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STEVE HICKS SCHOOL OF SOCIAL WORK**

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Social Work Research Methods

I. STANDARDIZED COURSE DESCRIPTION

This course is designed to help you gain an understanding of and appreciation for the use of research as a tool for evidence-based and culturally grounded social work practice. You will be introduced to the concepts and skills underlying a systematic approach to social work research, including: basic research terminology; the scientific method in social work; the value of research in social work; research ethics and the social work value base; problem formulation and conceptualization; measurement; research designs to evaluate programs and practice; sampling; alternative quantitative and qualitative data gathering; analytic techniques; and preparation and use of research reports. You will also learn how research tools can be misused in ways that support structural inequities and misrepresent issues for people with marginalized identities, including racialized identities, ethnic origin, class, gender, gender identity and expression, culture, sexual orientation, religion, age, physical and mental disabilities, caste, immigration/refugee status, national origin of communities and tribal sovereign status. The emphasis in the course is on equipping you with the research knowledge and skills you will need to engage in the evidence-based and culturally grounded practice process in generalist social work practice. You will learn to critically analyze research findings and be an effective consumer of social work research. You will also learn how social work practice influences the research process and the identification of research problems and questions.

Prerequisite: Course credit or concurrent registration for SW 318, Social Work Statistics, or any approved SW 318 substitution.

II. STANDARDIZED COURSE OBJECTIVES

EPAS Competencies

The Steve Hicks School of Social Work has been continuously accredited by the Council on Social Work Education (CSWE) since 1952. In order to maintain our accreditation status, the UT SHSSW engages in ongoing curriculum assessment to demonstrate compliance with CSWE's Education Policies and Accreditation Standards (EPAS).

Using a common evaluation instrument, this course measures the implementation of knowledge, skills, values, and/or cognitive and affective processes to assess the following competencies:

Competency 4: Engage In Practice-informed Research and Research-informed Practice

Outcome 4.1: Use practice experience and theory to inform scientific inquiry and research

Outcome 4.2: Apply critical thinking to engage in analysis of quantitative and qualitative research methods and research findings

Outcome 4.3: Use and translate research evidence to inform and improve practice, policy, and service delivery

Upon completion of this course, you should be able to:

1. Define the process and steps of social work research.
2. Understand the importance of research activities in social work practice and the importance of the partnership between social work researchers and practitioners.
3. Understand how the concepts and lenses of various practice theories including, but not limited to, ecological systems theory, strengths-based perspective, critical race theory, anti-racism, and anti-oppressive theories with a focus on theories that center racialization using perspectives developed by Black, Indigenous and other scholars of color, can be applied to social work research.
4. Describe how particular values and sensitivity to ethical issues influence social work research.
5. Using a social justice lens, identify policies, behaviors, and beliefs that perpetuate racist and oppressive ideas and actions in research.
6. Demonstrate the following social work research skills:
 - a. Completion of a literature review;
 - b. Formulation of research problems;
 - c. Formulation of research questions and hypotheses;
 - d. Identification of gaps in knowledge;
 - e. Planned use of various research methods (e.g., survey research, single subject design, experimental and quasi-experimental designs, field research, and use of secondary data);
 - f. Planned collection and analysis of research data; and
 - g. Planned use of interpretation of research results.
7. Understand and compare quantitative, qualitative, and mixed methods research designs.
8. Critically analyze evidenced-based research and apply research findings to social work practice.
9. Critically appraise how social work commitment to equity and social, economic, and racial justice influences and differentiates the social work research process.
10. Explain ethical issues in conducting and using research, as well as the role of the social work values in research and evaluation.
11. Explain the ways in which inequities and assumptions (e.g., racialization, ethnic origin, class, gender, gender identity and expression, culture, sexual orientation, religion, age, physical and mental disabilities, caste, immigration/refugee status, national origin of communities and tribal sovereign status) influence research and the appraisal and use of research to guide practice and policy decisions.
12. Evaluate the ways in which social work practice and interventions influence decision making and trends in research

III. TEACHING METHODS

The primary methods of instruction consist of interactive lectures, group discussions, and class readings. Students are expected to participate in all in-class activities and complete assigned readings and assignments. Students are encouraged to meet with the instructor to review course progress and discuss course-related material. The course instructor has designated office hours to meet with students, and appointments outside of these office hours may also be scheduled (see Calendly link). The **instructor is responsive to emails, and course-related communications will primarily be delivered by UT email** (not a personal email, e.g., Gmail) and via Canvas.

