PSY 4321
Seminar in
Psychological Research
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Course Description
This course is designed to provide students with practical experience in the scientific process by collecting and analyzing data, and reporting their finding in the form of both a presentation and in a written research report that follows APA style format.

Student Learning Outcomes
Upon completion of this course, students will be able to: 1) Design and conduct an empirical study. 2) Communicate research findings both orally and in written APA form. 3) Critically analyze published findings in psychological journals. 4) Discuss empirical findings of current studies investigating psychology. 5) Apply the data/research to everyday life.

Course Delivery
This is an online course with learning resources and supplemental materials posted in Blackboard.

Required Text and Materials
Required: Current APA manual
Students will also be required to utilize the ASU library and internet to include various sources for the weekly discussions.
Course Requirements

**Attendance:** In order to accomplish this course successfully, the student must participate in all activities. It is recommended that the study spend a minimum of 6-9 hours per week working on a 3-credit course. Students need to check blackboard and their email many times per day.

**Email:** ASU email addresses are required. No other email addresses will be acceptable. The instructor will make an attempt to answer all emails no later than 24 hours after receiving, except on weekends. Emails received on weekends will be answered during the next regular school week.

**Evaluation and Grading:**

**Research topic selection:** Students will be placed into groups and within their group they will collaborate and decide on a research topic. Students will then work together on the same research project throughout the entire semester in a collective effort; however, each student must write his/her own research paper individually.

**Ethical Training:** Students will be required to complete online ethical training [http://phrp.nihtraining.com/users/login.php](http://phrp.nihtraining.com/users/login.php) and provide the certificate of completion before data collection.

**Institutional Review Board (IRB) approval:** Students will be required to request and gain instructor IRB approval before collecting data via the online forms (located on blackboard).

**Presentation:** Students will be required to upload a group 20-minute presentation of their research findings. Format guidelines will be posted.

**Research Report:** Students will be required to write and submit a 6-page APA style research paper.

**Extra Credit:** Extra credit (up to 2 points added to your final class average) may be earned by writing a short career paper (see blackboard for details).

**Grades:**

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Grading Scale
A = (90%-100%)
B = (80%-89%)
C = (70%-79%)
D = (60%-69%)
E = (below 60%)

Attendance/Make-Up Policy: Blackboard login of at least 3x a week is required for this course. There will be no makeup exams except in cases of serious illness or some other extreme event such as a death in the family. The instructor will determine if a student will be allowed to make-up the assignment. You will have 5 days after the missed exam to make it up and failure to do so will result in a zero.

Communication
Students are encouraged to email the instructor if they have any questions or concerns. When emailing the instructor, please include your course name in the email. If you would like to meet with instructor, please approach it this way: send an email that gives three options, in terms of days and time slots that work for you.

General Policies Related to This Course
All students are required to follow the policies and procedures presented in these documents:

- Angelo State University Student Handbook
- Angelo State University Catalog

Academic Integrity
Students are expected to maintain complete honesty and integrity in all work. Any student found guilty of any form of dishonesty in academic work is subject of disciplinary action and possible expulsion from ASU.

The College of Health and Human Services adheres to the university’s Statement of Academic Integrity.

Accommodations for Students with Disabilities
ASU is committed to the principle that no qualified individual with a disability shall, on the basis of disability, be excluded from participation in or be denied the benefits of the services, programs or activities of the university, or be subjected to discrimination by the university, as
provided by the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 (ADA), the Americans with Disabilities Act Amendments of 2008 (ADAAA) and subsequent legislation.

Student Disability Services is located in the Office of Student Affairs, and is the designated campus department charged with the responsibility of reviewing and authorizing requests for reasonable accommodations based on a disability. It is the student’s responsibility to initiate such a request by contacting an employee of the Office of Student Affairs, in the Houston Harte University Center, Room 112, or contacting the department via email at ADA@angelo.edu. For more information about the application process and requirements, visit the Student Disability Services website. The employee charged with the responsibility of reviewing and authorizing accommodation requests is:

Dallas Swafford  
Director of Student Disability Services  
Office of Student Affairs  
325-942-2047  
dallas.swafford@angelo.edu  
Houston Harte University Center, Room 112

**Incomplete Grade Policy**

It is policy that incomplete grades be reserved for student illness or personal misfortune. Please contact faculty if you have serious illness or a personal misfortune that would keep you from completing course work. Documentation may be required. See ASU Operating Policy 10.11 Grading Procedures for more information.

**Plagiarism**

Plagiarism is a serious topic covered in ASU’s Academic Integrity policy in the Student Handbook. Plagiarism is the action or practice of taking someone else’s work, idea, etc., and passing it off as one’s own. Plagiarism is literary theft.

