



Syllabus

DIRECTED READINGS - 61824

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HU Credits: 4

Responsible Department: Criminology

Academic year: 0

Semester: Yearly

Teaching Languages: Hebrew

Campus: Mt. Scopus

Course/Module Coordinator: Dr. Michael Wolfowicz

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Course/Module description:

In this course students will learn how to develop and produce a literature review of the type that features in the front-end of a research paper (as opposed to a literature review as a research design). Students will select a topic in Criminology, combining a central criminological problem with a central criminological theory, guided by the course staff. Students will then identify the relevant literature related to each stage of the literature review, and develop each part of the literature review independently. Finally, the sections will be integrated and synthesized together with comments provided by the course staff. The review will include the identification of the problem and its characteristics, an explanation and application of an appropriate theoretical model, and an comprehensive summary of current knowledge (with a focus on quantitative literature) and gaps in the body knowledge.

Course/Module aims:

The main goals of this course are to develop skills for producing a concise but complete literature review, taking a step-based approach.

They also include developing methods for in-depth learning of a selected topic, together with tools for identifying the most relevant knowledge pertaining to a chosen topic. As such, the course also aims to provide students with the opportunity to improve their academic writing abilities.

Learning outcomes - On successful completion of this module, students should be able to:

*Search for and identify the bibliography relevant to a chosen topic in Criminology.
Summarize the chosen topic, including the theoretical and empirical literature.
Develop a thorough literature review on the topic.*

Attendance requirements(%):

Full attendance in the opening session and in all the personal meetings

*Teaching arrangement and method of instruction: An opening session
Personal, ongoing meetings with the lecturer and teaching assistant
Consultation with an expert*

Course/Module Content:

*Develop an outline for the literature review + approval
Write the review/introduction to the theory+approval
Write the review of the crime problem+approval
Write the review of the current state of knowledge/evidence, both what is and isn't*

known+approval
Integration of the three parts and editing+approval

Required Reading:
N/A

Additional Reading Material:
N/A

Grading Scheme:
Essay / Project / Final Assignment / Home Exam / Referat 60 %
Submission assignments during the semester: Exercises / Essays / Audits / Reports
/ Forum / Simulation / others 40 %

Additional information:

This course is based on personal meetings and three class sessions, which provide gradual preparation for writing a literature review following the instructions of the teaching staff. These meetings are mandatory, and are one of the requirements for submitting the final literature review and successfully completing the course.

The final literature review cannot be submitted unless all stages of approvals were completed successfully (approval of idea and reading list, summarizing the theory (assignment 1), summarizing a crime problem (assignment 2), summarizing current evidence (assignment 3).

Students will have the opportunity to improve their final grade by carrying out edits recommended by the teaching staff in the context of assignment 4, where the first three assignments will be integrated.

Detailed instructions for completing the tasks and submission dates are available on the course's website.

Please follow the messages and instructions on the course's website during the year.