IV. REQUIRED TEXT AND MATERIALS

Rubin, A., & Babbie, E. R. (2016). *Essential research methods for social work* (4th ed). Boston, MA: Cengage Learning.

Additional materials will be posted to Canvas during the semester. Students are responsible for checking the Canvas course site regularly to access and download supplementary materials.

V. COURSE REQUIREMENTS

Course grades will be determined based on class participation & attendance, journal entries, the mid-term exam, attendance at a real-world research presentation or lecture, and the semester-long research proposal (see individual components below).

Class Participation and Attendance (10 points, throughout the semester)

Research is best learned by doing and engaging with the course material. In-class activities and assignments will be more effective if you're prepared for each class (readings, journal entries) and ready to participate with your classmates to brainstorm the best ways to understand and implement research in your practice. To measure your preparation for class, there will be several in-class activities each class, including a syllabus quiz in the first week. They will assess your comprehension and application of the reading material. I will also take attendance every day as part of your grade.

Weekly Discussion Posts (20 points; 2 points each, throughout the semester)

Weekly discussion posts are designed for you to reflect on the readings and connect ideas to prior knowledge and content covered. There are 10 total discussion posts.

You will be given a prompt each week that you must address in a discussion post using the readings as a key source via Canvas. Each discussion post should be approximately 200-300 words for 2 points each. See the course schedule for due dates.

Human Subject Training (10 points; January 19, 2023)

Prior to conducting research, researchers are required to complete human subjects research training. This training is offered through the CITI Program. You will need to register using your UT credentials, complete the training course for Social/Behavioral Researchers and achieve a passing grade on all modules. The modules take between 3 to 4 hours to complete. The time it takes depends on how fast students read, how familiar students are with the content, and how many times students repeat modules. Students must submit a PDF copy of the completion report by

the due date. Students can access instructions on completing the training here: <https://research.utexas.edu/ors/human-subjects/for-researchers/training/instructions-for-registering-for-human-subjects-research-training/>

Survey Measure Development (10 points; February 16, 2023)

You will create a survey measure related to your research project topic using the information and skills covered in class. The survey will include at least 20 questions, additional details will be provided in Canvas.

Mid-term Exam (25 points; March 9, 2023)

There will be one exam in this course consisting of multiple choice, true/false, and short answer questions. This mid-term will be administered via Canvas. The exam will be open-book and open-note. Exam material will consist of all content covered in class from Week 1 thru Week 8. We will do an in-class review for the exam in the class period before the exam.

Research Proposal (20 points total; April 20, 2023):

Submit a 10-15 page paper (excluding title page, references, and appendices) of your Research Proposal. The research proposal is designed to help you deepen your understanding of the key research concepts covered in the course through practice and application. The research proposal must be in APA 7th edition style and include at least 8 peer-reviewed research articles.

- Formulate an answerable research question that will contribute to an evidence-based social work practice;
- Literature review (in peer-reviewed journals) of the chosen problem and critical appraisal of the efficacy and effectiveness of the evidence-based practice/service/intervention;
- Research design: quasi-experimental or experimental design; description of the procedures of implementing evidence-based practice/service/intervention; sample inclusion/exclusion criteria, planned methods of subject identification, screening, recruitment, and retention; fidelity monitoring method;
- Design and methods of data collection;
- Anticipated findings and their implication for social work practice, programs, and/or policies;
- Anticipated limitations of the study with respect to its research; and
- Identify gaps in the literature and suggest areas for additional research.

Research Proposal Presentation (5 points; April 18, 2023):

Give a **five-minute** presentation (5-10 slides) of the highlights and key findings (as listed above) of the Research Proposal.

Extra Credit

There will be various small extra credit opportunities throughout the semester and will be announced in class and via Canvas.

