

PSYC 4909/4910 A : THE HONOURS PROJECT IN PSYCHOLOGY

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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 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.

EVALUATION (SUBJECT TO CHANGE)

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 with assignments focused on writing for general audiences and presenting research to interested stakeholders.

You can expect to develop 3-4 presentations and 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 will be assigned throughout the course.