

# Research Methods

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## Course Description

- This is a theoretical and research-based course that will cover the foundations of research in psychology.
- This course will take place in the classroom only. Assignments will be due each Sunday night before midnight.

## Course Learning Outcomes

The psychology department's learning outcomes for the course. Students will:

1. be able to demonstrate effective writing for different purposes a. write a thesis  
b. back up ideas with appropriate sources and evidence  
c. write good quality sentences and paragraphs  
d. write APA style in text citations and references
2. be able to recognize and locate credible sources, read and summarize research, evaluate the quality and limitations of research studies, and interpret stats and graphs a. recognize and locate credible sources  
b. read and summarize research  
c. evaluate the quality and limitations of research studies  
d. interpret graphs and basic statistics

Additional learning outcomes include:

3. investigate the scientific process and the different types of research designs that psychologists (and other researchers) use
4. learn how to make systematic observations and how to quantify behaviors

## Evaluation/Course Requirements\*

Assignment	Brief Description	Points/Percentage	Learning Outcomes Met (#)
Weekly Quizzes	Summative assessment	260pts/72%	2 & 3
Article Summary	Critical thinking	10pts/3%	1, 3 & 4
Library Assignment	Critical thinking	10pts/3%	2
Annotated Bibliography	Formative assessment	10pts/3%	1, 2, 3 & 4
Research Paper	Summative assessment	70pts/19%	1,3 &4
Total		360	

## Required Course Materials

Cozby, P. & Bates, S. (2024). *Methods in Behavioral Research, 15th edition*. No access card needed.

## Technology Guidelines

Students will need a functioning computer, access to the internet, and the ability to use MS Word.

This course requires posting of work online that is viewable only by your professor. None of the work submitted online will be shared publicly. Your academic records (grades, student IDs, personal

identification information) will not be shared by the instructor of this course. Confidentiality of student work is imperative, so you should not share the work of your peers publicly without their permission.

## Inclusivity Statement

It is my intent that students from all diverse backgrounds and perspectives be well-served by this course, that students' learning needs be addressed both in and out of class, and that the diversity that the students bring to this class be viewed as a resource, strength and benefit. It is my intent to present materials and activities that are respectful of diversity: gender identity, sexuality, disability, age, socioeconomic status, ethnicity, race, nationality, religion, and culture. Your suggestions are encouraged and appreciated. Please let me know ways to improve the effectiveness of the course for you personally, or for other students or student groups.

If you have experienced a bias incident (an act of conduct, speech, or expression to which a bias motive is evident as a contributing factor regardless of whether the act is criminal) at UWSP, you have the right to report it using this [link](#). You may also contact the Dean of Students office directly at [dos@uwsp.edu](mailto:dos@uwsp.edu).

## Confidentiality

Learning requires risk-taking and sharing ideas. Please keep your classmates' ideas and experiences confidential outside the classroom unless permission has been granted to share them.

## Grading Scale

A	100% - 93%	C+	79% - 77%
A-	92% - 90%	C	76% - 73%
B+	89% - 87%	C-	72% - 70%
B	86% - 83%	D+	69% - 67%
B-	82% - 80%	D	66% - 63%
		D-	62% - 60%
		F	59 % and below

## Assignments

Quizzes (13x20pts)	260 pts	72%
Article Summary	10 pts	3%
Library Assignment	10 pts	3%
Annotated Bibliograph	10 pts	3%
Research Paper	70 pts	19%
Total Points	360 pts	100%

**Quizzes:** There will be 13 weekly quizzes during the semester that follow the textbook chapters. The quizzes will be 10 questions worth 2 points each for a total of 20 points per quiz. Students will have a week to complete each quiz. Otherwise, 0 points will be recorded and your grade computed accordingly. There are no make-up quizzes, nor can a student retake one.

**Outcome**

**Assignment**

Students will write a thesis                                      Research paper introduction section  
 Students will back up ideas with appropriate sources and evidence  
 Students will write good quality sentences                  Research paper  
 and paragraphs  
 Students will write APA style in text citations and references

**Outcome**

Students will recognize and locate credible sources  
 Students will read and summarize research  
 Students will evaluate the quality and limitations of research studies  
 Students will interpret graphs and basic statistics

**Assignment**

Library assignment  
 Article summary assignment  
 Annotated bibliography and outline assignment  
 Research paper discussion section  
 Research paper results section

Papers will be created in 12 point font in New Times Roman, double spaced. Title pages will include student name, course title. A successful paper will include a title page and reference page. All of the above are required for full points. Additional resources will be provided on our class page. Here is an excellent resource for APA 7<sup>th</sup> ed. Formatting. More instructions and resources to come.

