EAST TEXAS A&M

HHPK 551.01W
ADVANCED RESEARCH IN KINESIOLOGY
COURSE SYLLABUS: WINTER MINI 2026

INSTRUCTOR INFORMATION

Instructor: Dr. Michael Oldham
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Preferred Form of Communication: email
Communication Response Time: within 2 business days

COURSE INFORMATION

Required Text

No textbook is required. Students will be required to read scholarly literature as it pertains to their research topic.

Course Description

Transform research into publishable articles and presentations to various audiences. Emphasis will be on drafting, editing, and revising documents/presentations of the student's individual research project. With sufficient data, students can produce an article ready for submission to a scholarly journal over the course of the semester.

Student Learning Outcomes

1. Plan, draft, revise, and edit abstract for conference submission
2. Plan, draft, revise, and edit poster for conference presentation
3. Synthesize and report on the scholarly literature in the field
4. Collaborate with peers to produce clear prose that communicates science information to multiple audiences
5. Present and defend research data orally through presentations and peer review

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COURSE REQUIREMENTS

Minimal Technical Skills Needed

Using the learning management system D2L, using computer software (e.g., Microsoft Word, PowerPoint, and Excel; Adobe Acrobat).

Instructional Methods

Instruction in this fully online, asynchronous course combines applied learning, peer collaboration, and iterative feedback to help students transform their research into publishable products. Using a writing workshop model, students draft, revise, and refine abstracts and posters based on their own data while engaging in structured peer review that mirrors the scholarly publication process. Technology is integrated throughout, including use of Reference Manager for citation organization, SPSS or Excel for data analysis, and AI-assisted writing tools for clarity and refinement.

Student Responsibilities or Tips for Success in the Course

Students are expected to take ownership of their learning by actively engaging with all course materials, meeting deadlines, and submitting thoughtful, original work based on their own research data. Because the course is asynchronous and fast-paced, consistent participation and time management are essential.

GRADING

Final grades in this course will be based on the following scale:

Abstract	30%
Research Poster	40%
Peer Reviews	20%
Reflection	10%
Total:	**100%**

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  A = 90%-100%
  B = 80%-89%
  C = 70%-79%
  D = 60%-69%
  F = 59% or Below

Assessments

Abstract
Original research abstract using the TACSM requirements.

Research Poster + Video
Poster presentation of research using the provided template and narrated walkthrough.

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Peer Reviews
Structured critiques using provided rubric.

Reflection
Reflection on the research presentation process, AI-usage, etc.

COURSE OUTLINE / CALENDAR

Module	Focus	Assessments
1	From Data to Abstract	Abstract Draft
2	From Abstract to Visual Storytelling	Poster Draft
3	Peer Review and Presentation	Peer Reviews, Final Poster, Reflection

TECHNOLOGY REQUIREMENTS

LMS

All course sections offered by East Texas A&M University have a corresponding course shell in the myLeo Online Learning Management System (LMS). Below are technical requirements
LMS Requirements: https://community.brightspace.com/s/article/Brightspace-Platform-Requirements
LMS Browser Support: https://documentation.brightspace.com/EN/brightspace/requirements/all/browser_support.htm

ACCESS AND NAVIGATION

You will need your campus-wide ID (CWID) and password to log into the course. If you do not know your CWID or have forgotten your password, contact the Center for IT Excellence (CITE) at 903.468.6000 or helpdesk@tamuc.edu**.**

Note: Personal computer and internet connection problems do not excuse the requirement to complete all course work in a timely and satisfactory manner. Each student needs to have a backup method to deal with these inevitable problems. These methods might include the availability of a backup PC at home or work, the temporary use of a computer at a friend's home, the local library, office service companies, coffee shops, a ETAMU campus open computer lab, etc.

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COMMUNICATION AND SUPPORT

If you have any questions or are having difficulties with the course material, please contact your instructor. The best way to reach me is via email, I usually reply within 1 business day.

Technical Support

If you are having technical difficulty with any part of Brightspace, please contact Brightspace Technical Support at 1-877-325-7778. Other support options can be found here: https://community.brightspace.com/support/s/contactsupport

Counseling Center

The Counseling Center at East Texas A&M, located in the Halladay Building, Room 203, offers counseling services, educational programming, and connection to community resources for students. Students have 24/7 access to the Counseling Center's crisis assessment services by calling 903-886-5145. For more information regarding Counseling Center events and confidential services, please visit www.etamu.edu/counseling-center.

