

EVAL 6970: Meta-Analysis

Homework #2: Coding and storing studies for analysis

For this assignment, you (or your small group) will construct a comprehensive code book (including inclusion/exclusion criteria), coding form (including a method for rating methodological quality), and an appropriate Microsoft Access database (with a data entry form; see the example on the course Website) corresponding to the coding form (see Lecture 2 for examples). The code book, coding form, and database should be related to the problem investigated and described in Homework #1. Additionally, you should enter no less than 5 studies into the database (if you are working in a group, you should also conduct an interrater reliability analysis; see Lecture 2).

The assignment will be graded against the following criteria:

- Clarity of and rationale for inclusion/exclusion criteria (25%)
- Comprehensiveness of code book (25%)
- Functionality of the database (25%)
- Consistency between coding form and database (25%)