

## **PSY 304 – Research Methods and Statistics for Psychology II**

### **Course Syllabus – Spring Semester 2021 (updated)**

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**Class Hours:** Tue 13:30-14:30, plus two asynchronous hours per week

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Welcome back! In this course, we will take the basic concepts we learned in PSY202/303 and extend them to new situations. Things will not be more complicated as such, but they will be more generalised and flexible. In particular, we will take the concepts of ANOVA and correlation, and apply them to datasets with multiple variables. The idea is that, after completing this course and Testing and Measurement, students will have the basic tools they need to complete a useful and meaningful Independent Study Project or other project course: they will be able to design and plan a sound empirical study, and will have the basic skills they need to handle the most common data analysis situation in basic psychology research.

#### **Tentative schedule** (SPSS lab topic in parentheses):

Week 1 – Recap of Research Methods for Psychology - I (no labs this week)

Week 2 – Two-way between subjects ANOVA (Recap)

Week 3 – Sampling (Two-way between subjects ANOVA)

Week 4 – Two-way repeated measures ANOVA (Two-way between subjects ANOVA)

Week 5 – Quasi-experiments, interventions, and longitudinal studies (Two-way repeated measures ANOVA)

Week 6 – Chi-square, and revision for midterm (Two-way repeated measures ANOVA)

**Week 7 – MIDTERM EXAM** (no lab this week)

Week 8 – Higher-order designs (Chi-square)

Week 9 – Survey design (three-way repeated measures ANOVA)

Week 10 – Multiple regression (three-way between subjects ANOVA)

Week 11 – More concepts in multiple regression (mixed ANOVA)

Week 12 (no synchronous classes, Ramazan bayramı) – Qualitative methods (multiple regression)

Week 13 – Scientific writing (hierarchical regression)

Week 14 – Revision (moderated regression)

### **Assessment**

There are three ways to earn points: midterm, final, and lab attendance. You can also earn bonus points by participating in staff research studies – these bonus points are called *Research Points*.

**Midterm exam** (40%) – this will consist of short-answer questions. It will cover topics from Week 1 to Week 6. The midterm will happen in our regular lecture time, in Week 7; i.e., at 13:40 on 6<sup>th</sup> April.

**Final exam** (50%) – this will also consist of short-answer questions. It will cover topics from Week 8 to Week 13, but bear in mind that these topics are based on, and build upon, the earlier topics. The final will happen during the University's scheduled finals period.

**Lab attendance** (10%) – your attendance to your weekly lab session is mandatory; new information will be taught during lab sessions, and you will practice crucial computer skills which we cannot assess during the exams. You therefore receive points based on your lab attendance.

**Research Points** – Students can optionally serve as participants in research that is run by Sabanci University researchers. By participating in research, you can get extra points. For this course, you will be able to earn up to 5 Research Points (1 Point equals up to 30 minutes

of research participation). These 5 Research Points will be converted to 5 points added to your overall total at the end of the semester. More information on the available research projects will be provided during the semester.

You will be able to sign up for the experiments and get your research participation credits through the online Sona system at <http://sabanciuniv.sona-systems.com>. Please carefully read the *Guide for Students: Sabancı University Research Points System (Sona)*, available on the PSY304 SUCourse, on the 'Syllabus' page.

*Study participation is entirely voluntary.* Research Points are bonus points, you can still get 100% on your course without participating at all. If you wish to earn bonus points but do not want to participate in studies, each study has an alternative bonus homework assignment you can do, worth the same number of Research Points. Please ask the 'PI' (Principle Investigator) of that particular study for details. Each study's PI is indicated on the Sona page for that study.