

## COURSE NAME AND CODE

<b>Course</b>	Psychology 4909B/4910B
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<b>Term</b>	Fall 2020 – Winter 2021
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<b>Office Hours</b>	TBD

## COURSE DESCRIPTION/INSTRUCTOR'S STATEMENT

The Honours Project is a scheduled class during which students participate in a variety of learning activities designed to demonstrate and refine the skills that they have acquired throughout the undergraduate program in Psychology. Students will choose an area of psychological research that is of personal interest and explore that area throughout all assignments. Students will work closely with each other via virtual writing groups, peer-editing exercises, and other elements consistent with a supportive learning community in order to enhance their writing, critical reading, presentation, and other vital skills.

The Fall term will focus on developing subject matter expertise and honing academic reading and writing skills culminating in an argumentative essay. The winter term will focus on communicating the subject matter in a variety of formats to develop professional skills in preparation for your transition to the workplace. This course requires the ability to work independently.

In the Fall term, the scheduled class time will involve some on-line meetings for instructions, discussions, and office hours. The lectures and other course components will be provided to you in a combination of asynchronous and synchronous lectures. Some will be pre-recorded for you, but some will be live to allow for questions and discussions to enhance your research process. Much of the work in the Fall will be independent. The Winter term will involve more active assignments in the form of presentations. If we are back in the classroom, there will be in-person presentations and small discussion groups. If we are still on-line, these presentations will take place in small online sessions.

## EVALUATION

This course is an active learning course. You will receive instructions on how to conduct your research process, how to write the sections of your paper and how to prepare for your virtual presentations. You will then be expected to complete frequent assignments to demonstrate your ability to follow these instructions for all steps of your research process, for writing drafts of your paper and for your presentations.

Specifically, in the Fall semester, you will complete a variety of frequent short written assignments leading to a larger essay on a topic of your choice. Larger drafts of specific sections of your paper will also be submitted. In the Winter, you will work on knowledge translation and complete the full research paper, as well as use that research paper to create presentations geared towards two different target audiences.

Approximately 50% of the final grade is allocated to each term. There is no final exam

## TEXT

The Publication Manual of the American Psychological Association, 7th edition.

Students will be expected to find and read a lot of articles from Psychology journals for their projects. Additional readings and on-line videos will be assigned throughout the course