In your discussions and/or your papers, it is unacceptable to copy word-for-word without quotation marks and the source of the quotation. It is expected that you will summarize or paraphrase ideas giving appropriate credit to the source both in the body of your paper and the reference list.

Papers are subject to be evaluated for originality. Resources to help you understand this policy better are available at the ASU Writing Center.
Student Absence for Observance of Religious Holy Days
A student who intends to observe a religious holy day should make that intention known in writing to the instructor prior to the absence. See ASU Operating Policy 10.19 Student Absence for Observance of Religious Holy Day for more information.

Copyright Policy
Students officially enrolled in this course should make only one printed copy of the given articles and/or chapters. You are expressly prohibited from distributing or reproducing any portion of course readings in printed or electronic form without written permission from the copyright holders or publishers.

Syllabus Changes
The faculty member reserves the option to make changes as necessary to this syllabus and the course content. If changes become necessary during this course, the faculty will notify students of such changes by email, course announcements and/or via a discussion board announcement. It is the student’s responsibility to look for such communications about the course on a daily basis.

Title IX at Angelo State University
Angelo State University is committed to providing and strengthening an educational, working, and living environment where students, faculty, staff, and visitors are free from sex discrimination of any kind. In accordance with Title VII, Title IX, the Violence Against Women Act (VAWA), the Campus Sexual Violence Elimination Act (SaVE), and other federal and state laws, the University prohibits discrimination based on sex, which includes pregnancy, and other types of Sexual Misconduct. Sexual Misconduct is a broad term encompassing all forms of gender-based harassment or discrimination and unwelcome behavior of a sexual nature. The term includes sexual harassment, nonconsensual sexual contact, nonconsensual sexual intercourse, sexual assault, sexual exploitation, stalking, public indecency, interpersonal violence (domestic violence or dating violence), sexual violence, and any other misconduct based on sex.
You are encouraged to report any incidents involving sexual misconduct to the Office of Title IX Compliance and the Director of Title IX Compliance/Title IX Coordinator, Michelle Boone, J.D.
You may submit reports in the following manner:

Online: www.angelo.edu/incident-form
Face to face: Mayer Administration Building, Room 210
Phone: 325-942-2022
Email: michelle.boone@angelo.edu
Note, as a faculty member at Angelo State, I am a mandatory reporter and must report incidents involving sexual misconduct to the Title IX Coordinator. Should you wish to speak to someone in confidence about an issue, you may contact the University Counseling Center (325-942-2371), the 24-Hour Crisis Helpline (325-486-6345), or the University Health Clinic (325-942-2171).
For more information about resources related to sexual misconduct, Title IX, or Angelo State’s policy please visit: [www.angelo.edu/title-ix](http://www.angelo.edu/title-ix).

**Required Facial Coverings by Students in Class at Angelo State University**

As a member of the Texas Tech University System, Angelo State University has adopted the mandatory *Facial Covering Policy* to ensure a safe and healthy classroom experience. Current research on the COVID-19 virus suggests there is a significant reduction in the potential for transmission of the virus from person to person by wearing a mask/facial covering that covers the nose and mouth areas. Therefore, in compliance with the university policy students in this class are required to wear a mask/facial covering before, during, and after class. Faculty members may also ask you to display your daily screening badge as a prerequisite to enter the classroom. You are also asked to maintain safe distancing practices to the best of your ability. For the safety of everyone, any student not appropriately wearing a mask/facial covering will be asked to leave the classroom immediately. The student will be responsible to make up any missed class content or work. Continued non-compliance with the Texas Tech University System Policy may result in disciplinary action through the Office of Student Conduct.

**Course Schedule** *(subject to change by Dr. Kreitler)*

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<td>Introduction Research Articles</td>
<td>Read syllabus/log on to Blackboard to read other documents about course</td>
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<td>Research Selection Ethics in Research</td>
<td>Discussion Due</td>
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<td>Research discussion via zoom with Dr. Kreitler @1pm</td>
<td>Syllabus Quiz Due</td>
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<td>Group Assignment</td>
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<td>Group Presentation of Project/IRB group work</td>
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**End of Syllabus**

2. https://www.angelo.edu/catalogs/
4. https://www.angelo.edu/services/disability-services/
5. https://www.angelo.edu/content/files/14197-op-1011-grading-procedures
7. https://www.angelo.edu/dept/writing_center/academic_honesty.php
8. https://www.angelo.edu/content/files/14206-op-1019-student-absence-for-observance-of