



**Research Methods**  
KINE 5305; Fall 2024  
Online 2nd 8 weeks, 10/21 – 12/11

## SYLLABUS

### Faculty Information

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- **Email is the best way to get in contact with me:** [julianna.dean@sulross.edu](mailto:julianna.dean@sulross.edu)
  - Please make sure you put KINE 5305 somewhere in the subject line of the email.
  - Please address me as “Dr. Dean”, NOT Ms. Dean
  - Please use your SRSU email address. I cannot answer emails from non-SRSU accounts.
  - Please be professional in your communications, especially when communicating by email. Please address me as Dr. Dean. For a review on how to write a professional email, please see <https://www.grammarly.com/blog/professional-email-in-english/>.
- **Office Phone:** 432-837-8556
- **Office Hours:** *by appointment*

### Required Textbook

Inclusive Access: How to Design and Evaluate Research in Education

Edition: 11

Author: Jack R. Fraenkel, Norman Wallen, Helen H. Hyun



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## **Course Description**

In this course students are introduced to the basic concepts and techniques that are used in social science research. The course is divided into three sections, which cover social scientific inquiry and research design, quantitative data gathering and analysis, and qualitative data gathering and analysis.

## **Student Learning Outcomes**

By the end of the course, successful students will be able to

- A. Discuss basic principles and procedures of research methodology.
- B. Define key concepts in research ethics as they apply to research design.
- C. Critically evaluate quantitative research studies.
- D. Compose a literature review on a topic of interest to the student.
- E. Apply appropriate research methods for a specific research project of their choice.
- F. Propose a research study including a background, literature review, and methods.

## **Marketable Skills**

The following marketable skills are met in this course:

- Collaboration. Students will interact with one another through class discussion boards and collaborative assignments.
- Communication. Students will respectfully communicate what they have learned with their peers and instructor.
- Critical Thinking. Students will critically decipher real-world scenarios and published peer-reviewed articles.
- Career Management. Students will develop skills necessary to thrive in a management role in their chosen profession including project leadership.

## **Grading Policies**

\*Letter Grading as per SRSU policy will be used in this course.

## **STUDENT RESPONSIBILITIES**

### **Communication**

You must use your Sul Ross student email address. I cannot answer emails from non-Sul Ross accounts. Please check your Sul Ross email on a regular basis for class notifications or instructions. The student is responsible for information conveyed through all instructor emails and course announcements. Students are also responsible for checking Blackboard on a regular basis for course information. Please inform the instructor if you are having difficulty with email or Blackboard. Students may also seek assistance through the Office of Information Technology (OIT): <https://www.sulross.edu/oit/>

### **Student Activity**

Attendance in an online class is achieved by logging on (Blackboard tracks your logins), downloading class information (PowerPoints, handouts, assignments, etc.), studying the information, doing the assignments and discussions, and completing the SmartBook chapters.

### **Assignments/Deadlines**

Please note that this is **not** a self-paced course. There are due dates for assignments, discussions, SmartBook readings, and work throughout the semester. These due dates are listed on Blackboard and the course schedule. Assignments must be completed and submitted

by the due date and time. Late or missed assignments will not be accepted. All work will be turned in on Blackboard. Do not wait until the last moment to complete work as Blackboard may cause challenges in getting work submitted on time.

## MY COURSE POLICIES

### **Communication is key.**

I expect you to attend class (by logging in to Blackboard), engage, and complete your work by the deadlines assigned. However, I understand that extenuating circumstances can occur. Therefore, I expect you to inform me as soon as possible if you are having complications completing your work in a timely manner. **With communication, we can work out a plan for your success.** If you do not meet my expectations, and you do not communicate with me, there is nothing I can do to help you succeed. It is YOUR RESPONSIBILITY to communicate with me.

### **I do not accept late work.**

If you do not turn in an assignment on time, you will receive a zero for that assignment. I understand extenuating circumstances can occur. **Therefore, any extensions must be requested at least 24 hours in advance of the due date.**

### **The use of AI to complete written assignments is prohibited in this course.**

Please do not use AI to write your discussion posts, replies, assignments, or final paper in this class. I run each submission through AI detection. If I suspect the use of AI, I will consider it academic dishonesty. Please see my next course policy for consequences of academic dishonesty.

### **I have zero tolerance for cheating, academic dishonesty, and plagiarism.**

For any student who cheats, is suspected of cheating, or who unintentionally or intentionally plagiarizes, I immediately contact the Dean of Student Affairs, and the student receives a zero for the work. *There are no exceptions.* Please use anti-plagiarism software before turning in any assignment to avoid any consequences. If you need a review on how to avoid plagiarism and cite sources correctly, please visit the Lobo Den: <https://www.sulross.edu/student-advising/lobo-den/> **\*\*The use of AI to complete work in this class is prohibited.\*\***

### **This is not a self-paced course. Deadlines are hard deadlines.**

Please be vigilant of the course schedule and deadlines. You are responsible for your participation and work. If you expect to miss any deadline, you must contact me at least 24 hours in advance to work out a plan for your success. If you contact me after a deadline, there is nothing I can do; you will receive a 0.

### **I do not calculate grades before the end of the semester.**

All point totals are listed in this syllabus which will aid you in calculating your own grade. All of your grades will be on Blackboard.

**Do not email me with questions until you check Blackboard announcements, your email, and you re-read this syllabus.** Many questions can be answered by checking Blackboard announcements, your email, and reviewing this syllabus. If you still have questions after reviewing these three things, please email me using your Sul Ross email. I cannot answer email from non-Sul Ross accounts. Please address me as Dr. Dean in your communications. Please see the next course policy on how to write a professional email.

