility to initiate a request. Please contact me, Ms. Rebecca Greathouse Wren, M.Ed., LPC-S, Director/Counselor, Accessibility Services Coordinator, Ferguson Hall (Suite 112) at 432.837.8203; mailing address is P.O. Box C-122, Sul Ross State University, Alpine, Texas 79832. Students should then contact the instructor as soon as possible to initiate the recommended accommodations.

PARTICIPATION POLICY: Since ED 5307 is an online course, participation will be evaluated in Blackboard online discussions. It is the student's responsibility to check the Discussion Board and Sul Ross email DAILY for the duration of the course. In order for you to remain enrolled in ED 5307, you must reply to the Blackboard Discussion Board "Online Participation Policy" forum by the deadline posted on the Due Dates listing contained in this syllabus. It is policy at Sul Ross State University that if a student is enrolled in an online course and fails to stay active for a period of 3 weeks, fails to submit assignments, and/or does not reply to emails from the instructor, he/she will receive a final grade of "F." You may access the "Online Participation Policy" forum by entering Blackboard, then selecting Discussion Board. Please follow the directions regarding your required response.

COURSE REQUIREMENTS:

The university classroom is a place designed for the free exchange of ideas. We must show respect for one another in all circumstances. We will show respect for one another by exhibiting civility in our exchanges.

Additionally, because it is so important for teachers to effectively communicate ideas to colleagues, parents, and administrators, writing clear and error-free English is a priority at Sul Ross University. Therefore, your ability to express your knowledge of educational concepts and theories within the conventions of academic discourse will be assessed through both presentations and written assignments. Criteria for evaluation will be based on both content and mechanics. Integration of information from lectures, readings, and discussions will be taken into consideration as will correct and appropriate format and construction.

1. Students will complete all assigned readings and assignments promptly. Assignments and examinations will become unavailable once the deadline for completion has passed. In the event you encounter special circumstances (including technology challenges), contact me immediately for instructions or assistance or BB Help Desk.
2. All assignments must be word processed and submitted in accordance with due dates on the course calendar. Late work will not be accepted.
3. Semester online discussion boards will provide opportunities for discussion among those persons who may exhibit a different perspective from your own. Postings must be completed at the appointed time and will not be accepted late.

4. Students will prepare written assignments to include deconstruction of journal articles, analysis of a research design, and various short assignments during the course.

Each student will be required to complete a research proposal and write up the project in a form that would be suitable for publication. The topic must be approved prior to beginning the proposal and the student must work closely with the instructor as the proposal progresses in written form. There will be various deadlines established regarding the completion of phases of the project. These timeframes are important and must be met in a timely manner. You will complete parts of the research project each week.

The completed paper will be returned electronically on Blackboard and will be available for viewing. Papers that do not meet the minimum length requirement (4,000) words excluding appendices) will not be accepted. The requirements for the Research Proposal will be given in Module 2 of the course.

EVALUATION/GRADING POLICY:

Note: Grades are earned based on the quality of the work completed. **Assignments submitted after due dates will receive no credit.** Grades of **Incomplete (I)** are not given in the Professional Studies Division of Sul Ross State University *except* in the *most extreme* situations.

A grade of "A" will not be given in this course unless the student's writing reflects graduate level quality and the written career program is superior. See writing rubric at the end of the syllabus.

FINAL GRADING: **A=100-91%** **B=90-81%** **C=80-71%** **F=70-0%**

Discussion Boards	20%
APA Style Assessments and Assignments	20%
Quizzes & Exams	20%
Final Research Proposal	40%

NOTE: Graduate students must maintain a 3.0 GPA to remain in good standing.

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A grade of "A" will not be given in this course unless the student's writing reflects graduate level quality and the written program is superior. A grade of "C" will result in the student retaking the course.

INTERNET WEB RESOURCES:

APA Style of Notation <http://www.apastyle.org>

Sul Ross University Library Guide for ED 5307

URL: <http://sulross.libguides.com/ed5307>

SCHEDULE/DUE DATES:

All Assignments are due by 11:59pm (CST). **No late work will be accepted.**

June 30 - Online ED 5307 course officially begins.

June 30 – **Complete** Online Participation Policy Agreement posted on Discussion Board. Must be completed before receiving credit for assignments

June 30 - **Introduce** Yourself on the Discussion Board

July 1 – APA Pre-test Due

July 2 - Chapter 1- The Process of Conducting Research article: The Counselor as a Practitioner- Scholar (Balkin & Kleist, 2017)

July 3 - Discussion Board 1: The Counselor as a Practitioner-Scholar

WEEK ONE

July 5 - Chapter 1 Quiz

July 6 - Chapter 2- Identifying a Research Problem article: Ethical Issues and Multicultural Issues in Counseling Research (Balkin & Kleist, 2017)

