

# Online Bachelor Completion Program Pre-Syllabus

**Class ID and Title:** TAS 321 Research and technical and applied Studies

**Quarter and Year:** Winter 2009-2010

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## Course Description and Prerequisites:

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.

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.

## Learning Objectives:

After successfully completing this course, you will be able to:

1. Identify the questions that should be asked when critiquing a research study and the ways in which the answers should be evaluated.
2. Assess the benefits and liabilities of each major research approach and the rationale for using a combination of methods in some situations.
3. Identify the most important issues involved in and strategies of writing a research report.
4. Make effective use of the social science studies that shape social policy and popular beliefs.
5. Use research methodologies to develop critical and constructive problem-solving strategies.
6. Design a research proposal, following the outline and guidelines presented in the course.

## General Course Requirements:

A variety of homework assignments will be required during the quarter.

Quizzes will be presented for each chapter covered in the book during the quarter.

You will be required to participate in several Discussion Board activities during the quarter.

Two exams will be given during the quarter.

Additionally, you will be required to complete a Research Proposal paper as the final assessment in the course.

## Required and Optional Materials:

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

**Exam Requirements:**

Quizzes will be presented for each chapter covered in the book during the quarter. Two exams will be given during the quarter covering material from the book. The exams will be accomplished through Blackboard. These tests will not be proctored, but will have a specific time period to complete. Open book and notes are allowed.