HP 7001 Advanced Research Design and Data Analysis

Time: Tuesday, 8:30 – 11:30 am (Week 1)

Thursday, 8:30 – 11:30 am (Week 2 and onwards)
Venue: HSS Computer Lab 5 (HSS-01-10)

PREREQUISITE:
Basic understanding of hypothesis testing, analysis of variance and multiple regression, or permission of instructor.

OBJECTIVES:
The focus of this graduate level course is on social science research, in particular, psychological inquiry. We address different methodological perspectives including experimental type research as well as research in the applied context. Students are expected to have an understanding of basic statistical concepts and quantitative analysis techniques. At the end of course, students would have developed the capacity to frame research questions, derive appropriate experimental research designs, and analyze the data collected from these designs. They would also acquire proficiency in the use of software for analyzing experimental data.

CONTENT:
The course is designed to acquaint researchers with the principles of experimental design, basic experimental designs used in social science research including between-subjects, within-subjects/repeated-measures, mixed (split-plot) and nested designs.

METHOD:
Two-hour lecture and one hour computer lab/tutorial/student presentation per week.

COMPUTING:
SPSS will be used for this course. Other softwares such as R or SAS etc. may also be discussed when necessary.
TEXTBOOKS:

RECOMMENDED REFERENCES:


EVALUATION:

4 Homework (40%); 3 Presentation (30%); 1 Project Paper (30%).

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Some FAQs on Examination Matters can be found: http://www.ntu.edu.sg/OAS/Undergraduate+Studies/Examinations/Frequently+Asked+Questions.htm
CLASS PRESENTATION

   Each student is required to do a presentation after each module is completed. The presentation covers topics related to the each of the module. A list of papers will be provided at the beginning of each module. Students can pick one paper from it to present. Alternatively, students can present their own case study but they must use at least one of the techniques covered in that module.

PROJECT PAPER

   You need to apply techniques from this course on your own datasets. I strongly recommend you to use dataset that is related to your thesis project. If you have difficulty to find a dataset, please let me know as soon as possible.
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<td>General linear model (multiple regression with continuous and categorical explanatory variables) : -- relation between ANOVA and regression; model-comparison perspective</td>
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**Examination Period: Dec. 6 – Dec. 24, 2010**

**Project Paper Due: Dec. 16, 2010**
Project, Proposal & Presentation

Project

A. Purpose:
The purpose of the project is to give you a hand-on experience to solve an empirical problem (hopefully relevant to your area of study) using the techniques you learn from this course. This can be a project you are currently or will be working on.

B. Data
You may use publicly available data, previously published data or data you have access to.

C. Written Report:
No more than 20 pages (not include cover page, tables, figures, and references), typed, double-spaced, 12 pt. Times Roman, APA format

The report must include the following:
1. Introduction: Background and purpose of the study; study clearly the research questions you want to address
2. Methods: Descriptions of the samples, measures, and data collection procedures
3. Results: Summarize the statistical methods and the results of the analysis. Include summary tables for your analyses whenever it is necessary.
4. Discussion: Evaluate and interpret the results and implications. Discuss the adequacy or limitations of the analyses in addressing your research questions.
5. References

Suggestions for writing: APA manual or published articles within your area of study, and


Proposal

To make sure you are on the right track, you need to turn in a 2-page proposal to describe the data you will work on, the research question(s) you want to address and the method(s) you plan to apply. The proposal will NOT be graded but feedback will be given. The proposal is due on Nov 5 (Fri) via Email.