
Research Proposal Assignment #3: Methodology, Part II
Sample and Recruitment of Subjects

Instructions for Completion and Submission

Please note that the submission process is two-fold. All assignments must: (1) be e-mailed to the instructor as an attachment (see details below), and (2) be submitted to www.turnitin.com. If both steps are not completed by the due date/time specified on your course schedule, your assignment will be considered late. Additionally, assignments which are not submitted to www.turnitin.com will not be graded.

1. Begin your assignment with a statement of your hypothesis (or hypotheses).
2. The information provided in this assignment should be designed to test the hypothesis or hypotheses developed in Assignment #1. Please use the provided headings, and be sure to address all sections of this assignment. Points will be deducted for missing sections.
3. See Example Assignment #3 for the proper format.
4. This assignment must be completed in MS Word (*.doc or *.docx), MS Works (*.wps), or as a basic rich text (*.rtf). Absolutely no other file formats will be accepted.
5. E-mail your completed assignment to dkamedasjsu@aol.com as an attachment (do not copy and paste it into the e-mail). Be sure to retain the e-mail you send your assignment with just in case. You will receive a confirmation “thank you” e-mail in response to your submission as soon as possible.
6. Submit your assignment to www.turnitin.com by the date/time it is due.
7. Include your name and the name of the assignment in the file name (i.e., the file name you choose for the document). For example: YourName_Assignment3
8. See your respective course schedule for the due date and time.
9. Due dates and times are firm. Late assignments will not be eligible for credit (i.e., points) without a legitimate and substantiated excuse. **Please note: All assignments must be completed in a timely manner to pass the course, regardless of whether or not you receive points for them.**

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Basic Format for Assignment #3 (Methodology, Part II)

Hypothesis: State your hypothesis

- III. Sample:** Describe who/what will be included in your sample, and how you plan to select your sample from a larger population:
- A. What is your population of interest? Who or what will be included in your sampling frame?
 - B. Specify how many subjects (or other units of observation) will be needed for your *total sample* and how many subjects (or other units of observation) will be included in *each of your groups*.
 - C. State what specific sampling method will be used to create your study groups, and explain how you would carry out your chosen sampling method (i.e., what steps would need to be taken?).
 - D. How would you ensure your sample is representative of the population you wish to study (ensuring the external validity of your findings)?
- IV. Recruitment of subjects and obtaining informed consent and/or obtaining permission to access to data:** Please note that this section requires very detailed information about gaining access to subjects and/or data needed for your study.
- A. Where will you find the subjects or data needed for your study?
 - B. What will you need to do in order to gain access to the subjects and/or data needed for your study?
 - C. Following the guidelines for protection of human subjects, describe how you will obtain the informed consent from subjects, agencies or communities that will provide you with data
 1. What you will tell them, or do for them to persuade them to cooperate?
 2. How will you ensure a good response rate, and minimize subject attrition, especially if you are collecting data from them over a period of time? Keep in mind that “subject attrition” can still in essence occur even if you will not have any direct contact with people. If you propose document analysis, the inability to locate files or incomplete files, will count as “subject attrition”.

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