<https://owl.english.purdue.edu/owl/resource/560/03/>

*Ungraded practice sheets.* There will also be ungraded practice sheets offered throughout the semester. The purpose of these worksheets is to help you practice the concepts before you are quizzed over the material. These worksheets are not meant to be busy work and are not meant to be optional. They are created to help you practice for the quizzes. I have found that students do significantly better on quizzes when they do all of the practice sheets that I provide. Answers are provided for every practice sheet. I highly recommend that you complete the practice sheet before you check your answers. Just looking at the answers is not as useful as a study aid.

## Communicating with your Instructor



Email is the quickest way to reach me at: [ddodson@uwsp.edu](mailto:ddodson@uwsp.edu)



Call my office at any time (715-346-2883). Leave a voicemail or message.



Zoom Videoconference is also available by request.

## Communicate Clearly

Remember some faculty receive as many as 100 emails per day. Yours should be clear, concise, and professional so that your issues can be responded to effectively. Include the entire thread of an ongoing email conversation so that your instructor can recall the history of your issue without

searching for other emails you have sent. Sign off with your first and last name. I will not open attachments without messages or messages that are illegible.

## Office hours

I am available without an appointment on the days/times below. Individual meetings can be arranged through an email request, phone call, or conversation directly before or after class. I do not hold normal office hours during the following weeks: (Thanksgiving week, Spring Break, Summer Break, and finals weeks.) This fall, office hours will be via Zoom. You are always welcome to email me, also.

<b>MW</b>	<b>Th</b>	<b>F</b>
Wausau	Point	Wausau
1-3:30pm	1:00-2:00pm	By appointment

## Attendance

Attendance for an online class includes logging on and participating in the weekly discussion board and completing the assignments.

Please refer to the “Absences due to Military Service” and “Religious Beliefs Accommodation” below. Additionally, below are attendance guidelines as outlined by the [UWSP registrar](#):

If you decide to drop a class, please do so using myPoint or visit the Enrollment Services Center. Changes in class enrollment will impact your tuition and fee balance, financial aid award and veterans educational benefit.

During the first eight days of the regular 16 week term, your instructor will take attendance. If you are not in attendance, you may be dropped from the class. You are responsible for dropping any of your enrolled classes.

- If you must be absent during the term, tell your instructor prior to the class you will miss. If you cannot reach your instructor(s) in an emergency, contact the Dean of Students Office at 715-346-2611 or [DOS@uwsp.edu](mailto:DOS@uwsp.edu).
- If you are dropped from a class due to non-attendance, you may only be reinstated to the class section using the class add process. Reinstatement to the same section or course is not guaranteed. Your instructors will explain their specific attendance policies to be followed at the beginning of each course.
- If you take part in an off-campus trip by an authorized university group such as an athletic team, musical or dramatic organization, or a class, make appropriate arrangements in advance with the instructor of each class you will miss. If you are absent from classes because of emergencies, off-campus trips, illness, or the like, your instructors will give you a reasonable amount of help in making up the work you have missed.

- If you enroll in a course and cannot begin attending until after classes have already started, you must first get permission from the department offering the course. Otherwise, you may be required to drop the course.
- If you do not make satisfactory arrangements with your instructors regarding excessive absences, you may be dismissed. If you are dismissed from a class, you will receive an F in that course. If you are dismissed from the University, you will receive an F in all enrolled courses.

## Late Work

I do not accept late work other than in the case of documentable emergencies such as medical treatment. Please be mindful of deadlines as I want you to be successful this semester.

## Emergency Procedures

- In the event of a **medical emergency call 9-1-1** or use campus phone in the Admin Office. Offer assistance if trained and willing to do so. Guide emergency responders to victim.
- In the event of a **tornado warning, proceed to the lowest level interior room** without window exposure. See [www.uwsp.edu/rmgt/Pages/em/procedures/other/floor-plans.aspx](http://www.uwsp.edu/rmgt/Pages/em/procedures/other/floor-plans.aspx) for floor plans showing severe weather shelters on campus. Avoid wide-span structures (gyms, pools or large classrooms).
- In the event of a **fire alarm, evacuate the building** in a calm manner. Meet at parking lot outside the building.. Notify instructor or emergency response personnel of any missing individuals.
- **Active Shooter – RUN. HIDE. FIGHT.** If trapped, hide, lock doors, turn off lights, spread out and remain quiet. Call 9-1-1 when it is safe to do so. Follow instructions of emergency responders.

See UW-Stevens Point Emergency Procedures at [www.uwsp.edu/rmgt/Pages/em/procedures](http://www.uwsp.edu/rmgt/Pages/em/procedures) for details on all emergency response at UW-Stevens Point.”

