

<b>Syllabus for Research Methods – Online</b>		
<b>Semester &amp; Year</b>	Spring 2019	
<b>Course ID and Section #</b>	Psych 2 V6618	
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<b>Textbook Information</b>	<i>Title &amp; Edition</i>	Research Methods in Psychology (3 <sup>rd</sup> )
	<i>Author</i>	Morling, B.
	<i>ISBN</i>	9780393617542
<b>Course Description</b>		
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The instructor can provide basic feedback with minor and occasional problems. Serious and repeated problems require Tech Support. Before contacting Technical Support please visit the [Online Support Page](#). For password issues with Canvas, Web Advisor or your mycr.redwoods.edu email, contact [Technical Support](#) or call 707-476-4160 or 800-641-0400 ext. 4160 between 8:00 A.M. and 4:00 P.M., Monday through Friday.

### Student Access

Students will have access to this course that complies with the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 (ADA), Section 508 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, and College of the Redwoods policies. Course materials will include a text equivalent for all non-text elements; videos will include closed captioning, images will include alt-tags, and audio files will include transcripts. Text will be formatted for use with screen readers. All course materials will be understandable without the use of color. Hyperlinks will use descriptive and meaningful phrases instead of URLs.

Students who discover access issues with this class should contact the instructor and [Director of Distance Education](#).

### Special Accommodations

College of the Redwoods complies with the Americans with Disabilities Act in making reasonable accommodations for qualified students with disabilities. Please present your written accommodation request at least one week before the first test so that necessary arrangements can be made. No last-minute arrangements or post-test adjustments will be made. If you have a disability or believe you might benefit from disability related services and may need accommodations, please see me or contact [Disability Services and Programs for Students](#). Students may make requests for alternative media by contacting DSPS at 707-476-4280.

### Regular Effective Contact and Substantive Interaction

All online Psych 2 courses will meet or exceed the minimum requirements for Regular Effective Contact and substantive interaction as approved by the Academic Senate with the following practices: Regular instructor initiated interaction with students to determine that they are accessing and comprehending course material and participating regularly in the activities in the course, instructor contact hours will meet or exceed standard face-to-face class with discussion forums, weekly announcements/emails, timely feedback for student work as described in the syllabus, and instructor-prepared material/lectures. Instructor-prepared materials will be video, audio, and/or written in the instructor's words.

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### Preferred name in Canvas

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### Emergency Procedures for College of the Redwoods:

**RAVE** – College of the Redwoods has implemented an emergency alert system. In the event of an emergency at the college you can receive an alert through your personal email and/or phones at your home, office, and cell. Registration is necessary in order to receive emergency alerts. Please go to <https://www.GetRave.com/login/Redwoods> and use the "Register" button on the top right portion of the registration page to create an account. During the registration process you can elect to add additional information, such as office phone, home phone, cell phone, and personal email. Please use your CR email address as your primary Registration Email. Your CR email address ends with "redwoods.edu." Please contact Public Safety at 707-476-4112 or [security@redwoods.edu](mailto:security@redwoods.edu) if you have any questions.

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Endorsed by the DE Planning Committee April 27, 2018.

## Research Methods in Psychology Psych 2 – Section V6618 Spring 2019

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**Student Readiness:** Are you ready for online classes? Please take about 15 minutes to review what it means to take an online class by watching the Introduction to Online Learning presentation at: <https://apps.3cm mediasolutions.org/oei/01-Introduction-to-Online-Learning/index.html>

**Login instructions for Canvas:**

1. Open your web browser and go to <https://redwoods.instructure.com>
2. Your Username is the same as your **Webadvisor User ID** (e.g., flast123 - first initial + lastname + last 3 digits of your student ID number.) Your initial password is your 6-digit birthdate (mmddyy).
3. Once logged in, on top left-hand side of the screen you should see a drop down menu of your Courses.

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**Instructor Commitment:** I dedicate as much or more time to this class compared to a traditional class. I will access the class website regularly (usually daily) and respond to posted questions and messages within 48 hours. Additionally, I read every discussion forum post and occasionally participate. There is also regular instructor-based communication with weekly announcements, lecture videos, evaluative feedback to your discussion posts, assignment feedback, and emails/messages to students who fall behind.

**Required Text:** Morling, B., *Research Methods in Psychology* (2018; 3<sup>rd</sup> edition). Norton Publishing. ISBN: 9780393617542.

Please have access to the text by the first week of class as assignments begin immediately and are due by the end of the week. The text is available in the LRC (Eureka). *-2 hour reserve only-*

**Class Discussions (130 points):** Each week has a discussion based on an “Every Day Research” prompt. You will receive up to a maximum of 10 points for postings and responses to other peoples’ postings (see scoring below). This is an important and required part of the class. The discussion forum is accessed in Modules at the class website. *The lowest score will be dropped for your final grade.*

**Primary Post** -- 6 points possible --Your primary post must:

- **Answer the 5 question prompts** (5 points/one point per prompt)
- **Be posted before** the Thursday deadline (M-Th =1 point; F-S .5 point)

