Course Syllabus

Instructor(s): Lisa G. Myers, M.S.  
Credits: 3 SCH

Prerequisite(s): ENG 340 or 350 with grade of C or better and senior status

Time/Date/Location: Online

Course Description

As the summative course of the BAAS program, this course requires that students develop a research project with instructor approval. Because of the interdisciplinary nature of the BAAS degree program, individualized plans of research will be designed for each participant. Students will complete the following: (1) develop a research agenda on an approved topic; (2) conduct both a literature review and an action research plan of the topic within the context of a specified setting; and (3) complete both an oral and a written report.

Instructor Office Location and Hours:
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Office Hours:
Tuesday 11:00 am – 1:00 pm
Wednesday 4:00 pm – 6:00 pm
Thursday 4:00 pm – 6:00 pm

Student Learning Outcomes

By the end of this course, students will be able to . . .

- articulate a research problem, hypotheses or research question.
- develop a research instrument for data collection, such as a survey and formal interview protocol.
- develop stronger academic writing skills, and apply standard writing conventions as prescribed by the American Psychological Association 6th edition publication guide to the formal research report.
- logically analyze a problem, devise recommendations based on data and present recommendations.
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Develop a research agenda on an approved topic

Conduct both a literature review and an action research plan of the topic within the context of a specified setting

Complete both an oral and a written report

| Action Research Plan (50 pts) | X |  |  | X | X | X |
| Mini Literature Review w/ stated research agenda linked to complement (100 pts) |  | X |  | X |  | X | X |
| Quantitative Tool: Likert Scale Questionnaire OR Qualitative Tool: Interview (50 pts) |  | X |  |  |  |  |
| Digital Presentation (100 pts) | X |  |  | X |  | X |

### Required Items/Materials/Fees

- Textbook: TBA
- Ethical Awareness Inventory Fee: $25

### Course Delivery

All course content is delivered through Blackboard in the form of modules. New modules are posted on Thursdays by 11:59 pm, and assignments are due the following Thursday by 11:59 pm.

### Assignment Descriptions

While the following assignments will be completed in each section of AAS 490, the direction of research topics and questions will vary according instructor. The following is an overview of assignments; full explanation is offered within the course.
Action Research Plan (50 points) A graphic representation of the planned research based on the research question. Note: This course does not allow for the implementation of the full research agenda. However, the plan must reflect the actions that would be taken in a fully implemented research project.

Mini Literature Review (100 points) A condensed review of significant and defining publications (3 or 4 peer-reviewed publications) linked to your field of study (professional development complement) as it relates to the research question. Turnitin services will be utilized for this assignment.

Research Tool (50 points) A student-created Likert scale questionnaire or proposed interview procedure linked to the research question.

Digital Presentation (100 points) A video presenting (1) the research question/problem, (2) the key points of the literature review, (3) possible conclusions and recommendations had the full agenda been implemented and (4) a summary of how this knowledge affects you as a current/future participant in this professional field.

Total Points Possible: 300 pts

Grading scale:
A  270-300 pts
B  240-269 pts
C  210-239 pts
D  180-209 pts
F  000-179 pts

NOTE TO BAAS STUDENTS: A grade of C or higher is required for graduation.

Course Policies

Disability Accommodations: Students with disabilities may request reasonable accommodations through the A&M-Texarkana Disability Services Office by calling 903-223-3062.

Academic Integrity: Academic honesty is expected of students enrolled in this course. Cheating on examinations, unauthorized collaboration, falsification of research data, plagiarism, and undocumented use of materials from any source constitute academic dishonesty and may be grounds for a grade of ‘F’ in the course and/or disciplinary actions. For additional information, see the university catalog.

A&M-Texarkana Email Address: Upon application to Texas A&M University-Texarkana an individual will be assigned an A&M-Texarkana email account. This email account will be used to deliver official university correspondence. Each individual is responsible for information sent and received via the university email account and is expected to check the official A&M-Texarkana email account on a frequent and consistent basis. Faculty and students are required to utilize the university email account when communicating about coursework.