**I value good grammar and professional communication.**

In all your work, please use good grammar. I require complete sentences in all of your assignments. If you write in phrases or without correct punctuation, you will receive point deductions. If you need a review on good grammar and acceptable writing practices, please make an appointment with the writing center.

Please be professional in your communications, especially when communicating by email. Please address me as Dr. Dean. For a review on how to write a professional email, please see <https://www.grammarly.com/blog/professional-email-in-english/>.

Please be respectful both to your peers and professors in all communications both during and outside of class. In this class we may discuss topics that are debatable in nature. I ask that you share your experiences and opinions as you are willing; all opinions are welcomed and encouraged. Therefore, as we embrace differing opinions, students should be prepared to experience and participate in respectful conflict. If at any time a student engages in a disrespectful manner to peers or the professor, the student will be asked to leave the class and not return.

**I value mental health.**

I believe mental health is just as important as physical health. Free and confidential counseling services are available to all Sul Ross students. This course may feature discussions that can be reflective in nature. If at any time you feel the need to speak with somebody, you can make an appointment: <https://www.sulross.edu/counseling-and-accessibility-services/>

**24-Hour National Suicide Prevention Hotline: 988**

Sul Ross has partnered with TimelyCare, an online mental health support platform and all SR students will have access to nine free Counseling sessions by visiting <https://timelycare.com/SRSU/>. SRSU also continues to offer counseling in Ferguson Hall room 112 in Alpine, and telehealth Zoom session for our Rio Grande, Uvalde, Eagle Pass, and remote students.

Note: Students, you are also eligible to receive **nine** free sessions with Timely Care. After the nine free sessions, additional sessions cost is \$79 per session.



**UNIVERSITY POLICIES**

### **ADA Statement**

SRSU Accessibility Services. Sul Ross State University (SRSU) is committed to equal access in compliance with the 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 each semester for each class. Students seeking accessibility/accommodations services must contact Mrs. Mary Schwartze Grisham, LPC, SRSU's Accessibility Services Director at 432-837-8203 or email [mschwartze@sulross.edu](mailto:mschwartze@sulross.edu). Our office is located on the first floor of Ferguson Hall, room 112, and our mailing address is P.O. Box C122, Sul Ross State University, Alpine, Texas, 79832.

### **SRSU Distance Education Statement**

Students enrolled in distance education courses have equal access to the university's academic support services, such as library resources, 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 a secure login. 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. Directions for filing a student complaint are located in the student handbook.

### **Libraries**

The Bryan Wildenthal Memorial Library in Alpine offers FREE resources and services to the entire SRSU community. Access and borrow books, articles, and more by visiting the library's website, [library.sulross.edu/](http://library.sulross.edu/). Off-campus access requires logging in with your LoboID and password. Librarians are a tremendous resource for your coursework and can be reached in person, by email ([srsulibrary@sulross.edu](mailto:srsulibrary@sulross.edu)), or by phone (432-837-8123).

No matter where you are based, public libraries and many academic and special libraries welcome the general public into their spaces for study. SRSU TexShare Cardholders can access additional services and resources at various libraries across Texas. Learn more about the TexShare program by visiting [library.sulross.edu/find-and-borrow/texshare/](http://library.sulross.edu/find-and-borrow/texshare/) or ask a librarian by emailing [srsulibrary@sulross.edu](mailto:srsulibrary@sulross.edu).

New for Fall 2023: Mike Fernandez, SRSU Librarian, is based in Eagle Pass (Building D-129) to offer specialized library services to students, faculty, and staff. Utilize free services such as InterLibrary Loan (ILL) and ScanIt to get materials delivered to you at home or via email.

### **Academic Integrity**

Students in this class are expected to demonstrate scholarly behavior and academic honesty in the use of intellectual property. Students should submit work that is their own and avoid the temptation to engage in behaviors that violate academic integrity, such as turning in 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; collaborating on a course assignment, examination, or quiz when collaboration is forbidden. Students should also avoid using open AI sources *unless permission is expressly given* for an assignment or course. Violations of academic integrity can result in failing assignments, failing a class, and/or more serious university consequences. These behaviors also erode the value of college degrees and higher education overall.

**Classroom Climate of Respect**

Importantly, this class will foster free expression, critical investigation, and the open discussion of ideas. This means that all of us must help create and sustain an atmosphere of tolerance, civility, and respect for the viewpoints of others. Similarly, we must all learn how to probe, oppose and disagree without resorting to tactics of intimidation, harassment, or personal attack. No one is entitled to harass, belittle, or discriminate against another on the basis of race, religion, ethnicity, age, gender, national origin, or sexual preference. Still, we will not be silenced by the difficulty of fruitfully discussing politically sensitive issues.

**Supportive Statement**

I am to create a learning environment for my students that supports various perspectives and experiences. I understand that the recent pandemic, economic disparity, and health concerns, or even unexpected life events may impact the conditions necessary for you to succeed. My commitment is to be there for you and help you meet the learning objectives of this course. I do this to demonstrate my commitment to you and to the mission of Sul Ross State University to create a supportive environment and care for the whole student as part of the Sul Ross Familia. If you feel like your performance in the class is being impacted by your experiences outside of class, please don't hesitate to come and talk with me. I want to be a resource for you.

## Course Schedule

Finally, ***PLEASE*** complete the SRSU course evaluation at the end of class. This helps me keep my job here! 😊