

PSYC 2188: PSYC RESEARCH AND STAT I LAB



TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY
SAN ANTONIO

COURSE MEETS ON Wednesdays in ROOM: STEM 122 at
5:30pm – 8:15pm

INSTRUCTOR CONTACT INFORMATION

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Office Hours: Fridays by appointment

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Office Hours: W: 11:00 AM- 12:30 PM and 2:55 PM - 4:30 PM

TR: 9:00 AM – 9:25 AM

T: 4:30 PM- 5:30 PM

R: 12:20 PM - 1:50 PM and 3:20 PM - 4:00 PM

Meetings outside of above hours or Virtual Office Hours: Make appt at least 24 hrs in advance

COURSE DESCRIPTION

Companion lab to Psychological Research and Statistics 1 covering same learning objectives through a 1 credit hour (3 contact hour) lab.

COURSE OBJECTIVES

As a result of taking this course, you will be able to:

- Understand methods and analysis of data from psychological studies.
- Understand fundamental concepts and techniques of both descriptive and inferential statistics and their application to psychological research.
- Conduct data analyses using EXCEL and SPSS.

GRADES

Students MUST attend the lab to earn grades on lab assignments. Some assignments are due at the end of class, and some assignments will be submitted through blackboard within 24 hours of the lab meeting. Some instructions/rubrics will be available on blackboard, but some are available ONLY during the lab meeting.

There are 14 labs. Twelve of the labs are worth 10 points each. Two of the labs are online and are worth 5 points each. Your nine highest 10-point lab grades and the two online 5-point lab grades will count towards your final grade. This means that the three lowest 10-point lab grades will be dropped. This generous policy is meant to allow you to maintain a good grade if you are struggling with some lab concepts. Further, it is meant to help you if there are times that you have emergency situations and are

unable to come to class. It is important to consider that ALL the information in the R/S 1 lab has been created to support you in the R/S 1 lecture AND to prepare you for the challenging expectations in R/S 2. Try to avoid missing any lab classes so that you can get your full educational experience.

Your final grade in this class will be calculated as a simple average: your points earned on your nine highest 10-point lab grades plus points earned on the two 5-point labs divided by the maximum number of points you could have earned. In this class you can earn up to a total of 100 points.
Grade Cutoffs: A = 90, B = 80, C = 70, D = 60, F < 60.

All written work should be academic quality submitted in APA format in order to expect full credit.

LATE WORK

Since labs are completed in-class, late work will not be permitted. However, if you miss a lab it can be one of the grades dropped. I

If you arrive late or are not truly present during the lab meeting, you may receive a 0 on the assignment for the day (at the discretion of the instructor or lab manager).

Note: In the past, some students have taken advantage of the drops early in the semester, and then later in the semester they find themselves in the difficult situation of having to miss due to an emergency and being out of low grades that can be dropped. Do not let this happen to you! Do not abuse the drop policy!

WITHDRAWAL POLICY

Any withdrawals after the last day for an automatic "W" date established by the university will receive the grade of "F".

SCHEDULE

Week	Date	Lab Assignment	Points
1	Aug 26	Welcome Lab (Syllabus, introductions, first work)	10
2	Sept 2	Operational Definitions / Scales of Measurement	10
3	Sept 9	Types of research designs (observational /correlational /experimental)	10
4	Sept 16	ONLINE (CITI Training)	10
5	Sept 23	Research Ethics	10
6	Sept 30	Sources, Library Research, and APA Style	10
7	Oct 7	Validity and Reliability	10
8	Oct 14	Probability	5
9	Oct 21	Descriptive Statistics and Frequencies	10
10	Oct 28	Sampling and Sampling Distributions (Skittles activity)	10
11	Nov 4	z scores	10
12	Nov 11	Single sample t tests	10
13	Nov 18	ONLINE (Videos to watch to prepare for t-test lab / video quiz)	5
14	Nov 25	Thanksgiving Holiday - no classes this week	
15	Dec 2	Independent samples t-tests / Wrap-Up Lab	10

Final Exam: Because this is a lab course, there is no final exam required for this course. We do NOT meet on Finals Week.