Assignment	Due Dates	Points
Human Subjects Research Training	January 19, 2023	10
Survey Measure Development	February 16, 2023	10
Mid-term Exam	March 9, 2023	25
Research Presentation	April 18 & April 20, 2023	5

Research Proposal	April 20, 2023	20
Weekly Discussion (10)	Throughout semester	20
Class Participation and Attendance	Throughout semester	10
	Total	100

VI. GRADES

94.0 and Above	A
90.0 to 93.999	A-
87.0 to 89.999	B+
84.0 to 86.999	B
80.0 to 83.999	B-
77.0 to 79.999	C+
74.0 to 76.999	C
70.0 to 73.999	C-
67.0 to 69.999	D+
64.0 to 66.999	D
60.0 to 63.999	D-
Below 60.0	F

VII. CLASS POLICIES

ATTENDANCE & PARTICIPATION. Each student is an important contributor to the classroom environment, and your presence is necessary for everyone’s success in this course. Students are expected to attend class and actively participate in the classroom setting, while completing readings and assignments before class. I will keep attendance to assess your engagement with the course. Excusing absences is at the instructor’s discretion; however, no absences will be excused without appropriate reasons **provided in writing. Notifying the instructor that you will not be in class is not an “automatic” excused absence.** You can check your attendance in Canvas. It is the students’ responsibility to notify the instructor within a week of posted attendance by email when there are any discrepancies. Any class material missed due to class absence is the student’s sole responsibility. Your grade for attendance and participation will reflect your classroom attendance and your communication about any missed class time.

WHEN IN DOUBT, COMMUNICATE. My role is to teach you about the fundamentals of research in the field of Social Work, while being a sounding board and resource for any issues you encounter as a student. If you experience issues inside or outside of class that impact your ability to engage with the course content, please contact me either in class, via email, or through conversations during office hours.

CONDUCT AND CIVILITY. Social work students adhere to the Student Standards for Professional Conduct of the NASW Code of Ethics and assume responsibility for their conduct. Scholastic honesty and integrity are consistent with social work values. Social work practitioners respect others. Differences in values, opinions, and feelings of class members and guest speakers will be respected. When students voice opinions with which you do not agree, feel free to voice your opinion in a polite and civil manner that enhances the free flow of ideas. Others are as entitled to their opinions as you are to yours.

LATE ASSIGNMENTS. Students are expected to turn in all required assignments on or before the specified due date. If issues arise, communicate the problem before the date specified in the course syllabus to arrange a course of action. Late assignments will be penalized with deductions in points. 10% of the assignment grade will be deducted for each day that the assignment is late. Late assignments will NOT be accepted more than 7 days (70%-point deduction) after the due date, unless you have **prior** approval from the instructor.

TECHNOLOGY USE: Electronic devices that directly facilitate and support your learning are encouraged. Please be mindful that they do not serve as a distraction to you or those around you – especially the use of cell phones.

DON'T PLAGIARIZE: The instructor will comply with University guidelines regarding scholastic dishonesty, including plagiarism. If you ever have questions about this, just ask!

FLEXIBILITY IS KEY: Inevitable scheduling conflicts and unforeseen issues may occur during the semester that may require changes to the syllabus. Every modification of the syllabus and/or schedule will be communicated directly in class and on Canvas. Please check your email frequently and stay tuned to the Announcements portion of the class Canvas page. Note that some links to documents and videos may change; in this case, new documents, links, or alternate options will be provided.

GET TO KNOW APA FORMATTING: Now is the time to learn how to format your papers using APA. The Publication Manual of the American Psychological Association Seventh Edition (APA) is the style manual to be used by all students. You can access APA formatting guidelines here:

- <https://apastyle.apa.org/>
- https://owl.purdue.edu/owl/research_and_citation/apa_style/

VII. UNIVERSITY POLICIES

COVID-19 RELATED INFORMATION. The University's policies and practices related to the pandemic may be accessed at: <https://protect.utexas.edu/>

THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS HONOR CODE. The core values of The University of Texas at Austin are learning, discovery, freedom, leadership, individual opportunity, and responsibility. Each member of the university is expected to uphold these values through integrity, honesty, trust, fairness, and respect toward peers and community.

DISABILITY ACCOMMODATION STATEMENT. If you are a student with a disability, or think you may have a disability, and need accommodations please contact Disability and Access (D&A). You may refer to D&A's website for contact and more information: <http://diversity.utexas.edu/disability/>. If you are already registered with D&A, please deliver your Accommodation Letter to me as early as possible in the semester so we can discuss your approved accommodations and how they apply in my class.

