

Introduction to Survey Methodology
SurvMeth 988.008
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Time: Monday-Friday 9 am – 12 pm (June 12 – June 16, 2023)

Location: Zoom

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Overview:

This course covers the basic principles of survey design and methods and introduces the necessary components of a good quality survey. The course employs the Total Survey Error framework to discuss sampling frames and designs, modes of data collection and their effects on survey errors, the cognitive processes involved in answering survey questions and their impact on questionnaire design, pretesting methods and post-data collection processing. The goal of the course is to give an *introduction* to the skills and resources needed to design and conduct a survey.

Recommended Text:

Groves, R. M., Fowler, F. J. J., Couper, M. P., Lepkowski, J. M., Singer, E., & Tourangeau, R. (2009). *Survey methodology (2nd edition)*. Hoboken, NJ: Wiley & Sons.

Course Website: TBD

Copies of the instructor's powerpoint slides and reading materials will be available on the course website before each class.

Zoom Information: TBD

Course Schedule:

Monday, June 12

Instructor: Peytcheva

9-10 am: Introduction, Survey Error, Standardization, and Operationalizing Constructs

Groves et al., 2009 – Chapters 1 and 2

10am-12 pm: Measurement Error and Writing Survey Questions – Behavioral and Attitudinal Questions

Tourangeau, R., Rips, L.J., and Rasinski, K. (2000), *The Psychology of Survey Response*, Cambridge: Cambridge University Press. Chapters 3-7, pages 62 – 254

Tuesday, June 13

Instructor: Peytcheva

9-10 am: Pretesting Methods

Groves et al., 2009 – Chapter 8

10 am-12 pm: Measurement Error and Modes of Data Collection – Interviewer, Self, and Mixed-mode Data Collections

Groves et al., 2009 – Chapter 5

Dillman, D. (2000). *Mail and Internet Surveys: The Tailored Design Method*. New York: John Wiley and Sons. Chapter 3: pages 79 – 140.

Biemer, P. and Lyberg, L. (2003), Data Collection Modes and Associated Errors, Chapter 6 in *Introduction to Survey Quality*, New York; Wiley

Wednesday, June 14

Instructor: Peytcheva

9-10 am: Coverage Error

Groves et al., 2009 – Chapter 3

Martin, E. 1999. Who knows who lives here: Within-household disagreements as a source of survey coverage error. *Public Opinion Quarterly* 63:220–36

10am-12pm: Sample Design and Sampling Error – Simple Random Sampling, Systematic Sampling, Stratification and Clustering

Groves et al., 2009 – Chapter 4

Kalton, G. (1983). *An Introduction to Survey Sampling*. Beverly Hills: Sage, Chapters 1-5.

Thursday, June 15

Instructor: Peytchev

9-12pm: Nonresponse Error

Groves et al., 2009 – Chapter 6

Groves, R. M., and Couper, M. P. (1998). *Nonresponse in household surveys*. New York: John Wiley, Chapters 1 and 2

Friday, June 16

Instructor: Peytchev

9 am-10 am: Adaptive and Responsive Survey Designs

Groves, R. M., & Heeringa, S. (2006). Responsive design for household surveys: tools for actively controlling survey errors and costs. *Journal of the Royal Statistical Society Series A: Statistics in Society*, 169(Part 3), 439-457.

10 am-12 pm: Weighting and Post Data Collection Processing

Groves et al., 2009 – Chapter 10

Kalton, Graham, and Flores-Cervantes, Ismael (2003). “Weighting Methods.” *Journal of Official Statistics*, 19:2, 81-97.