

Database as Textbook Replacement: Sage Research Methods Database* /APUS** Curriculum White Paper

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Summary Overview:

Sage Research Methods Online (SRMO) database <http://srmo.sagepub.com/> * contains a wide variety of academic research methodologies to replace curricula on undergraduate and graduate levels. This project proposes to replace methodologies curriculum through a university systematic investigation and implementation and involves four major phases.

The project begins by exploring this new synthetic SRMO database for APUS programmatic alliance and a closer faculty/subject specialist librarian review of SRMO resource materials <http://srmo.sagepub.com/> for course alliances within university research methodology subject areas. Video: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rJ51IN4L56I>

Following this initial review, the university Library coordinates with the University's Electronic Course Materials department with regards to a cost benefit analysis and potential impact for undergraduate courses textbook cost savings. These decisions are explored with the university Dean of Academics/Provost with regards to the possibility of implementing this database of materials for university research methodology course material replacement. Cost savings are outlined for the institution and students on the curriculum side.

After university administrative approval, subject specialist Librarians explore these possibilities with their respective university departmental program directors and faculty to provide new curriculum materials for research methods courses. Subject research specialists and faculty review course methodology congruences for utilizing the Sage book, journal and reference content for course material replacement. Current course curriculum quality is examined. Course/Lib Guides and Subject/Campus Guides are revised and updated with the new course material and placed in online courses in curriculum links and subject guides with a variety of other available multimedia open source material to provide both low cost and online alternatives and savings.

Course Guide Best Practice Examples Curriculum Integration/Replacement

<http://apus.campusguides.com/COLL100> Stevens
<http://apus.campusguides.com/PHIL200> Smith
<http://apus.campusguides.com/RTMG390> Gano
<http://apus.campusguides.com/SCIN132> Coulter
<http://apus.campusguides.com/SCMT319> Cranston
<http://apus.campusguides.com/INTL300> Hyland

Timeline

Stage 1 – Review: Subject Specialist Librarians review Sage Research Methods Online

- a) Initial SRMO review of <http://srmo.sagepub.com/>for programmatic/subject guides/methods/course alliances to university subject areas and current course materials.
- b) Draft review spreadsheet
(subject areas, university methodology course list, congruence with Sage materials, potential for replacement)

Stage 2 – Analysis: Library Administration coordinates with Electronic Course Materials Department.

- a) Potential impact/cost savings for APUS undergraduate research methods courses.
- b) Cost benefit analysis of Sage vs. current curriculum cost

Stage 3 – Presentation :Meet with Academics Dean and Program Directors to propose implementation of SRMO as a curriculum materials replacement.

- a) Summary of cost savings.
- b) Comparison of current APUS methodology course for curriculum quality.

Stage 4 – Implementation, Outcomes Assessment : Subject Specialist Librarians work with APUS subject area program directors and faculty to provide new curriculum materials for research methods courses.

- a) Subject/Campus Guides revised for respective courses/programs. New curriculum materials placed into course syllabus/course guides
- b) Outcomes and Assessment Phase of Project Begins.

Cost Benefit Analysis

Course ID	Course Title	Title	Hard copy savings	E-book savings
Category 1 - Primary (Social Science and Business Programs)				
CHFD498	SENIOR SEMINAR IN CHILD A	Tools For Ethical Thinking and Practice in Family Life Education	\$441.00	
CMRJ300	RESEARCH METHODS OF CRIMI	Basics of Research Methods for Criminal Justice and Criminology		\$25,106.75
CMRJ300	RESEARCH METHODS OF CRIMI	Publication Manual of the American Psychological Association (2nd Printing)	\$19,393.75	
EDUC340	ADULT LEARNING THEORY	Adult Learning and Development : Perspectives from Educational Psychology	\$710.50	
EDUC340	ADULT LEARNING THEORY	Learning in Adulthood : A Comprehensive Guide	\$773.50	
INTL300	RESEARCH METHODS IN INTEL	Communicating With Intelligence	\$53,024.25	
INTL300	RESEARCH METHODS IN INTEL	Introduction to Intelligence Research and Analysis	\$41,144.50	

INTL300	RESEARCH METHODS IN INTEL	Manual for Writers of Research Papers, Theses, and Dissertations	\$0.00
INTL401	CRITICAL ANALYSIS	Thinker's Toolkit : Fourteen Powerful Techniques for Problem Solving	\$4,100.75
INTL498	SENIOR SEMINAR IN INTELLI	Structured Analytic Techniques for Intelligence Analysis	\$7,848.75
LSTD205	LEGAL RESEARCH AND WRITIN	Bluebook: Uniform System of Citation	\$2,650.00
LSTD205	LEGAL RESEARCH AND WRITIN	Legal Research and Writing for Paralegals	\$2,650.00
LSTD205	LEGAL RESEARCH AND WRITIN	Legal Writing in a Nutshell	\$3,127.00
MGMT295	MANAGEMENT SEMINAR	No Text Required For This Course	\$0.00
MGMT495	SENIOR SEMINAR IN MANAGEM	No Text Required For This Course	\$0.00
NURS340	SCIENCE OF EV-BASED PRACT	Evidence-Based Practice in Nursing and Healthcare - With CD	\$62.75
NURS498	SENIOR SEM IN NURSIN	MATERIALS NOT YET SELECTED	\$0.00
PSYC300	RESEARCH METHODS IN PSYCH	Practical Research: Planning and Design - Text	\$53.70
SOCI331	RESEARCH METHODS FOR SOCI	Basics of Social Research	\$41.98
		\$130,626.75	\$30,502.43
Category 2 - Secondary (History, Math etc.)			
HIST300	RESEARCH METHODS IN HISTO	Short Guide to Writing About History	\$19,865.00
HIST300	RESEARCH METHODS IN HISTO	Manual for Writers of Research Papers, Theses, and Dissertations	\$0.00
HIST498	SENIOR SEMINAR IN HISTORY	No Text Required For This Course	\$0.00
COLL300	RESEARCH ANALYSIS AND WRI	College Writer	\$46,974.65
COLL300	RESEARCH ANALYSIS AND WRI	Research and Documentation in the Electronic Age	\$10,981.25
Sage Annual Costs: Approximately 12,000.00			
		\$30,846.25	\$46,974.65
	<i>Grand Total Current Text Book Costs</i>	<i>Totals</i>	<i>Totals</i>
	\$238,950.08	\$161,473.00	\$77,477.08

***Sage (SRMO)** <http://srmo.sagepub.com>: SAGE Research Methods Online (SRMO) is an award-winning research methods database created to help researchers, faculty and students with their research projects. SRMO links 100,000 pages of SAGE's renowned book, journal and reference content with advanced search and discovery tools. Researchers can explore methods concepts to help them design research projects, understand a particular method or identify a new method, and write up research. Since SRMO focuses on methodology rather than disciplines, it can be used by researchers from the social sciences, health sciences and more. With SRMO, researchers can explore their chosen method across the depth and breadth of content, expanding or refining their search as needed; read online, print, or email full-text research methods content; utilize suggested related methods and links to related authors from SRMO's robust library and unique features; and even share their own collections of content through SRMO with other users. SRMO contains content from over 600 books, dictionaries, encyclopedias, and handbooks, the entire "Little Green Book," and Little Blue Book" series, two Major Works collating a selection of journal articles, and newly commissioned videos.

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