PROFESSIONAL CONDUCT AND CIVILITY IN THE CLASSROOM. The professor expects students to act as professionals in class. This means students should arrive on time for

class, be prepared to participate in the class discussion, and show respect for one another's opinions. A course brings together a group of diverse individuals with various backgrounds. Students are influenced and shaped by such factors as race, ethnicity, gender, sex, physical abilities, religious and political beliefs, national origins, and sexual orientations, among others. We expect to learn from each other in an atmosphere of positive engagement and mutual respect. This atmosphere includes working intentionally to recognize and dismantle racism, sexism, heterosexism, and ableism in the classroom. Social Work also deals with complex and controversial issues. These issues may be challenging and uncomfortable, and it would be impossible to offer a substantive classroom experience that did not include potentially difficult conversations relating to challenging issues. In this environment, we will be exposed to diverse ideas and opinions, and sometimes we will not agree with the ideas expressed by others. Nevertheless, the professor requires that students engage one another with civility, respect, and professionalism.

UNANTICIPATED DISTRESS. Students may experience unexpected and/or distressing reactions to course readings, videos, conversations, and assignments. If so, students are encouraged to inform the professor. The professor can be responsive and supportive regarding students' participation in course assignments and activities, but students are responsible for communicating clearly what kind of support is desired. If counseling is needed, students may contact a service provider of their choosing, including the UT Counseling Center at 512-471-3515 or online at <https://cmhc.utexas.edu/>.

POLICY ON SOCIAL MEDIA AND PROFESSIONAL COMMUNICATION. Public social networks are not private. Even when open only to approved or invited members, users cannot be certain that privacy will exist among the general membership of sites. If social work students choose to participate in such forums, please assume that anything posted can be seen, read, and critiqued. What is said, posted, linked to, commented on, uploaded, subscribed to, etc., can be accessed and archived, posing potential harm to professional reputations and prospective careers.

Social work students who use social media (e.g. Facebook, Twitter, Instagram) and other forms of electronic communication (e.g. blogs) must be mindful of how their communication may be perceived by clients, colleagues, faculty, and others. Social work students are expected to make every effort to minimize material which could be considered inappropriate for a professional social worker in training. Because of this, social work students are advised to manage security settings at their most private levels and avoid posting information/photos or using any language that could jeopardize their professional image.

Students are asked to consider the amount of personal information posted on these sites and are obliged to block any client access to involvement in the students' social networks. Client material should not be referred to in any form of electronic media, including *any* information that might lead to the identification of a client or compromise client confidentiality in *any* way. Additionally, students must critically evaluate any material that is posted regarding community agencies and professional relationships, as certain material could violate the standards set by the School of Social Work, the Texas Code of Conduct for Social Workers, and/or the NASW Code of Ethics.

Social work students should consider that they will be representing professional social work practice as well as The University of Texas at Austin School of Social Work program while in the classroom, the university community, and the broader area communities.

POLICY ON ACADEMIC INTEGRITY. Students who violate University rules on academic dishonesty are subject to disciplinary penalties, including the possibility of failure in the course and / or dismissal from the University. Since such dishonesty harms the individual, all students, and the integrity of the University, policies on academic dishonesty will be strictly enforced. For further information, please visit the Student Conduct and Academic Integrity website at: <http://deanofstudents.utexas.edu/conduct>.

USE OF COURSE MATERIALS. The materials used in this course, including, but not limited to exams, quizzes, and homework assignments, are copyright protected works. Any unauthorized duplication of the course materials is a violation of federal law and may result in disciplinary action being taken against the student. Additionally, the sharing of course materials without the specific, express approval of the professor may be a violation of the University's Student Honor Code and an act of academic dishonesty, which could result in further disciplinary action. This sharing includes, among other things, uploading class materials to websites for the purpose of distributing those materials to other current or future students.

CLASSROOM CONFIDENTIALITY. Information shared in class about agencies, clients, and personal matters is considered confidential per the NASW Code of Ethics on educational supervision and is protected by regulations of the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) as well. As such, sharing this information with individuals outside of the educational context is not permitted. Violations of confidentiality could result in actions taken according to the policies and procedure for review of academic performance located in sections 3.0, 3.1, and 3.2 of the Standards for Social Work Education.

UNIVERSITY ELECTRONIC MAIL STUDENT NOTIFICATION. Electronic mail (email), like postal mail, is a mechanism for official University communication to students. The University will exercise the right to send email communications to all students, and the University will expect that email communications will be received and read in a timely manner. Students can find UT Austin's policies and instructions for updating their e-mail address at <https://it.utexas.edu/policies/university-electronic-mail-student-notification-policy>.