**Reply Postings** -- 4 points possible – Each of your **two reply posts** must:

- **Included at least TWO of the following (CCCQ): COMPLIMENT:** *I like... COMMENT: I agree that ... because ... I disagree that ... because ... CONNECTION: I have also ... QUESTION: I wonder ... (Adapted from Gernsbacher, 2018)*
- **Meet** the 100 word minimum length (-.5 point for each reply<100 words)

**Chapter Quizzes (130 points):** Chapter quizzes consist of 20 timed multiple-choice items (each worth .5 pt.) **based on a mix of lecture videos and assigned text reading.** Quizzes are available beginning Mondays the week the chapters are presented and until the deadlines on Sundays at 11:59 pm. Quiz scores are displayed immediately and correct answers are displayed after the Sunday deadline. You are limited to a total of 20 minutes for each quiz. While technically an open-book quiz, you will not have time to search

and find all of the answers. You can take each quiz three times with the highest score recorded in the gradebook. *The lowest score will be dropped for your final grade.*

**Exams (120 points):** The midterm and final exams each consist of 60 multiple-choice questions based on the lecture videos and readings from the textbook. They can be taken only once, have a 60 minute time limit, and are proctored (that is, NOT open-book).

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**Assignments (70 points):** There are seven written assignments (10 points each) finding, evaluating, and synthesizing research in APA citation style. Assignments are available at the modules link in Canvas. All assignments will be submitted electronically using Canvas.

Dates	Topics	Graded Assignments
<b>Week 01</b> Jan 19 – Jan 27	<b>Psychology is a Way of Thinking</b>	<b>Chapter 1</b> Discussion and Quiz
<b>Week 02</b> Jan 28 – Feb 03	<b>Sources of Information</b>	<b>Chapter 2</b> Discussion, Quiz, and Assignment #1
<b>Week 03</b> Feb 04 – Feb 10	<b>Three Claims, Four Validities</b>	<b>Chapter 3</b> Discussion and Quiz
<b>Week 04</b> Feb 11 – Feb 17	<b>Ethical Guidelines</b>	<b>Chapter 4</b> Discussion, Quiz, and Assignment #2
<b>Week 05</b> Feb 18 – Feb 24	<b>Identifying Good Measurement</b>	<b>Chapter 5</b> Discussion and Quiz
<b>Week 06</b> Feb 25 – Mar 03	<b>Surveys and Observations</b>	<b>Chapter 6</b> Discussion, Quiz, and Assignment #3

<b>Week 07</b> Mar 04 – Mar 10	<b>Sampling</b>	<b>Chapter 7</b> Discussion and Quiz
<b>Week 08</b> Mar 11 – Mar 17	<b>Midterm Exam</b>	<b>Midterm Exam</b>
<b>Mar 18- Mar 24</b>	<b>Spring Break</b>	<b>Spring Break</b>
<b>Week 09</b> Mar 25 – Mar 31	<b>Bivariate Correlational Research</b>	<b>Chapter 8</b> Discussion, Quiz, and Assignment #4
<b>Week 10</b> Apr 01 – Apr 07	<b>Multivariate Correlational Research</b>	<b>Chapter 9</b> Discussion and Quiz
<b>Week 11</b> Apr 08 – Apr 14	<b>Simple Experiments</b>	<b>Chapter 10</b> Discussion, Quiz, and Assignment #5
<b>Week 12</b> Apr 15 – Apr 21	<b>Experiments and Confounding Variables</b>	<b>Chapter 11</b> Discussion and Quiz
<b>Week 13</b> Apr 22 – Apr 28	<b>Experiments and Multiple Independent Variables</b>	<b>Chapter 12</b> Discussion, Quiz, and Assignment #6
<b>Week 14</b> Apr 29 – May 05	<b>Quasi-Experiments and Small-N Designs</b>	<b>Chapter 13</b> Discussion and Quiz
<b>Week 15</b> May 06 – May 12	<b>Replication and Generalization</b>	<b>Chapter 14</b> Discussion, Quiz, and Assignment #7
<b>May 09 – May 15</b>	<b>Final Exam</b>	<b>Final Exam</b>

**Grade Distribution:** **A**=93% and above, **A-**=90-92%, **B+**=88-89%, **B**=83-87, **B-**=80-82%, **C+**=78-79%, **C**=65-77%, **D**=60-64%, **F**=59% and below

**Code of Conduct:** Please familiarize yourself with the [Student Code of Conduct \(AP 5500\)](#). It is required that you do your own work. All essays, postings, and quizzes/exams must be completed by you without assistance. Do not use any source in your essays/posts without proper citation. In cases involving academic dishonesty, determination of the grade and your status in the course is left primarily to the discretion of the instructor. In such cases where the instructor determines that you have demonstrated academic dishonesty, you may receive a failing grade for the assignment and may be reported to the Dean of Students. Finally, please be respectful to your classmates. Be kind and considerate in all of your postings and responses to the discussion forum.



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***Note:** While I make every effort to follow the standards and schedule of this syllabus there may be times when changes are necessary. I will inform the class through the announcements and/or class email of any changes. Administrative procedure (AP) 5075 allows instructors to withdraw students from class for non-participation through the 10<sup>th</sup> week of class. Non-participation for two weeks of assignments may result in involuntary withdrawal.*