STATISTICAL PROGRAMS

What statistical software will we use? Understanding how data analysis software works across different programs is an important and marketable skill. **In this course, we will be using both Excel and SPSS.**

We WILL use the classroom computers to complete our work. **You may want a USB drive or cloud service to save materials** because our IT department wipes the computers every night, so if you save anything to the classroom computer, it will not be there after midnight that night.

For Excel, you will need to activate the [Data Analysis Toolpak](#). Most students use the many lab computers around campus that have SPSS, such as in the library or the CAB computer labs (not all have it, but many do). If you would like, you can buy a temporary student license from [IBM SPSS](#) affordably. If you want a more permanent solution, there is a free open source clone of SPSS called PSCP (<https://www.gnu.org/software/pspp/>) that is nearly identical, though if you go this route there may be a few menus that differ and outputs might look slightly different. It hasn't been a huge issue before, but it's worth pointing out. *Which program you use* is less important than *being able to find the information you need* in the analysis output.

STATEMENTS FROM THE UNIVERSITY: IMPORTANT POLICIES AND RESOURCES

Academic Accommodations for Individuals with Disabilities: Texas A&M University-San Antonio is committed to providing all students with reasonable access to learning opportunities and accommodations in accordance with The Americans with Disabilities Act, as amended, and Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act. If you experience barriers to your education due to a disability or think you may have a disability, Disability Support Services is located in the Central Academic Building, Suite 210. You can also contact us via phone at (210) 784-1335, visit us <https://www.tamusa.edu/Disability-Support-Services/index.html> or email us at dss@tamusa.edu. Disabilities may include, but are not limited to, attentional, learning, mental health, sensory, physical, or chronic health conditions. All students are encouraged to discuss their disability-related needs with Disability Support Services and their instructors as soon as possible.

Academic Learning Center: The Academic Learning Center provides free course-based tutoring to all currently enrolled students at Texas A&M University-San Antonio. Students wishing to work with a tutor can make appointments through the Brainfuse online tutoring platform. Brainfuse can be accessed in the Tools section of Blackboard. You can contact the Academic Learning Center by emailing tutoring@tamusa.edu, calling (210) 784-1307, or visiting the Central Academic Building, room 202.

Counseling/Mental Health Resources: As a college student, there may be times when personal stressors interfere with your academic performance and negatively impact your daily functioning. If you are

experiencing emotional difficulties or mental health concerns, support is available to you through the Student Counseling Center (SCC). To schedule an appointment, call 210-784-1331 or visit Madla 120.

All mental health services provided by the SCC are free and confidential (as the law allows). The Student Counseling Center provides brief individual and group therapy, crisis intervention, consultation, case management, and prevention services. For more information on SCC services visit tamusa.edu/studentcounseling

Crisis support is available 24/7 by calling the SCC at 210-784-1331 (after-hours select option '2').

Additionally, the TELUS Student Support App provides a variety of mental health resources to including support for in the moment distress, an anonymous peer to peer support network, mental health screenings, podcasts, and articles to improve your mental wellbeing.

Emergency Preparedness: JagE Alert is Texas A&M University-San Antonio's mass notification. In the event of an emergency, such as inclement weather, students, staff and faculty, who are registered, will have the option to receive a text message, email with instructions and updates. To register or update your information visit: <https://tamusa.bbcportal.com/>.

More information about Emergency Operations Plan and the Emergency Action Plan can be found here: <https://www.tamusa.edu/about-us/emergency-management/>.

Download the SafeZone App (<https://safezoneapp.com/>) for emergencies or call (210) 784-1911. Non-Emergency (210) 784-1900.

Financial Aid and Verification of Attendance: According to the following federal regulation, 34 CFR 668.21: U.S. Department of Education (DoE) Title IV regulation, a student can only receive Title IV funds based on Title IV eligibility criteria which include class attendance. If Title IV funds are disbursed to ineligible students (including students who fail to begin attendance), the institution must return these funds to the U.S. DoE within 30 days of becoming aware that the student will not or has not begun attendance. Any student receiving federal financial aid who does not attend by the census date will have their financial aid terminated and returned to the DoE. Please note that any student who stops attending at any time during the semester, a Care report will be submitted, and you will possibly be dropped from the class. Your financial aid may have to be recalculated and a portion of your federal aid may have to be returned to the DoE.

