

CCJ 7960 COMPREHENSIVE EXAM (3)

Department of Criminal Justice
Florida International University

Course Description/Objectives

Completion of a research study suitable for submission to an academic journal, including an oral presentation and defense (pass/fail grading). Prerequisite: Completion of all required coursework.

Learning Outcomes

Development of research knowledge base, exercise of critical synthesis and writing skills, execution of an independent research project, and presentation and defense of individual work.

Procedures

Each examination must be prepared and graded by a committee consisting of a minimum of three faculty in the Department of Criminal Justice. Admission to candidacy requires that a majority of the committee members agree that the student passed the examination. An examination may not be passed conditionally. A "Pass" on the examination cannot be made contingent upon other factors such as the completion of additional coursework or the preparation of extra research projects.

Students must be informed in writing of the results of their performance on the examination within 30 days of the examination date. Passing the examination is requisite to continuing in the doctoral program. If the student fails the examination the committee, at its discretion, may provide for reexamination at a mutually satisfactory time but no more than one year from the original date of the examination. Students have the option to change the members of their committee for the second reexamination. Students who fail the reexamination will be dismissed from the doctoral program.

After a doctoral student is admitted to candidacy, continuous registration for at least 3 credit hours each semester (including the summer term) is required until the dissertation requirement is fulfilled. During the academic year, international students must maintain full-time enrollment.

READINGS

Research Designs

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Miller, Delbert. *Handbook of Research Design and Social Measurement*. N.Y.: Longman (1983).

Data-Gathering Methods

Babbie, Earl R. *The Practice of Social Research*. 11th ed. Belmont, Calif.: Wadsworth (2007).

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Gove, Walter R., et al. "Are the Uniform Crime Reports a Valid Indicator of Index Crimes?" *Criminology* 23:451-501 (1985).

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Sudman, Seymour. *Applied Sampling*. N.Y.: Academic Press (1976).

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Carmines, E. G., and R. A. Zeller. *Reliability and Validity Assessment*. Beverly Hills: Sage (1979).

Lewis-Beck, Michael S. *Applied Regression: An Introduction*. Beverly Hills: Sage (1980).

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Aldrich, John H., and Forrest D. Nelson. *Linear Probability, Logit, and Probit Models*. No. 45 (1984).

Berry, William D. *Nonrecursive Causal Models*. No. 37 (1983).

Kim, Jae-On, and Charles W. Mueller. *Introduction to Factor Analysis*. No. 13 (1979).

Long, J. Scott. *Confirmatory Factor Analysis*. No. 33 (1983).

Long, J. Scott. *Covariance Structure Models*. No. 34 (1983).