July 6 - Discussion Board 2- Research Topic

July 7 - Chapter 2 Quiz

July 8 - Chapter 3- Reviewing the Literature

July 8 - Discussion Board 3- Introduction & Statement of the Problem

July 9 - Chapter 3 Quiz

July 10 - Chapter 4- Specifying a Purpose and Research Questions or Hypothesis

July 11 - Discussion board 4 Question/Hypothesis Statements

WEEK TWO

July 12 – Chapter 4 Quiz

July 13 – Chapter 5- Collecting Quantitative Data

Chapter 6- Analyzing and Interpreting Quantitative Data

July 14 – Chapters 5 and 6 Quiz

July 15 – Chapter 7- Collecting Qualitative Data

Chapter 8 Analyzing and Interpreting Qualitative Data

July 16 – Assignment – Turn in Revised and Edited **Introduction** - Include Smarthinking feedback

July 17 – Chapters 7 and 8 Quiz

July 18 – Chapter 9- Reporting and Evaluating Research article: Measurement in Counseling Research (Balkin & Kleist, 2017)

WEEK THREE

July 19 - Chapter 9 Quiz

July 20 - Mid-Term Exam; Work on Literature Review

July 21 - Chapter 10- Experimental Design

Chapter 11 Correlational Design

Chapter 12 Survey Design

July 22 - Discussion Board 5 Post Literature Review Draft to Discussion Board

July 23 - Research Design Quiz

July 23 – Last Day to drop a class

July 24 - Chapter 13- Grounded Theory Designs

Chapter 14 Ethnographic Design

Chapter 15 Narrative Research Design

July 25 - Discussion Board 6 – Selection of Research Design

WEEK FOUR

July 26 - Chapters 13-15 Quiz

July 27 - Chapter 16- Mixed Method Designs

July 28 – Discussion Board 7 Post Draft of Research Proposal – Include Smarthinking feedback

July 29 – APA Quiz

July 30 - Work on Proposal

July 31 - Final Research Proposal Drafts Due

August 1 - No assignments due-continue to work on Final Research Proposal

WEEK FIVE

August 2 – APA Post-Test

August 3- Final Research Proposal are due

August 4 - Discussion Board 8-Top 5 Things I Learned About Educational Research

August 5 - Study for Exam

August 6 - Final Exams

August 9 – Grades Due

WRITING RUBRIC FOR ALL WRITTEN ASSIGNMENTS AND DISCUSSIONS:

Sub-skill	Beginning 1	Basic 2	Proficient 3	Advanced 4	Exceptional 5	Score
Integration of Knowledge	The paper did not incorporate knowledge from the literature or class in relevant and meaningful ways	The paper somewhat incorporated knowledge from the literature in relevant and meaningful ways	The paper incorporated knowledge from the literature in relevant and meaningful ways	The paper effectively incorporated knowledge from the literature in relevant and meaningful ways	The paper very effectively incorporated knowledge from the literature in relevant and meaningful ways	
Organization and Presentation	The paper lacked topic sentences, transitions from one topic to another, relevant connections among topics, and a seamless flow	The paper occasionally included topic sentences, transitions from one topic to another, relevant connections among topics, and a seamless flow	The paper consistently included topic sentences, transitions from one topic to another, relevant connections among topics, and a seamless flow	The paper consistently and effectively employed topic sentences, transitions from one topic to another, relevant connections among topics, and a seamless flow	The paper uniformly and very effectively employed topic sentences, transitions from one topic to another, relevant connections among topics, and a seamless flow	
Focus	The paper's topic lacked focus and a clear direction	The paper's topic had occasional focus, direction, and purpose	The paper's topic had focus and clarity of direction and purpose	The paper's topic had effective focus and clarity of direction and purpose	The paper's topic had very effective focus and clarity of direction and purpose	
Level of Coverage	The paper lacked depth, elaboration, and relevant material	The paper occasionally included depth, elaboration, and relevant material	The paper included depth, elaboration, and relevant material	The paper effectively included depth, elaboration, and relevant material	The paper very effectively included depth, elaboration, and relevant material	
Grammar/ Spelling	The paper contained numerous errors of grammar and spelling	The paper contained some errors of grammar and spelling	The paper contained very few errors of grammar and spelling	The paper contained only one or two errors of grammar and spelling	The paper contained no errors of grammar and spelling	
References	The paper	The paper	The paper	The paper	The paper	

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and Sources	did not include content from journal articles and/or scholarly books/book chapters and instead cited web site material of questionable veracity	included content from a few journal articles and scholarly books/book chapters and instead included material from web sites of questionable credibility	included content from journal articles and scholarly books/book chapters and only included material from credible web sites	effectively included content from journal articles and scholarly books/book chapters and only included material from credible web sites	very effectively included content from journal articles or scholarly books/book chapters and only included material from credible web sites	
APA Style	The paper did not use APA style	The paper was partly based on APA style	The paper was mostly based on APA style	The paper was based on APA style with only a few exceptions	The paper was completely and accurately based on APA style	
Total Score						
Mean Score						

Comments: _____

Student Name: _____ A# _____

Assignment: _____ Date: _____