

## COURSE NAME AND CODE

<b>Course</b>	PSYC 3300A: Health and Illness Seminar
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## COURSE DESCRIPTION/INSTRUCTOR'S STATEMENT

Against the backdrop of health psychology, this seminar prepares students to complete an honours thesis in psychology.

The seminar portion of the course involves discussing assigned readings. Students are expected to actively participate in weekly discussions.

The lab portion of the course largely involves completing a year-long “practice thesis” research project. The research project will be completed in groups. Given the scope of the research project, regular lab attendance is expected.

Using health psychology research as a platform, students will gain experience locating, evaluating, and discussing peer-reviewed literature; developing research questions and hypotheses; designing research studies; considering ethical implications of research; using statistical software (SPSS) to organize and analyze data; writing an APA-style research report; and giving presentations.

While the course is being delivered online, plan to meet during the scheduled class time.

## EVALUATION

This is a writing intensive course. Evaluation is based on a series of writing assignments, as well as lab work, presentations, leading discussions, and participation in seminar discussions.

## TEXT

American Psychological Association. (2019). *Publication manual of the American Psychological Association* (7th ed.). Washington, DC: American Psychological Association.