RELIGIOUS HOLY DAYS. A student who misses classes or other required activities, including examinations, for the observance of a religious holy day should inform the instructor as far in advance of the absence as possible so that arrangements can be made to complete an assignment within a reasonable period after the absence. A reasonable accommodation does not include substantial modification to academic standards, or adjustments of requirements essential to any program of instruction. Students and instructors who have questions or concerns about academic accommodations for religious observance or religious beliefs may contact the [Office for Inclusion and Equity](#). The University does not maintain a list of religious holy days.

TITLE IX REPORTING. In accordance with Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972, the University of Texas at Austin is committed to maintaining a learning environment that is free from discriminatory conduct on the basis of sex <https://titleix.utexas.edu/>. Faculty, field instructors, staff, and/or teaching assistants in their supervisory roles are mandated reporters of

incidents of sex discrimination, sexual harassment, sexual violence, stalking, dating violence, or any other forms of sexual misconduct. Students who report such incidents will be informed of University resources. Incidents will be reported to the University’s Title IX Coordinator. Further information, including student resources related to Title IX, may also be found at <https://titleix.utexas.edu/>.

CAMPUS CARRY POLICY. The University’s policy on campus carry may be found here: <https://campuscarry.utexas.edu>.

SAFETY. As part of professional social work education, students may have assignments that involve working in agency settings and/or the community. As such, these assignments may present some risks. Sound choices and caution may lower risks inherent to the profession. It is the student's responsibility to be aware of and adhere to policies and practices related to agency and/or community safety. Students should notify the professor regarding any safety concerns.

BEHAVIOR CONCERNS and COVID-19 ADVICE LINE (BCCAL). If students have concerns about their behavioral health, or if they are concerned about the behavioral health of someone else, students may use the Behavior Concerns and COVID-19 Advice Line to discuss by phone their concerns. This service is provided through a partnership between the Office of the Dean of Students, the Counseling and Mental Health Center (CMHC), the Employee Assistance Program (EAP), and The University of Texas Police Department (UTPD). Call 512-232-5050 or visit <https://safety.utexas.edu/behavior-concerns-advice-line>. The Behavior Concerns and COVID-19 Advice Line has been expanded to support The University of Texas at Austin community during the COVID-19 pandemic. By calling 512-232-5050 - Option 2 for COVID-19, students, faculty and staff can be assisted in English and Spanish with COVID-19 support.

EMERGENCY EVACUATION POLICY. Occupants of buildings on the UT Austin campus are required to evacuate and assemble outside when a fire alarm is activated or an announcement is made. Please be aware of the following policies regarding evacuation:

- Familiarize yourself with all exit doors in the classroom and the building. Remember that the nearest exit door may not be the one you used when entering the building.
- If you require assistance to evacuate, inform the professor in writing during the first week of class.
- In the event of an evacuation, follow the professor’s instructions.
- Do not re-enter a building unless you are given instructions by the Austin Fire Department, the UT Austin Police Department, or the Fire Prevention Services office.

IX. COURSE SCHEDULE

***Check Canvas for the most up-to-date information*

Date	Topic	Readings Due Today (Read Before Class)	Assignments Due Today (or date specified)
Week 1: Research & Critical Thinking			
Tuesday, January 10	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Review syllabus and course requirements • Establish class expectations • Develop goals for semester 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Read syllabus 	

