

Syllabus

**KSS 5000 – Research Methods**

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**Course Description:**

An exposure to various types of research methods in related subject areas, a critical evaluation of selected studies, and writing and presenting research.

**Objectives:**

- Develop a sound, viable research project
- Evaluate research materials critically and subjectively

**Course Content:**

1. Introduction to research
2. Development of a research question
3. Review of literature
4. Research methodology
5. Data collection
6. Presentation of results

**Text:** *Research Methods in Physical Activity* by Thomas, Nelson and Silverman

**Evaluation:**

Assignments:	5-15 points
Proposal:	10 points
Midterm exam:	30 points

Review of Literature:	50 points
Final project:	120 points
Presentation:	40 points

**Grading:**

- A ≤ 90% of total points
- B 80-89% of total points
- C 70-79% of total points
- D 60-69% of total points
- F < 60% of total points

**Policy on Plagiarism, Ethics and Academic Integrity:**

It is important that students become ethical leaders in their field of study. Please note this is an important issue in graduate education.

1. Copy And Paste Of Any Sources Are Not Acceptable:

Direct copy and paste are considered as plagiarism, if selections are not cited correctly. Students are required to conduct literature reviews as a part of their graduate study. When writing any report or thesis, students are expected to summarize findings or appropriately cite materials. Direct quotes should only be used for emphasis and should be a small portion of the entire paper.

2. Cite References In Your Paper:

Even when summarizing findings, students need to cite the sources of materials. Readers cannot be misled to any impression that the work is only yours when in reality it is the work of others.

3. Do Your Own Work:

Students are expected to fulfill their individual responsibility to complete their assignment. It is not acceptable to copy other's work.

If a student is found to have plagiarized any portion of an assignment, the university policy on academic integrity will be followed. The student will receive a zero on the assignment at the discretion of the faculty.

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