

THE HONOURS PROJECT IN PSYCHOLOGY PSYC 4909/4910A

Course	Psyc 4909a/4910a The Honours Project in Psychology
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COURSE DESCRIPTION/INSTRUCTORS 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 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.

In the Fall term, the scheduled class time will involve some on-line meetings for instructions, discussions, and office hours. Most lecture and other course components will be recorded for you to watch asynchronously. Much of the work in the Fall will be independent. The Winter term will involve more active assignments. If we are back in the classroom, there will be in-person presentations and small discussion groups. If we are still on-line, presentations will be recorded.

EVALUATION

Within the context of an active learning environment, you will be expected to complete

frequent assignments to develop your analytical writing skills and your knowledge translation skills. In the Fall semester, you will complete a variety of short written assignments leading to a larger argumentative essay on a topic of your choice. In the Winter, you will work on knowledge translation and write and present a short briefing note. Other assignments will be determined once the University has announced whether we will be on-line or in-class for the Winter term. You can expect to develop a couple of presentations or written assignments based on your essay that may include blog posts, a workshop, an on-line training module, or other knowledge translation format. 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.