Mental Health and Well-Being

The university aims to provide students with essential knowledge and tools to understand and support mental health. As part of our commitment to your well-being, we offer access to Telus Health, a service available 24/7/365 via chat, phone, or webinar. Scan the QR code to download the app and explore the resources available to you for guidance and support whenever you need it.

COURSE AND UNIVERSITY PROCEDURES/POLICIES

Course Specific Procedures/Policies

All assignments and peer reviews must be submitted by the posted deadlines to ensure timely feedback and maintain the collaborative nature of the course. Late submissions may not receive peer review and could result in grade reductions unless prior arrangements are made. Because this course involves original research, students are expected to uphold the highest standards of academic integrity, properly citing all sources and disclosing any AI-assisted writing use in their reflection. Professional communication and constructive feedback are required in all peer interactions.

Syllabus Change Policy

The syllabus is a guide. Circumstances and events, such as student progress or pandemic outbreaks, may make it necessary for the instructor to modify the syllabus during the semester. Any changes made to the syllabus will be announced in advance.

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University Specific Procedures

Student Conduct

All students enrolled at the University shall follow the tenets of common decency and acceptable behavior conducive to a positive learning environment. The Code of Student Conduct is described in detail in the Student Guidebook.
http://www.tamuc.edu/Admissions/oneStopShop/undergraduateAdmissions/studentGuidebook.aspx

ETAMU Attendance

For more information about the attendance policy please visit the Attendance webpage and Procedure 13.99.99.R0.01.
http://www.tamuc.edu/admissions/registrar/generalInformation/attendance.aspx
http://www.tamuc.edu/aboutUs/policiesProceduresStandardsStatements/rulesProcedures/13students/academic/13.99.99.R0.01.pdf

Academic Integrity

East Texas A&M University acknowledges that there are legitimate uses of Artificial Intelligence, ChatBots, or other software that has the capacity to generate text, or suggest replacements for text beyond individual words, as determined by the instructor of the course.

This course will incorporate ethical AI usage for certain aspects. Document any use of such software in your assignments. Any undocumented use of such software constitutes an instance of academic dishonesty (plagiarism).

In any case, students are fully responsible for the content of any assignment they submit, regardless of whether they used an AI, in any way. This specifically includes cases in which the AI plagiarized another text or misrepresented sources.

Students at East Texas A&M University are expected to maintain high standards of integrity and honesty in all of their scholastic work. For more details and the definition of academic dishonesty see the following procedures:

Graduate Student Academic Dishonesty 13.99.99.R0.10
http://www.tamuc.edu/aboutUs/policiesProceduresStandardsStatements/rulesProcedures/13students/graduate/13.99.99.R0.10GraduateStudentAcademicDishonesty.pdf

Students with Disabilities-- ADA Statement

The Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) is a federal anti-discrimination statute that provides comprehensive civil rights protection for persons with disabilities. Among other things, this legislation requires that all students with disabilities be guaranteed a learning environment that provides for reasonable accommodation of their disabilities. If you have a disability requiring an accommodation, please contact:

Office of Student Disability Resources and Services

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Velma K. Waters Library 162
Phone (903) 886-5150 or (903) 468-8148
Email: studentdisabilityservices@etamu.edu
Website: https://www.etamu.edu/student-disability-services

Nondiscrimination Notice

East Texas A&M University will comply in the classroom, and in online courses, with all federal and state laws prohibiting discrimination and related retaliation on the basis of race, color, religion, sex, national origin, disability, age, genetic information or veteran status. Further, an environment free from discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation, gender identity, or gender expression will be maintained.

Campus Concealed Carry Statement

Texas Senate Bill - 11 (Government Code 411.2031, et al.) authorizes the carrying of a concealed handgun in East Texas A&M University buildings only by persons who have been issued and are in possession of a Texas License to Carry a Handgun. Qualified law enforcement officers or those who are otherwise authorized to carry a concealed handgun in the State of Texas are also permitted to do so. Pursuant to Penal Code (PC) 46.035 and ETAMU Rule 34.06.02.R1, license holders may not carry a concealed handgun in restricted locations. For a list of locations, please refer to the Carrying Concealed Handguns On Campus document and/or consult your event organizer. http://www.tamuc.edu/aboutUs/policiesProceduresStandardsStatements/rulesProcedures/34SafetyOfEmployeesAndStudents/34.06.02.R1.pdf
Pursuant to PC 46.035, the open carrying of handguns is prohibited on all ETAMU campuses. Report violations to the University Police Department at 903-886-5868 or 9-1-1.

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