

University of Florida
Department of Psychology
Syllabus for PCO 4911: Research Methods in Counseling Psychology

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This is a course on research methods and applications in counseling psychology. You will choose a faculty member and/or graduate student(s) with whom you will work directly. The specific activities vary from semester to semester, and from lab to lab. Activities will vary across labs and semesters. Complete the PSY4911 Research Form and indicate Counseling Psychology under “area.”

Course Objectives: You will learn to perform multiple research skills, including but not limited to: (a) data collection, entry, cleaning, and analysis; (b) reading, summarizing, and critiquing journal articles; and (c) managing in-person and online participant data collection.

Dr. Taewon’s Goals: I believe that transformative learning would occur through an integrative process of cognitive, affective, intrapersonal, and interpersonal domains of learning. To pursue this belief,

1. I will strive to pay attention to not only cognitive learning processes but also social relations and emotional experiences in class.
2. I will strive to support you to reflect on the connections between personal experiences and systemic experiences.
3. I acknowledge that students have some personal and institutional wounds and strengths when engaging in learning. Therefore, I will strive to gently invite students to flexibly share their deep reflection and vulnerability.

Course Format

Your learning process will be through lab meetings. Lab meeting frequency varies across labs, but most meet once per week. Attendance policies are set by each lab’s supervisor.

Required Readings

There is no specific textbook for this course, but your lab will most likely recommend or assign readings related to research projects.

Attendance and Make-up Work

Requirements for class attendance and make-up exams, assignments, and other work in this course are consistent with university policies that can be found at:
<https://catalog.ufl.edu/ugrad/current/regulations/info/attendance.aspx>

Grading

Your performance is graded as “Satisfactory” or “Unsatisfactory.” At mid-term, the coordinator will check in with each lab supervisor and report to you if any concern has arisen regarding your lab performance.

Disability Accommodation

Students with disabilities who experience learning barriers and would like to request academic accommodations should connect with the Disability Resource Center. Please check out this website: <https://disability.ufl.edu/get-started/>

It is important for students to share their accommodation letter with their instructor and discuss their access needs, as early as possible in the semester.

Online Course Evaluation

Students are expected to provide professional and respectful feedback on the quality of instruction in this course by completing course evaluations online via GatorEvals. Guidance on how to give feedback professionally and respectfully is available at <https://gatorevals.aa.ufl.edu/students>. Students will be notified when the evaluation period opens, and can complete evaluations through the email they receive from GatorEvals, in their Canvas course menu under GatorEvals, or via <https://ufl.bluera.com/ufl>. Summaries of course evaluation results are available to students at <https://gatorevals.aa.ufl.edu/public-results>.

Academic Honesty

The University’s honesty policy regarding cheating and use of software: The University of Florida requires all members of its community to be honest in all endeavors. Cheating, plagiarism, and other acts diminish the process of learning. When students enroll at UF they commit themselves to honesty and integrity. Your instructor fully expects you to adhere to the academic honesty guidelines you signed when you were admitted to UF. As a result of completing the registration form at the University of Florida, every student has signed the following statement: *“I understand the University of Florida expects it students to be honest in all their academic work. I agree to adhere to this commitment to academic honesty and understand that my failure to comply with this commitment may result in disciplinary action up to and including expulsion from the University.”* Furthermore, on work submitted for credit by UF students, the following pledge is either required or implied: *“On my honor, I have neither given nor received unauthorized aid in doing this assignment.”* It is to be assumed all work will be completed independently unless the assignment is defined as group project, in writing by the professor. All faculty, staff, and students of the University are required and expected to obey the laws and legal agreements governing software use. Failure to do so can lead to monetary damages and/or criminal penalties for the individual violator. Because such violations are also against University policies and rules, disciplinary action will be taken as appropriate. These policies will be vigorously upheld at all times in this course.

Health and Wellness

U Matter, We Care: If you or someone you know is in distress, please contact umatter@ufl.edu, 352-392-1575, or visit U Matter, We Care website to refer or report a concern and a team member will reach out to the student in distress.

Counseling and Wellness Center: Visit the Counseling and Wellness Center website or call 352-392-1575 for information on crisis services as well as non-crisis services.

Student Health Care Center: Call 352-392-1161 for 24/7 information to help you find the care you need, or visit the Student Health Care Center website.

University Police Department: Visit UF Police Department website or call 352-392-1111 (or 9-1-1 for emergencies).

UF Health Shands Emergency Room/Trauma Center: For immediate medical care call 352-733-0111 or go to the emergency room at 1515 SW Archer Road, Gainesville, FL 32608.

GatorWell Health Promotion Services: For prevention services focused on optimal wellbeing, including Wellness Coaching for Academic Success, visit the GatorWell website or call 352-273-4450

Academic Resources

E-learning technical support: Contact the UF Computing Help Desk at 352-392-4357 or via e-mail at helpdesk@ufl.edu.

Career Connections Center: Reitz Union Suite 1300, 352-392-1601. Career assistance and counseling services.

Library Support: Various ways to receive assistance using the libraries or finding resources.

Teaching Center: Broward Hall, 352-392-2010 or to make an appointment 352- 392-6420. General study skills and tutoring.

Writing Studio: 2215 Turlington Hall, 352-846-1138. Help brainstorming, formatting, and writing papers.

Student Complaints On-Campus: Visit the Student Honor Code and Student Conduct Code website for more information.

Online Student Complaints: View the Distance Learning Student Complaint Process.