Drop Policy: To drop this course after the census date, a student must complete the Drop/Withdrawal Request Form, located on the University website (http://tamut.edu/Student-Support/Registrar/Dropping.html) or obtained in the Registrar’s
Office. The student must submit the signed and completed form to the instructor of each course indicated on the form to be dropped for his/her signature. The signature is not an “approval” to drop, but rather confirmation that the student has discussed the drop/withdrawal with the faculty member. The form must be submitted to the Registrar’s office for processing in person, email Registrar@tamut.edu, mail (7101 University Ave., Texarkana, TX 75503) or fax (903-223-3140). Drop/withdraw forms missing any of the required information will not be accepted by the Registrar’s Office for processing. It is the student’s responsibility to ensure that the form is completed properly before submission. If a student stops participating in class (attending and submitting assignments) but does not complete and submit the drop/withdrawal form, a final grade based on work completed as outlined in the syllabus will be assigned.

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Class Participation: Students are responsible for beginning their participation on the FIRST CLASS DAY by logging on and completing assignments according to the COURSE CALENDAR. Failure to submit online assignments between the first day of classes and the University census date (according to the University schedule) will result in an ADMINISTRATIVE DROP from the course.

Student Technical Assistance:

- Solutions to common problems and FAQ’s for your web-enhanced and web courses are found at this link: [http://www.tamut.edu/Training/Student%20Training/index.html](http://www.tamut.edu/Training/Student%20Training/index.html)
- If you cannot find your resolution there, you can send in a support request detailing your specific problem here: [http://www.tamut.edu/techde/support.htm](http://www.tamut.edu/techde/support.htm)
- Blackboard Helpdesk contacts (office hours are: Monday - Friday, 8:00a to 5:00p)
  Julia Allen (main contact) 903-223-3154 julia.allen@tamut.edu
  Nikki Thomson (alternate) 903-223-3083 nikki.thomson@tamut.edu
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Technical Requirements:
Minimum Windows PC Requirements:

- Pentium IV 1.5GHz+ (preferred: Core Duo)
- 1 GB RAM minimum (preferred: 2 GB)
- 128MB Video Card minimum - Sound Card is required for some courses
- 56K modem minimum (Cable or DSL required for some courses)
- Windows 2000, XP, Vista or 7
- Web browser (Internet Explorer 7.0+; Firefox 3.0+)
- Microsoft Word, minimum Office 97

Some courses will need plug-ins such as Flash player 10+, QuickTime player 7.0+, Adobe Reader 9.0+, Java Runtime Environment (Java 1.6.0_15), Windows Media Player 10+, RealPlayer, and Macromedia/Adobe Shockwave.

Some online courses may also require a CD ROM (8x minimum, higher recommended)

Blackboard has certified the following browsers for computers running Windows Operating Systems:

- Internet Explorer 8 or 9 (IE is not supported on Windows XP)
- Mozilla Firefox 3.6+
- Google Chrome

Minimum Apple Macintosh Requirements:

- Intel Core 2.0GHz+
- 1 GB RAM (preferred: 2 GB)
- 128MB Video Card minimum - Sound Card is required for some courses
- 56K modem minimum (Cable or DSL required for some courses)
- Web browser (Firefox 3.0+; Safari 3.0+)
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Blackboard has certified the following browsers for computers running Macintosh Operating Systems:
- Mac OS 10.2 (Jaguar): (Safari 1 is compatible)
- Mac OS 10.3 (Panther): Safari 1.2 (Firefox 1.5 is compatible)
- Mac OS 10.4 (Tiger): Safari 2 and Firefox 1.5
- Mac OS 10.5 (Leopard): (Firefox 2.0 is compatible)

I-OS and Android Devices

These devices are currently supported using the Blackboard Mobile App, available for free from your App Store or scan the code below:

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