

PSY 311: Research Methods Research Proposal Outline

_____ [FILL IN THIS BLANK WITH YOUR **BOLDED TITLE**]

Your Hook Paragraph Goes Here

Your Literature Review Goes Here

The next paragraph is your Overview Paragraph

In the proposed research, I will answer the question of ____ [FILL IN THIS BLANK WITH THE TOPIC OF YOUR SURVEY]. I will answer this question by designing a five-to-ten item survey. My survey will be administered to at least ten participants. The participants' survey responses will be analyzed with descriptive statistics, predominantly frequency and contingency analyses.

Method

Participants

At least ten participants will be recruited by ____ [FILL IN THIS BLANK WITH A SHORT DESCRIPTION OF HOW YOU YOU WILL RECRUIT YOUR PARTICIPANTS, E.G., EMAIL, FACEBOOK, TEXT MESSAGE, ETC.]. Participants will likely range in age from ____ to ____ years. Participants will voluntarily participate in my study, and they will not be compensated directly for their participation. [INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING SENTENCE ONLY IF YOU HAVE CHOSEN A "Survey Topic with College Students as Participants."] All participants will currently be college students.

Materials

The survey I construct will have no fewer than 5 and no more than 10 items. The survey will include at least one and no more than two open-ended items. The survey will include at least one categorical/nominal item (e.g., "[FILL IN THIS QUOTATION WITH AN EXAMPLE OF ONE OF YOUR CATEGORICAL/NOMINAL ITEMS]") and at least one ordinal item (e.g., "[FILL IN THIS QUOTATION WITH AN EXAMPLE OF ONE OF YOUR ORDINAL ITEMS]"). I ____ [FILL IN THIS BLANK WITH THE WORDS "will" or "will not"] include demographic items [IF YOU ARE INCLUDING DEMOGRAPHIC ITEMS, FILL IN THE NEXT BLANK WITH AN EXAMPLE OF ONE OF YOUR DEMOGRAPHIC ITEMS] (e.g., ____).

Procedure

Participants will be given a link to the survey, which will be available on ____ [FILL IN THIS BLANK WITH THE NAME OF THE PLATFORM YOU ARE USING TO HOST YOUR SURVEY, E.G., SurveyMonkey, Google Forms, Qualtrics]. Participants will be asked to respond to each item and will be thanked for their participation after they finish. Participation will last approximately ____ minutes.

Analyses

Responses to my surveys' open-ended items will be categorized with a coding scheme I will develop for this research project. Responses to my survey's closed- and open-ended items will be analyzed with either frequency or contingency analyses. Data will be presented in tables and charts. Due to my study's quite small sample size and the lack of any a priori hypotheses, I will not analyze my data with inferential statistics (because inferential statistics are inappropriate with small samples and without a priori hypotheses).

References