## Absences due to Military Service

As stated in the UWSP Catalog, you will not be penalized for class absence due to unavoidable or legitimate required military obligations, or medical appointments at a VA facility, [not to exceed two \(2\) weeks](#) unless special permission is granted by the instructor. You are responsible for notifying faculty members of such circumstances as far in advance as possible and for providing documentation to the Office of the Dean of Students to verify the reason for the absence. The faculty member is responsible to provide reasonable accommodations or opportunities to make up exams or other course assignments that have an impact on the course grade. For absences due to being deployed for active duty, please refer to the [Military Call-Up Instructions for Students](#).

## Religious Beliefs Accommodation

It is UW System policy ([UWS 22](#)) to reasonably accommodate your sincerely held religious beliefs with respect to all examinations and other academic requirements.

You will be permitted to make up an exam or other academic requirement at another time or by an alternative method, without any prejudicial effect, if:

- There is a scheduling conflict between your sincerely held religious beliefs and taking the exam or meeting the academic requirements; and
- You have notified your instructor within the first three weeks of the beginning of classes (first week of summer or interim courses) of the specific days or dates that you will request relief from an examination or academic requirement.
- Your instructor will accept the sincerity of your religious beliefs at face value and keep your request confidential.
- Your instructor will schedule a make-up exam or requirement before or after the regularly scheduled exam or requirement.
- You may file any complaints regarding compliance with this policy in the Equity and Affirmative Action Office.

## Equal Access for Students with Disabilities\*

UW-Stevens Point will modify academic program requirements as necessary to ensure that they do not discriminate against qualified applicants or students with disabilities. The modifications should not affect the substance of educational programs or compromise academic standards; nor should they intrude upon academic freedom. Examinations or other procedures used for evaluating students' academic achievements may be adapted. The results of such evaluation must demonstrate the student's achievement in the academic activity, rather than describe his/her disability.

*If modifications are required due to a disability, please inform the instructor and contact the [Disability and Assistive Technology Center](#) to complete an Accommodations Request form. Phone: 346-3365 or Room 609 Albertson Hall.*

## Help Resources

Tutoring	Advising	Safety and General Support	Health
Tutoring and Learning Center helps with Study Skills, Writing, Technology, Math, & Science. 018 Albertson Hall, ext 3568	Academic and Career Advising Center, 320 Albertson Hall, ext 3226	Dean of Students Office, 212 Old Main, ext. 2611	Counseling Center, Delzell Hall, ext. 3553. Health Care, Delzell Hall, ext. 4646

### UWSP Service Desk

The Office of Information Technology (IT) provides a Service Desk to assist students with connecting to the Campus Network, virus and spyware removal, file recovery, equipment loan, and computer repair.

You can contact the Service Desk via email at [techhelp@uwsp.edu](mailto:techhelp@uwsp.edu) or at (715) 346-4357 (HELP) or visit this [link for more information](#).

### Care Team

The University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point is committed to the safety and success of all students. The Office of the Dean of Students supports the campus community by reaching out and providing resources in areas where a student may be struggling or experiencing barriers to their success. Faculty and staff are asked to be proactive, supportive, and involved in facilitating the success of our students through early detection, reporting, and intervention. As your instructor, I may contact the Office of the Dean of Students if I sense you are in need of additional support which individually I may not be able to provide. You may also share a concern if you or another member of our campus community needs support, is distressed, or exhibits concerning behavior that is interfering with the academic or personal success or the safety of others, by reporting [here](#).

### Academic Honesty

Academic Integrity is an expectation of each UW-Stevens Point student. Campus community members are responsible for fostering and upholding an environment in which student learning is fair, just, and honest. Through your studies as a student, it is essential to exhibit the highest level of personal honesty and respect for the intellectual property of others. Academic misconduct is unacceptable. It compromises and disrespects the integrity of our university and those who study here. To maintain academic integrity, a student must only claim work which is the authentic work solely of their own, providing correct citations and credit to others as needed. Cheating, fabrication, plagiarism, unauthorized collaboration, and/or helping others commit these acts are examples of academic misconduct, which can result in disciplinary action. Failure to understand what constitutes academic misconduct does not exempt responsibility from engaging in it.

*UWSP 14.03 Academic misconduct subject to disciplinary action.*

- (1) Academic misconduct is an act in which a student:
  - (a) Seeks to claim credit for the work or efforts of another without authorization or citation;
  - (b) Uses unauthorized materials or fabricated data in any academic exercise;
  - (c) Forges or falsifies academic documents or records;
  - (d) Intentionally impedes or damages the academic work of others;
  - (e) Engages in conduct aimed at making false representation of a student's academic performance; or
  - (f) Assists other students in any of these acts.
  
