

Coding and Data Rostering

- I. What is a code book?
- II. What should your code book contain?
 - A. Copy of your questionnaire with:
 1. Names of variables
 2. Code number of each response
 3. Indicator for missing data (open, I.V.'s only)
 - B. Indication of which items are closed-ended, which are I.V.'s that are involved in "obvious hypothesis", which are just "thrown in"
- III. Handling missing data problems and adding up index
 - A. Open-ended question, I.V. questions: use -9 for code if data are missing
 - B. Closed-ended D.V. questions: two ways of substitution
 1. Ipsative - use if all items have same # of choices
 2. Sample-based - use if they do not
 - C. Once all closed ended items have a code, add all **closed-ended** items together into your index. Call it "index" in your data file.
- IV. Rostering data. Order of items: IVs, closed DVs, index, open.
- V. Coding open-ended question
- VI. **What must be turned in on Friday July 15 by 4:30 at the latest:**
 - A. A CD (**NOT** a zip disc) or data stick with data file and syntax file, **or the specific address on the Y-drive.**
 - B. Copy of **code book** and data roster sheet, with **clear** indication of which items are part of index, which are I.V.'s, etc.
 - C. The name of your file (should be GroupX.sav, where X is your group number), which should have ALL your data
 - D. Printout of data, syntax, output
 - E. If you have any unusual analysis requests, a **clear** explanation of what you want.