

SOUTHEASTERN LOUISIANA UNIVERSITY

ED.D. in Educational Leadership

EDF 995 – Doctoral Dissertation Completion

COURSE SYLLABUS

1. **Course Number**
EDF 995

2. **Course Name**

3. **Course Description For Catalog**

The purpose of this course is to assist students through the dissertation writing & completion processes. The class sessions constitute a forum for the discussion of issues and problems that arise from the participating students' own writing, oral defense and doctoral research processes.

4. **Course Objectives**

- a. The student will explore the fields of research design, research proposal development and the conduct of research projects as applied to their dissertation topic.
- b. The student will a review of literature as pertains to their dissertation topic.
- c. The student will design a conceptual framework, research design and data analysis plan as they pertain to their dissertation topic.
- d. The student will be able to critique research proposals & offer constructive advice.
- e. The student will form their Dissertation Committee & work with it closely.
- f. The student will write and defend their Dissertation.

5. **Methodologies:**

Teaching strategies will include discussions, lecture, demonstrations, group work, field experiences, and on-line instruction. Course content will be drawn from theory and research, from student experiences, and from discussions in and out of class sessions.

6. **Evaluation Method:**

Students will be evaluated through written examinations, practical examinations, projects, and class participation. Each instructor reserves the right to establish additional methods of assessment. Artifacts for the Portfolio may be required.

7. **Recommended Text:**

Gall M.D., Borg, W.R., and Gall, J.P. 1996. Educational Research, an Introduction, 6th Edition, White Plains, Longman Publishers, USA. (ISBN 0-8013-0980-8, \$80).

Babbie, Earl. 1992. The Practice of Social Science Research, Sixth Edition, Belmont, CA: Wadsworth Publishing Company. (ISBN 053450468X, \$67).

8. Recommended References:

Becker, Howard S. 1998. Tricks of the Trade; How to Think About Your Research While You Are Doing It. Chicago: The University of Chicago Press. (ISBN 0226041247, \$15).

Booth, Wayne C., Gregory G. Colomb, and Joseph M. Williams. 1995. The Craft of Research. Chicago; The University of Chicago Press. (ISBN 0226065847, \$12).

Weston, Anthony. 1992. A Rulebook for Arguments. Indianapolis: Hackett Publishing Company. (ISBN 0872201562, \$5).

Williams, Joseph M. 1995. Style: Toward Clarity and Grace. Chicago: The University of Chicago Press. (ISBN 022689152, \$10).

APA - Publication Manual of the American Psychological Association, 4th Edition or later. Washington, D.C.: American Psychological Association. (ISBN 1557982414, \$22).