

**MIXED**  
**METHODS**

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**Course Syllabus: Spring 2022**  
**MMC 6936, Section 32E9**

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**WEBSITE:** e-Learning: <http://lss.at.ufl.edu/>  
Where readings, grades and other various materials will be posted

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**COURSE DESCRIPTION AND OBJECTIVES:**

This course is concerned with the process of integrating quantitative and qualitative approaches to reveal comprehensive and constructive insights from data. We will examine ways to establish qualitative and quantitative goals, develop research questions and strategies, analyze data, and present results.

Upon successful completion of this course, students will be able to:

- Understand the difference between mixed methods research from single-method research
- Be aware of issues to address when combining approaches
- Recognize the strengths and limitations of both qualitative and quantitative research, and how to integrate these approaches in a mixed method study
- Evaluate and publish mixed methods research
- Plan and communicate the design and process of a mixed methods study

All graduate students interested in mixed-methods approaches are welcome. This course will not deal specifically with advanced statistical analysis methods, since these are not essential for much mixed methods research, but a solid grasp of basic concepts towards both qualitative and quantitative research is helpful.

**COURSE MATERIAL**

Designing and Conducting Mixed Methods Research, Creswell, JW & Plano Clark, VL, 3<sup>rd</sup> edition, Sage, 2018.

Recommended: Writing for Social Scientists: How to Start and Finish Your Thesis, Book, or Article: Second Edition. Howard Becker.

Additional readings will be provided and posted on the course website. The major journal for papers dealing with the methodology of mixed method research is the *Journal of Mixed Method Research*.

### **COURSE POLICIES:**

**ATTENDANCE:** Regular attendance is required. The class format is focused primarily on student-led discussions, therefore, attendance and proper preparation is expected to successfully complete this course.

In general, acceptable reasons for absence from or failure to participate in class include illness, serious family emergencies, special curricular requirements (e.g., judging trips, field trips, professional conferences), military obligation, severe weather conditions, religious holidays, and participation in official university activities such as music performances, athletic competition or debate. Absences from class for court-imposed legal obligations (e.g., jury duty or subpoena) must be excused. Other reasons also may be approved.

Students shall be permitted a reasonable amount of time to make up the material or activities covered in their absence. Requirements for class attendance and make-up assignments, and other work in this course are consistent with university policies that can be found at: <https://catalog.ufl.edu/ugrad/current/regulations/info/attendance.aspx>

### **ASSIGNMENTS / GRADING:**

Descriptions of assignments and grading scale is below.

| <b>COURSE GRADES</b>     | <b>POINTS</b> | <b>% OF TOTAL</b> |
|--------------------------|---------------|-------------------|
| Discussion participation | 5             | 5%                |
| Method review            | 20            | 20%               |
| Movie Paper              | 10            | 10%               |
| Learning activities      | 10            | 10%               |
| Topic Discussion leader  | 20            | 20%               |
| Theory application       | 10            | 10%               |
| Research proposal        | 25            | 25%               |
| <b>TOTAL POINTS</b>      | <b>100</b>    | <b>100%</b>       |

### **GRADING SCALE:**

| LETTER GRADE | PERCENTAGE | POINTS    |
|--------------|------------|-----------|
| A            | 93 – 100%  | 465 – 500 |

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| A- | 90 - 92%  | 450 – 464 |
| B+ | 87 – 89%  | 435 – 449 |
| B  | 83 – 86%  | 415 – 434 |
| B- | 80 – 82%  | 400 – 414 |
| C+ | 77-79%    | 385 – 399 |
| C  | 73-76%    | 365 – 384 |
| C- | 70-72%    | 350 – 364 |
| D+ | 67-69%    | 335 – 349 |
| D  | 63-66%    | 315 - 334 |
| D- | 60-62%    | 300 - 314 |
| E  | Below 60% | Below 299 |

**IMPORTANT DATES:**

January 11: Last day to add/drop classes without penalty

March 7-11: Spring Break

April 14: Last day of class

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**UF POLICIES:**

**UNIVERSITY POLICY ON ACCOMMODATING STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES:** Students requesting accommodation for disabilities must first register with the Dean of Students Office (<http://www.dso.ufl.edu/drc/>). The Dean of Students Office will provide documentation to the student who must then provide this documentation to the instructor when requesting accommodation. You must submit this documentation prior to submitting assignments or taking the quizzes or exams. Accommodations are not retroactive, therefore, students should contact the office as soon as possible in the term for which they are seeking accommodations.

**UNIVERSITY POLICY ON ACADEMIC MISCONDUCT:** Academic honesty and integrity are fundamental values of the University community. Students should be sure that they understand the UF Student Honor Code at <https://sccr.dso.ufl.edu/policies/student-honor-code-student-conduct-code/>

**HONOR CODE:** Academic dishonesty is an important issue of concern at the University of Florida. Students who violate University rules on scholastic integrity are subject to disciplinary penalties, including the possibility of failure in the course and dismissal from the University. All individual, or group, work submitted for academic credit should be the original work of the individual, or individuals, seeking credit. Materials used to support an individual’s, or group’s, efforts should be appropriately cited in a bibliography or footnotes section of the work. Plagiarized work includes: work that is “lifted” or not appropriately cited. Work submitted for individual credit that is not exclusively the individual’s own, or that is shared between students without disclosure that the work represented is a collaboration output between authors, are a

breach of the University's Honor Code. On all work submitted for credit by students at the University of Florida, the following pledge is implied:

*"On my honor, I have neither given nor received unauthorized aid in doing this assignment."*

You are encouraged to study together and to discuss information and concepts covered in lecture and the sections with other students. You can give help or receive help from other students. However, this permissible cooperation should never involve one student having possession of a copy of all, or part, of work done by someone else, in the form of e-mail, an e-mail attachment file, USB drive, or hard copy. Should copying occur, both the student who copied work from another student and the student who shared the copied material will automatically receive a zero for the assignment. Penalty for violation of this Code can also be extended to include failure of the course and University disciplinary action. During quizzes and individual assignments you must do your own work. Talking, discussion, or collaboration of any kind is not permitted on assessment based assignments. This includes comparing papers, copying answers from others, or sharing work in any way.

