

## Overview of Group Project

### **I. Group Project: (100 pts)**

In groups, students will design a study that employs experimental, survey, or content analysis methodology. Your grade on this project will consist of 4 components. Grades will be assigned at the group level: See the forthcoming Group Guide for details. Your grade on this project will consist of 4 components. Grades will be assigned at the group level: See the forthcoming Group Guide for details.

#### **A. Study Proposal (15 pts): Due 2/1**

- Each group will develop a study proposal (See the Group Project Study Proposal Guide) proposing either an experimental, survey, or content analysis study of pre approved topics in the field of Social Psychology. Studies may not include elements that that would require Full IRB approval; including, but not limited to the following: No Deception, No "At Risk" populations, No risks beyond "Minimal Risk."

#### **B. Study Protocol & Hypotheses (15 pts) : Due 2/22**

- **After receiving instructor approval for the study proposal**, each group will develop a detailed protocol for this study (See the Group Project Study Protocol Preparation Guide).

-For studies with **human subjects**, the protocol should include the following: 1) step by step instructions for recruiting subjects from the Psychology Dept Experimentics System. 2) Instructions for preparing data collection sessions (necessary materials, questionnaire randomization/subject randomizations lists, procedures for securing location). 3) Session Script (introduction, informed consent, directions, and debriefing/thanks). 4) Instructions for storing data and Consent Forms (maintaining confidentiality). 5) a copy of all questionnaires/data sheets)

-For **Content Analyses** include the following: 1) Description of how the Content Sample will be obtained (be very specific and detailed: sampling procedure, storage medium, redundancy culling). 2) Description of the Coding Scheme, rater training, and how issues of inter-rater reliability will be addressed. 3) Copy of Coding Sheets.

- Also include a complete description of the hypotheses of your study

- IV(s) & DV(s) and how they are operationalized (Note for self report measures be sure to include a complete description of the scales/subscales that are being used)

-Description of the predicted relationship between each IV and DV and a rationale for the prediction.

#### **C. Data Collection and Analysis (20 pts) : Due 4/5**

- **Data Entry Plan (10 points)** – Each group must submit a Code Book and SPSS data file (pre-data entry), which must be approved prior to data entry.

- **Data Analysis Plan (5 points)** – each group must submit a data analysis plan and review it with the instructor.

- **Final Data Analysis (5 points)** – along with the revised data analysis plan, each group will submit the spss output reporting the result all planned analyses that were conducted.

#### **D. Final Report (50 pts): Due 4/26**

- Each student will turn in a thoroughly proof-read and revised version of the paper. This paper should be typed, **8-10 pages** (excluding title page, abstract, references, appendices, tables, figures, and SPSS output), double spaced, with 1 inch margins. No fewer than **10 primary references**. This paper must conform to the style described in the fourth edition of The Publication Manual of the American Psychological Association. Mechanics and grammar are as important as content. Papers will be graded on both aspects. The paper should also show evidence of proofreading and corrections. Your paper should include the following things in this order:

1. Final Report Grading Rubric
2. Title Page
3. Abstract
4. Introduction (thesis statement, background, lit-review, lit-critique, rationale, and Hypotheses)
5. Method:
6. Results:
7. Discussion: (Critique of the methodological strengths and weakness of the study)
8. References:
9. Appropriate appendices, tables, and figures (if necessary)
10. Attach SPSS output for all analyses (revised if necessary)