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COLLEGE OF LIBERAL STUDIES**

**LSTD 5903 Research Methods**

**Instructor:**

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**Course Overview:**

This class develops and expands the concepts introduced in Interdisciplinary Foundations. We will underscore the conceptual frames for thinking about inquiry and research in the social sciences. It will do this by exploring recent issues, theoretical approaches, and professional concerns specific to the area of study in which you will be doing research.

**Course Web Site:**

Detailed information about the objectives and goals of the course, as well as the course requirements and resources for completing them, are available through the course web site: <http://www.ou.edu/cls/online/lstd5903/>. Students should thoroughly familiarize themselves with all of the various elements of the site. Additionally, the course includes resources through learn.ou.edu.

**Assignments and Grading:**

The course includes three units, each of which should occupy approximately one-third of the semester. Unit assignment submission deadlines will be provided each semester. For each business day that an assignment is submitted after the deadline, 2 percentage points will be deducted from the final score unless the student has made arrangements for late submission with the instructor.

Submit assignments in the online Dropbox. Specific feedback for each assignment will be provided either through the dropbox or via email message to each student's OU email address.

Each unit assignment will be graded based on a percent scale, and will constitute one-third of the course grade. The formula utilized to calculate the course numerical grade is:

$$G = (U1 + U2 + U3) / 3$$

Where G = the final numerical grade in the course;

U1 = the grade for Unit 1 assignment;

U2 = the grade for Unit 2 assignment; and,

U3 = the grade for Unit 3 assignment.

The following represents the scale used to convert final numerical grades into final letter grades:

90% - 100%	A
80% - 89%	B
70% - 79%	C
60% - 69%	D

### **Instructor Notes:**

A presentation will be sent to each student at the beginning of each unit. The initial presentation will be sent at the beginning of the semester, and the presentation for each of the remaining units will be sent to each student as he/she completes the previous unit. All presentations will be sent via email message to the student's OU email address. The purpose of the presentations is to supplement the course readings and resources rather than to repeat them. The presentations will be .pdf format; download the reader at [www.adobe.com](http://www.adobe.com), if needed.

### **Special Needs Students:**

Any student requiring special accommodation in the class due to disability is advised to inform the instructors of his/her special needs. Every effort will be made to ensure that the proper accommodations are made to enhance the learning environment for every student.