- (2) Examples of academic misconduct include, but are not limited to:
  - Cheating on an examination
  - Collaborating with others in work to be presented, contrary to the stated rules of the course
  - Submitting a paper or assignment as one's own work when a part or all of the paper or assignment is the work of another
  - Submitting a paper or assignment that contains ideas or research of others without appropriately identifying the sources of those ideas
  - Stealing examinations or course materials
  - Submitting, if contrary to the rules of a course, work previously presented in another course
  - Tampering with the laboratory experiment or computer program of another student



- Knowingly and intentionally assisting another student in any of the above, including assistance in an arrangement whereby any work, classroom performance, examination or other activity is submitted or performed by a person other than the student under whose name the work is submitted or performed.

Students suspected of academic misconduct will be asked to meet with the instructor to discuss the concerns. If academic misconduct is evident, procedures for determining disciplinary sanctions will be followed as outlined in the [University System Administrative Code, Chapter 14](#).

## Other Campus Policies

### FERPA

The [Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act](#) (FERPA) provides students with a right to protect, review, and correct their student records. Staff of the university with a clear *educational need to know* may also have to access to certain student records. Exceptions to the law include parental notification in cases of alcohol or drug use, and in case of a health or safety concern. FERPA also permits a school to disclose personally identifiable information from a student's education records, without consent, to another school in which the student seeks or intends to enroll.

### Title IX

UW-Stevens Point is committed to fostering a safe, productive learning environment. Title IX and institutional policy prohibit discrimination on the basis of sex, which includes harassment, domestic and dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking. In the event that you choose to disclose information about having survived sexual violence, including harassment, rape, sexual assault, dating violence, domestic violence, or stalking, and specify that this violence occurred while a student at UWSP, federal and state laws mandate that I, as your instructor, notify the Title IX Coordinator/Office of the Dean of Students.

Please see the information on the [Dean of Students webpage](#) for information on making confidential reports of misconduct or interpersonal violence, as well as campus and community resources available to students. For more information see the [Title IX page](#).

### Clery Act

The US Department of Education requires universities to disclose and publish campus crime statistics, security information, and fire safety information annually. Statistics for the three previous calendar years and policy statements are released on or before October 1<sup>st</sup> in our [Annual Security Report](#). Another requirement of the Clery Act, is that the campus community must be given timely warnings of ongoing safety threats and immediate/emergency notifications. For more information about when and how these notices will be sent out, please see our [Jeanne Clery Act](#) page.

### Drug Free Schools and Communities Act

The Drug Free Schools and Communities Act (DFSCA) requires institutions of higher education to establish policies that address unlawful possession, use, or distribution of alcohol and illicit drugs. The DFSCA also requires the establishment of a drug and alcohol prevention program. The Center for

Prevention lists information about alcohol and drugs, their effects, and the legal consequences if found in possession of these substances. [Center for Prevention – DFSCA](#)

### Copyright infringement

This is the act of exercising, without permission or legal authority, one or more of the exclusive rights granted to the copyright owner under section 106 of the Copyright Act. Each year students violate these laws and campus policies, putting themselves at risk of federal prosecution. For more information about what to expect if you are caught, or to take preventive measures to keep your computing device clean, visit our [copyright page](#).

### COVID19

- Please monitor your own health each day using [this screening tool](#). If you are not feeling well or believe you have been exposed to COVID-19, do not come to class; email your instructor and contact Student Health Service (715-346-4646).
  - As with any type of absence, students are expected to communicate their need to be absent and complete the course requirements as outlined in the syllabus.
- Wash your hands or use appropriate hand sanitizer regularly and avoid touching your face.
- Please maintain these same healthy practices outside the classroom.

### Course Schedule

Week 1	Syllabus, Course Overview, Introductions Welcome, introduction to research
Week 2	Chapter 1 – Science of Psychology quiz 1 due 9/17
Week 3	Chapters 4 & 5 – Measuring Behavior - quiz 2 due 9/24
Week 4	Chapter 2 – How To Read & Write About Research Article – quiz 3 & article summary due 10/1
Week 5	Chapter 3 – Ethics In Research – summary rewrite & quiz 4 due 10/8
Week 6	Appendix A – Scientific Writing Skills - quiz 5 due 10/15
Week 7	Chapter 1 & 2 – Library Research – Library assignment & quiz 6 due 10/22
Week 8	Chapter 6 – Observational Research- Library ass. rewrite & quiz 7 due 10/29
Week 9	Chapter 5 – Psychological Assessment – Ann Bib & quiz 8 due 11/5
Week 10	Chapter 7 – Survey Research – Lib ass rewrite & quiz 9 due 11/12
Week 11	Chapter 9 – Experimental Design pt 1 – Introduction & quiz 10 due 11/19
Week 12	Chapter 8 – Experimental Design pt 2 – Methods & quiz 11 due 11/26
Week 13	Chapter 11 – Single Case, Quasi-experiment & Dev Design – Results & quiz 13 due 12/3
Week 14	Chapter 10 – Complex Design – Discussion & quiz 14 due 12/10
Week 15	Chapter 14 – Generalization
Week 16	Finals Week