Writing, Language, and Digital Composing Center: The Writing, Language, and Digital Composing Center supports graduate and undergraduate students in all three colleges as well as faculty and staff. Tutors work with students to develop reading skills, prepare oral presentations, and plan, draft, and revise their written assignments. Our language tutors support students enrolled in Spanish courses and students composing in Spanish for any assignment. Our digital studio tutors support students working on digital projects such as eportfolios, class presentations, or other digital multimedia projects. Students can schedule appointments through JagWire under the Student Services tab. Click on "Writing, Language, and Digital Composing Center" to make your appointment. The Center offers face-to-face, synchronous online, and asynchronous digital appointments. More information about what services we offer, how to

make an appointment, and how to access your appointment can be found on our website at <https://www.tamusa.edu/academics/>.

Meeting Basic Needs: Any student who has difficulty affording groceries or accessing sufficient food to eat every day or who lacks a safe and stable place to live, and believes this may affect their performance in the course, is urged to submit a CARE referral (<https://www.tamusa.edu/university-policies/Student-Rights-and-Responsibilities/file-a-report.html>) for support. Furthermore, please notify the professor if you are comfortable in doing so. This will enable them to direct you to available resources.

Military Affairs: Veterans and active-duty military personnel are welcomed and encouraged to visit the Office of Military Affairs for any question involving federal or state VA Education Benefits. Visit the Patriots' Casa building, room 202, or to contact the Office of Military Affairs with any questions at military.va@tamusa.edu or (210)784-1397.

Religious Observances: Texas A&M University-San Antonio recognizes the diversity of faiths represented among the campus community and protects the rights of students, faculty, and staff to observe religious holidays according to their tradition. Under the policy, students are provided an opportunity to make up any examination, study, or course work requirements that may be missed due to a religious observance provided they notify their instructors before the end of the second week of classes for regular session classes.

The Six-Drop Rule: Students are subject to the requirements of Senate Bill (SB) 1231 passed by the Texas Legislature in 2007. SB 1231 limits students to a maximum of six (6) non-punitive course drops (i.e., courses a student chooses to drop) during their undergraduate careers. A non-punitive drop does not affect the student's GPA. However, course drops that exceed the maximum allowed by SB 1231 will be treated as "F" grades and will impact the student's GPA.

Statement of Harassment and Discrimination: Texas A&M University-San Antonio is committed to the fundamental principles of academic freedom, equal opportunity, and human dignity. To fulfill its multiple missions as an institution of higher learning, A&M-San Antonio encourages a climate that values and nurtures collegiality and the uniqueness of the individual within our state, nation, and world. All decisions and actions involving students and employees should be based on applicable law and individual merit. Texas A&M University-San Antonio, in accordance with applicable federal and state law, prohibits discrimination, including harassment, on the basis of race, color, sex, religion, national origin, age, disability, genetic information, veteran status, sexual orientation, gender identity, gender expression, or pregnancy/parenting status. Individuals who believe they have experienced harassment or discrimination prohibited by this statement are encouraged to contact the appropriate offices within their respective units.

Texas A&M University-San Antonio faculty are committed to providing a safe learning environment for all students and for the university as a whole. If you have experienced any form of sex- or gender-based discrimination or harassment, including sexual assault, sexual harassment, domestic or dating violence, or stalking, know that help and support are available. A&M-San Antonio's Title IX Coordinator can support those impacted by such conduct in navigating campus life, accessing health and counseling services, providing academic and housing accommodations, and more. The university strongly encourages all students to report any such incidents to the Title IX Coordinator. Please be aware that all A&M-San

Antonio employees (other than those designated as confidential resources such as counselors and trained victim advocates) are required to report information about such discrimination and harassment to the university. This means that if you tell a faculty member about a situation of sexual harassment, sexual violence, or other related misconduct, the faculty member must share that information with the university's Title IX Coordinator (titleix@tamusa.edu, 210-784-2061, CAB 439K). If you wish to speak to a confidential employee who does not have this reporting requirement, you can contact the Student Counseling Center at (210) 784-1331 or visit them in Madla 120.

