Psychology 489, Interpersonal Relations
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I typically answer emails the same day, however, please allow 2-3 days for a reply.

Class Description:
The purpose of this class is to train you to conduct psychological research. This includes all aspects of the research process: development of research materials and/or experimental procedures, how to conduct studies/experiments, data analysis and interpretation, and empirical writing. The class is conducted through informal meetings with Dr. Reysen and other graduate students in the Social Research Laboratory and the Council for the Study of Global Learning laboratory. During the semester (times to be announced) we will meet to discuss each other’s research and examine experimental materials and procedures.

Beyond meeting to discuss research, you may be asked to conduct library research (google scholar is going to be your best friend), conduct research (e.g., run participants), track and maintain studies using the SONA system (participant sign-up system), enter data into the computer, organize and manage databases, and various other tasks.

All lab members must complete human subjects training and provide a copy of the certificate of completion to Dr. Reysen. The training is online and takes about 10 hours to complete. The training can be found at the below website… http://web.tamu-commerce.edu/research/compliance/responsibleConduct.aspx

Grading:
Attending scheduled class meetings, while behaving in a professional manner in running experiments, generally results in an ‘A’ grade. More specifically, this means: 1) do not fail to show up for, or arrive late for, an experiment, 2) conduct experiments in a respectful manner, especially the debriefing process. Failing to conduct an experiment at the appointed time, or not completing assigned class work, may result in a reduction of your grade. I suggest checking your email everyday during the semester.

Students with Disabilities:
The Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) is a federal anti-discrimination statute that provides comprehensive civil rights protection for persons with disabilities. Among other things, this legislation requires that all students with disabilities be guaranteed a learning environment that provides for reasonable accommodation of their disabilities. If you have a disability requiring an accommodation, please contact: Office of Student Disability Resources and Services, Texas A&M University-Commerce, Gee Library, Room 132, Phone (903) 886-5150 or (903) 886-5835, Fax (903) 468-8148, StudentDisabilityServices@tamu-commerce.edu
Respect:

More generally, if you have any problems or concerns regarding this course, please contact me as soon as possible. Your feedback (both positive and negative) is more than welcome. We should strive to respect and value the diversity that exists in A&M-Commerce classrooms (e.g., age, gender, ethnicity, national origin, disability, geographic backgrounds, political orientation, sexual orientation). While we may sometimes disagree with each other on topics discussed in class, it’s important that we remember that appreciating diversity in perspectives is an important part of the learning process (and good life skill). If you ever feel that you are not being given the respect you deserve in class, please let me know.

Cheating:

Warning: If I detect you engaging in academic misconduct you will automatically FAIL this course. Academic misconduct includes disruption of classes, giving or receiving unauthorized aid on examinations, knowingly misrepresenting the source of any academic work, presenting others research ideas as if they are your own, or otherwise acting dishonestly. This includes both cheating on exams and plagiarism of any written work that you hand in for this course. Information on the academic misconduct policy of Texas A&M-Commerce can be found at http://catalog.tamuc.edu/

If at any point in time you have concerns with your research experience, feel free to contact Dr. Reysen or your graduate supervisor.