Bemidji State University

UNIV 3000: Interdisciplinary Research Methods

A. COURSE DESCRIPTION

Credits: 3
Lecture Hours/Week: *.*
Lab Hours/Week: *.*
OJT Hours/Week: *.*
Prerequisites: None
Corequisites: None
MnTC Goals: None

An introduction to research methods, including development of research proposals, theory of research, data acquisition, and analysis within multiple disciplines. Prerequisites: Junior status and consent of instructor.

B. COURSE EFFECTIVE DATES: 05/15/2013 - Present

C. OUTLINE OF MAJOR CONTENT AREAS

1. 1) Identification of a research problem and formulating a hypothesis.
    2) Identifying and acquiring appropriate literature.
    3) Designing an experiment that will test the hypothesis.
    4) Methods of data analysis.
    5) Preparation and presentation of a research plan.

D. LEARNING OUTCOMES (General)

1. Students will identify problems within their major discipline to be addressed through research.
   Students will construct testable hypotheses focused upon a disciplinary problem.
   Students will complete a literature review focused on a disciplinary problem, including use of discipline-specific bibliographic databases.
   Students will identify an appropriate experimental design for data collection and data analysis.
   Students will evaluate research related ethical considerations.
   Students will prepare and present a research plan on a research problem within their discipline.

E. Minnesota Transfer Curriculum Goal Area(s) and Competencies

None

F. LEARNER OUTCOMES ASSESSMENT

As noted on course syllabus

G. SPECIAL INFORMATION

None noted