Pregnant/Parenting Students: Texas A&M-San Antonio does not require a pregnant or parenting student, solely because of that status or issues related to that status, to (1) take a leave of absence or withdraw from their degree or certificate program; (2) limit the student's studies; (3) participate in an alternative program; (4) change the student's major, degree, or certificate program; or (5) refrain from joining or cease participating in any course, activity, or program at the University. The university will provide such reasonable accommodations to pregnant students as would be provided to a student with a temporary medical condition that are related to the health and safety of the student and the student's unborn child. These could include maintaining a safe distance from substances, areas, and activities known to be hazardous to pregnant individuals and their unborn child; excused absences because of illness or medical appointments; modified due dates for assignments; rescheduled tests/exams; taking a leave of absence; and being provided access to instructional materials and video recordings of lectures for excused absences, if these would be provided to any other student with an excused absence. Pregnant/parenting students are encouraged to contact the Title IX Coordinator with any questions or concerns related to their status (titleix@tamusa.edu; 210-784-2061; CAB 439K).

Texas A&M-San Antonio has also designated the Title IX Coordinator as the liaison officer for current or incoming students who are the parent or guardian of a child younger than 18 years of age. The Title IX Coordinator can provide students with information regarding support services and other resources.

Students' Rights and Responsibilities: The following statement of students' rights and responsibilities is intended to reflect the philosophical base upon which University Student Rules are built. This philosophy acknowledges the existence of both rights and responsibilities, which is inherent to an individual not only as a student at Texas A&M University-San Antonio but also as a citizen of this country.

Students' Rights

1. A student shall have the right to participate in a free exchange of ideas, and there shall be no University rule or administrative rule that in any way abridges the rights of freedom of speech, expression, petition and peaceful assembly as set forth in the U.S. Constitution.
2. Each student shall have the right to participate in all areas and activities of the University, free from any form of discrimination, including harassment, on the basis of race, color, national or ethnic origin, religion, sex, disability, age, sexual orientation, gender identity, gender expression, and pregnancy/parenting or veteran status in accordance with applicable federal and state laws.
3. A student has the right to personal privacy except as otherwise provided by law, and this will be observed by students and University authorities alike.

4. Each student subject to disciplinary action arising from violations of university student rules shall be assured a fundamentally fair process.

Students' Responsibilities

1. A student has the responsibility to respect the rights and property of others, including other students, the faculty, and administration.
2. A student has the responsibility to be fully acquainted with the published University Student Rules found in the Student Handbook, [Student Code of Conduct](#), on our website, and University Catalog, and to comply with them, as well as with federal, state, and local laws.
3. A student has the responsibility to recognize that student actions reflect upon the individuals involved and upon the entire University community.
4. A student has the responsibility to recognize the University's obligation to provide a safe environment for learning.
5. A student has the responsibility to check their university email for any updates or official university notifications.

We expect that students will behave in a manner that is dignified, respectful, and courteous to all people, regardless of sex, ethnic/racial origin, religious background, sexual orientation, or disability. Conduct that infringes on the rights of another individual will not be tolerated.

Students are expected to exhibit a high level of honesty and integrity in their pursuit of higher education. Students engaging in an act that violates the standards of academic integrity will find themselves facing academic and/or disciplinary sanctions. Academic misconduct is any act, or attempt, which gives an unfair advantage to the student. Additionally, any behavior specifically prohibited by a faculty member in the course syllabus or class discussion may be considered as academic misconduct. For more information on academic misconduct policies and procedures please review the Student Code of Conduct (<https://www.tamusa.edu/university-policies/student-rights-and-responsibilities/documents/Student-Handbook-2022-23.pdf>) or visit the resources available in the OSRR website (<https://www.tamusa.edu/university-policies/student-rights-and-responsibilities/academic-integrity.html>).

No Use of Generative AI Permitted

This course assumes that all work submitted by students will be generated by the students themselves, working individually or in groups. Students should not have another person/entity do the writing of any portion of an assignment for them, which includes hiring a person or a company to write assignments and/or using artificial intelligence (AI) tools like ChatGPT. Use of any AI-generated content in this course qualifies as academic dishonesty and violates Texas A&M-San Antonio's standards of academic integrity.

Important Dates:

August 26	First day of class
September 2	Labor Day Holiday
November 11	Last day to drop with an automatic “W”
November 19	Last day to drop a course or withdraw from the University
November 27	Study Day – No classes
November 28-30	Thanksgiving Holiday – No classes
December 5	Last day of classes
December 6	Study Day – No classes
December 7-13	Final exams

The complete academic calendar is available online: <https://www.tamusa.edu/academics/academic-calendar/index.html>.