



SASS 426. RESEARCH METHODS IN SOCIAL WORK PROFICIENCY EXAM STUDY GUIDE

COURSE OBJECTIVES (Abilities that are Central to this Course):

1. Critically evaluate the validity of research designs used in social work research
2. Critically evaluate the measures used in social work research
3. Interpret basic statistics and draw conclusions about effect sizes and statistical and clinical significance
4. Interpret qualitative research for practice
5. Determine whether research has been conducted ethically and whether the research methods were culturally appropriate and competent
6. Critically summarize research findings and evaluate the quality of the evidence and implications for social work practice

COURSE READING

Texts

Rubin, A. and Babbie, E.R. (2005). *Research Methods for Social Work*. Wadsworth

Morgan, G. A. , et al. (2006). *Understanding and Evaluating Research in Applied and Clinical Settings*. Mahwah NJ, Lawrence Earlbaum.