

PSYC 2001 A : INTRODUCTION TO RESEARCH METHODS IN PSYCHOLOGY

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COURSE DESCRIPTION/INSTRUCTOR'S STATEMENT

This course aims to provide an introductory – yet in-depth – exploration of the theoretical underpinnings of scientific research within the field of psychology. Moreover, it examines a diverse array of research methodologies employed in psychology, encompassing both qualitative and quantitative approaches. By the conclusion of this course, participants will have acquired knowledge in the following areas:

- Thorough comprehension of the merits and limitations of the scientific method.
- Knowledge of quantitative and qualitative research techniques, along with their respective advantages and limitations.
- Development of critical skills in evaluating published scientific articles within reputable research journals.
- Critically assessment of second-hand accounts of psychological research disseminated in newspapers, non-scientific journals, media outlets, and related sources.
- An appreciation for the intricate relationship between ethics and research practices within the field of psychology.

EVALUATION (SUBJECT TO CHANGE)

Students will be evaluated based on weekly quizzes, a series of written assignments, and a final research proposal paper. Students will be eligible for up to a 4% bonus for participating in psychology research studies at Carleton University (SONA system).

TEXT

Morling, B. (2017). *Research Methods in Psychology: Evaluating a World of Information*. W. W. Norton & Co.