#### **GETTING HELP:**

For issues with technical difficulties for E-learning, please contact the UF Help Desk at:

- [Learning-support@ufl.edu](mailto:Learning-support@ufl.edu)
- (352) 392-HELP - select option 2
- <https://lss.at.ufl.edu/help.shtml>

Counseling and Wellness Center: Your well-being is important to the University of Florida. The U Matter, We Care initiative is committed to creating a culture of care on our campus by encouraging members of our community to look out for one another and to reach out for help if a member of our community is in need. If you or a friend is in distress, please contact [umatter@ufl.edu](mailto:umatter@ufl.edu) so that the U Matter, We Care Team can reach out to the student in distress. A nighttime and weekend crisis counselor is available by phone at 352- 392-1575. The U Matter, We Care Team can help connect students to the many other helping resources available including, but not limited to, Victim Advocates, Housing staff, and the Counseling and Wellness Center. Please remember that asking for help is a sign of strength. In case of emergency, call 9-1-1.

#### **CLASS RECORDINGS:**

Students are allowed to record video or audio of class lectures. However, the purposes for which these recordings may be used are strictly controlled. The only allowable purposes are (1) for personal educational use, (2) in connection with a complaint to the university, or (3) as evidence in, or in preparation for, a criminal or civil proceeding. All other purposes are

prohibited. Specifically, students may not publish recorded lectures without the written consent of the instructor.

A “class lecture” is an educational presentation intended to inform or teach enrolled students about a particular subject, including any instructor-led discussions that form part of the presentation, and delivered by any instructor hired or appointed by the University, or by a guest instructor, as part of a University of Florida course. A class lecture **does not** include lab sessions, student presentations, clinical presentations such as patient history, academic exercises involving solely student participation, assessments (quizzes, tests, exams), field trips, private conversations between students in the class or between a student and the faculty or lecturer during a class session.

Publication without permission of the instructor is prohibited. To “publish” means to share, transmit, circulate, distribute, or provide access to a recording, regardless of format or medium, to another person (or persons), including but not limited to another student within the same class section. Additionally, a recording, or transcript of a recording, is considered published if it is posted on or uploaded to, in whole or in part, any media platform, including but not limited to social media, book, magazine, newspaper, leaflet, or third party note/tutoring services. A student who publishes a recording without written consent may be subject to a civil cause of action instituted by a person injured by the publication and/or discipline under UF Regulation 4.040 Student Honor Code and Student Conduct Code.”

#### **COVID-19:**

In response to COVID-19, the following practices are in place to maintain your learning environment, to enhance the safety of our in-classroom interactions, and to further the health and safety of ourselves, our neighbors, and our loved ones.

- If you are not vaccinated, get vaccinated. Vaccines are readily available at no cost and have been demonstrated to be safe and effective against the COVID-19 virus. Visit this link for details on where to get your shot, including options that do not require an appointment: <https://coronavirus.ufhealth.org/vaccinations/vaccine-availability/>. Students who receive the first dose of the vaccine somewhere off-campus and/or outside of Gainesville can still receive their second dose on campus.
- You are expected to wear approved face coverings at all times during class and within buildings even if you are vaccinated. Please continue to follow healthy habits, including best practices like frequent hand washing. Following these practices is our responsibility as Gators.
  - Sanitizing supplies are available in the classroom if you wish to wipe down your desks prior to sitting down and at the end of the class.
  - Hand sanitizing stations will be located in every classroom.

- If you sick, stay home and self-quarantine. Please visit the UF Health Screen, Test & Protect website about next steps, retake the questionnaire and schedule your test for no sooner than 24 hours after your symptoms began. Please call your primary care provider if you are ill and need immediate care or the UF Student Health Care Center at 352-392-1161 (or email [covid@shcc.ufl.edu](mailto:covid@shcc.ufl.edu)) to be evaluated for testing and to receive further instructions about returning to campus. UF Health Screen, Test & Protect offers guidance when you are sick, have been exposed to someone who has tested positive or have tested positive yourself. Visit the UF Health Screen, Test & Protect website for more information.
  - With an excused absence, the professor will work with the student and be given a reasonable amount of time to make up work.
  - If you are withheld from campus by the Department of Health through Screen, Test & Protect you are not permitted to use any on campus facilities. Students attempting to attend campus activities when withheld from campus will be referred to the Dean of Students Office.
- Continue to regularly visit [coronavirus.UFHealth.org](https://coronavirus.UFHealth.org) and [coronavirus.ufl.edu](https://coronavirus.ufl.edu) for up-to-date information about COVID-19 and vaccination.

**ONLINE COURSE EVALUATION:**

Students are expected to provide professional and respectful feedback on the quality of instruction in this course by completing course evaluations online via GatorEvals. Guidance on how to give feedback in a professional and respectful manner is available at <https://gatorevals.ua.ufl.edu/students/>. Students will be notified when the evaluation period opens, and can complete evaluations through the email they receive from GatorEvals, in their Canvas course menu under GatorEvals, or via <https://ufl.bluera.com/ufl/>. Summaries of course evaluation results are available to students at <https://gatorevals.ua.ufl.edu/public-results/>.