Date	Topic	Readings Due Today (Read Before Class)	Assignments Due Today (or date specified)
Thursday, January 12	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How do Social Workers know things? • Scientific Method & Other Ways of Knowing • Unscientific Sources of Knowledge 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rubin & Babbie – Chapter 1 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Syllabus Quiz
Week 2: Evidence-based Practices			
Tuesday, January 17	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Critical Thinking in Evidence-based Practice (EBP) • Steps & Problems in EBP 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rubin & Babbie – Chapter 2 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Discussion Post Due
Thursday, January 19	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Impact of Paradigms and Theories on Research • Social Work Practice Models • Developing a Research Question • Operational Definitions 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rubin & Babbie – Chapter 4 • Rubin & Babbie – Chapter 7 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Human Subjects Research Training
Week 3: Ethics & Culturally Competent Research Practices			
Tuesday, January 24	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ethical Guidelines in Social Work Research • Benefits and Costs of Research • Reducing Bias & Insensitivity in Research 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rubin & Babbie – Chapter 5 • Cobigo et al. (2019) • Howell & Shogren (2019) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Discussion Post Due
Thursday, January 26	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Culturally Responsive Methods for Recruitment of Diverse Participants • Considerations for Inclusive Research Practices 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rubin & Babbie – Chapter 6 • James (2008) • CDC (2022) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Research Proposal Topic Due
Week 4: Measurement & Sampling			
Tuesday, January 31	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Measurement Errors • Reliability and Validity of Measures • Critically Evaluating Measures 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rubin & Babbie – Chapter 8 • Rubin & Babbie – Chapter 9 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Discussion Post Due
Thursday, February 2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sampling Methods: Probability sampling and designs 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rubin & Babbie – Chapter 11 	
Week 5: Experiments & Quasi-Experiments			
Tuesday, February 7	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Inferring Causality • Experimental Design • Quasi-Experimental Designs 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rubin & Babbie – Chapter 12 • Lee et al. (2020) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Discussion Post Due
Thursday, February 9	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cross-sectional Studies • Threats to Validity • Internal and External Validity 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rubin & Babbie – Chapter 12 	
Week 6: Quantitative Research Methods			
Tuesday, February 14	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Survey Research • Strengths, Weaknesses of Survey Research 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rubin & Babbie – Chapter 3 • Rubin & Babbie – Chapter 10 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Discussion Post Due

Date	Topic	Readings Due Today (Read Before Class)	Assignments Due Today (or date specified)
Thursday, February 16	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Other Quantitative Methods 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> TBD 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Survey Measure Due
Week 7: Quantitative Data Analysis			
Tuesday, February 21	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Descriptive Analyses (i.e., frequency distributions, central tendency, dispersion) Levels/Scales of Measurement 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Rubin & Babbie – Chapter 17 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Discussion Post Due
Thursday, February 23	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Inferential Analyses (i.e., t-tests, analysis of variance) Effect size 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Rubin & Babbie – Chapter 17 	
Week 8: Qualitative Research Methods & Data Analysis			
Tuesday, February 28	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Methods (Case Studies, Focus Groups, Interviews, Photovoice) Considerations for Qualitative Methods 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Rubin & Babbie – Chapter 15 Williamson et al., 2020 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Discussion Post Due
Thursday, March 2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Coding Synthesizing Themes Concept Mapping Interpretation of Qualitative Findings 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Rubin & Babbie – Chapter 18 Saldaña (2009) 	
Week 9: Midterm Review & Exam			
Tuesday, March 7	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mid-Term Review 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Review lectures and class notes 	
Thursday, March 9	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mid-Term Exam (Canvas) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No readings 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mid-term Exam
Week 10: SPRING BREAK!!			
Tuesday, March 14	No Class		
Thursday, March 16	No Class		
Week 11: Mixed- and Multi-Method Research			
Tuesday, March 21	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mixed Methods Research 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Rubin & Babbie – Chapter 3 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Discussion Post Due
Thursday, March 23	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Secondary Analysis Content Analysis Historical Research Mix 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Rubin & Babbie – Chapter 16 	
Week 12: Single Case & Program Evaluation			
Tuesday, March 28	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Single-Case Designs: Types and Use in Social Work Methods, Analysis, and Interpretation of Single-Case Design Research 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Rubin & Babbie – Chapter 13 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Discussion Post Due
Thursday, March 30	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Program Evaluation: Types and Purpose Planning and Implementing Program Evaluations 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Rubin & Babbie – Chapter 14 	

Date	Topic	Readings Due Today (Read Before Class)	Assignments Due Today (or date specified)
Week 13: Communicating Research Findings			
Tuesday, April 4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Communicating Research Findings to Researchers and Other Professionals 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Model Systems Knowledge Translation Center (no date) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Discussion Post Due
Thursday, April 6	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Communicating Research Findings to Research Participants and the Public 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Hintz & Dean (2020) Model Systems Knowledge Translation Center (2014) 	
Week 14: Special Topics in Social Work Research			
Tuesday, April 11	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Guest Lecture 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> TBD 	<ul style="list-style-type: none">
Thursday, April 13	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Guest Lecture 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> TBD 	<ul style="list-style-type: none">
Week 15: Class Presentations			
Tuesday, April 18	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Class Presentations 		Class Presentation
Thursday, April 20	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Class Presentations Class Evaluation 		Research Proposal

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