

Online Bachelor Completion Program Pre-Syllabus

Class ID/Title and Quarter/Year: TAS 321 Research for Technical and Applied Studies – Fall 2009

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Prerequisites: TAS 301 & (PSY 120 OR 221 OR QBA 201 OR MATH 250 OR 251) & NO CREDIT IF (PSY 226 OR SOC 351) Absolutely NO prerequisite waivers will be granted.

Required and Optional Materials:

Text(s): Chambliss, Daniel F. and Schutt, Russell K. (2010). *Making sense of the social world: methods of investigation*. (3rd ed.). Pine Forge Press (an imprint of Sage Publications).
ISBN: 978-1-4129-6939-0

Additional or Optional Materials: Computer and Internet access required

Learning Objectives:

On completing this course, the students will be able to:

- Use OhioLink for locating research reports within your discipline.
 - Identify the questions that should be asked when critiquing a research study and the ways in which the answers should be evaluated.
 - Assess the benefits and liabilities of each major research approach as well as the rationale for using a combination of methods in some situations.
 - Identify the most important issues involved in and strategies of writing a research report.
 - Make effective use of social science studies that shape social policy and popular beliefs.
 - Use research methodologies to develop critical and constructive problem-solving strategies.
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Course Description:

This course emphasizes both an understanding of research methods and the development of the critical skills necessary to interpret and to convey research results. In addition to analyzing research methods, the students will examine current technological applications designed to aid the conduct and evaluation of research. Students will analyze research projects in areas of related interest.

Exam Requirements:

Number of exams: 2

Proctoring requirements: None at this time.

Special examination requirements: Open book with notes allowed and timed exams