

COURSE NAME AND CODE

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| Course | PSYC 3500: Developmental Psychology (Honours Seminar) |
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COURSE DESCRIPTION/INSTRUCTORS STATEMENT

This course prepares students to do an empirical Honours Thesis in developmental psychology. Students will work on general research skills throughout the course, including critical thinking, scientific writing, searching research literature, and learning about developmental research methods. This course has a substantial workload including weekly readings and discussions, lab and in-class exercises, oral presentations, and written work. Students will be expected to read journal articles and prepare research manuscripts in APA style. Students will learn about the sections of a thesis and gain experience developing hypotheses; evaluating measures; collecting data; managing, screening, analyzing, and interpreting data; and writing an ethics proposal. The course culminates in the preparation of an original research project.

EVALUATION

Students will be evaluated based on various oral and written assignments which will include thought papers, short essays, oral presentations, and research proposals. Students will also be evaluated for their class attendance and participation.

TEXT

Szuchman, L. (2013). *Writing with Style: APA Style Made Easy* (6th Ed). Cengage Learning Publishers. ISBN: 978-1-285-07706-2

There will be additional readings each week (e.g., journal articles) that can be accessed via the course website.