

PSYC 2001 D : INTRODUCTION TO RESEARCH METHODS IN PSYCHOLOGY

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COURSE DESCRIPTION/INSTRUCTOR'S STATEMENT

The goal of this course is to introduce you to research methods in psychology (i.e., how psychological researchers evaluate and create information). Learning about research methods will not only prepare you for future psychology and statistics courses but will help you navigate research to determine what is good vs. bad science. This is helpful in everyday life as we are constantly bombarded with information from a variety of sources, including scientific articles, websites, print sources, and social media! This course will introduce scientific reasoning, research foundations, and tools for evaluating frequency, association, and causal claims. This is an online course that is primarily asynchronous. The midterm will be held online during class hours (i.e., synchronous).

EVALUATION (SUBJECT TO CHANGE)

Midterm – 25%

Final – 35%

Assignment 2 – 10% (Article summary and evaluation)

Assignment 3 – 20% (Research study proposal)

Interactives – 10%

Research Participation – up to 4% (Bonus Marks)

TEXT

Morling, B. (2020). Research Methods in Psychology: Evaluating a World of Information, 4th Edition; W. W. Norton & Company, Inc.