

Research Design

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Texts

- Bordens & Abbott
 - *Research Design & Methods (5/e)*
- Booth, Colomb, & Williams
 - *The Craft of Research (2/e)*
- Abelson
 - *Statistics as Principled Argument*
- APA
 - *Publication Manual of the American Psychological Association (5/e)*

Assignments & Evaluation

- Three Exams 20% each
- Written Research Proposal 20%
- Assignments 20%

Assignments

- Library Assignment
- Integrative Journal Summary
- Draft of Introduction for Peer Review
- Peer Review of Student Introduction
- Draft of Methods
- Draft of Research Proposal
- Peer Review Feedback on 2 proposals

Developing Research Ideas

- Experience
 - Be curious about the reasons for the behavior you observe around you
- Theory
 - Good theories make predictions about future behavior that can (and should) be tested with research
- Solving Applied Problems
 - Research can help locate the solution to a practical problem
- Research is embedded in current knowledge
 - We must have sufficient knowledge about the research area to pose questions that are meaningful and have not already been answered
