

## PSYC 4909/4910 B : PROJECT FOR B.A./B.SC. HONOURS IN PSYCHOLOGY

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<b>Term</b>	Full summer 2026 (May – Aug)
<b>Course Delivery</b>	Online (scheduled/synchronous)
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### COURSE DESCRIPTION/INSTRUCTOR'S STATEMENT

The honours project is a challenging, yet rewarding class, during which students will work throughout the full summer semester to complete a research paper that will focus on a review of Psychological empirical studies on a topic of their choice. The class will be comprised of virtual lectures, meetings and designated times for making progress on independent work. Throughout this course, students will enhance their skills in researching evidence-based academic topics, formal academic writing, critical reading of published studies, and presenting information. Students will choose an area of psychological research that is of personal interest to them and will explore that topic throughout all assignments. There will be several assignments throughout the first half of the class that help prepare students to succeed in the 2<sup>nd</sup> half of the class. The 2<sup>nd</sup> half of the course will focus on polishing the final research paper and communicating the subject matter in a variety of presentation formats to develop professional skills in preparation for your transition to the workplace or to graduate level education.

This course is intense but very rewarding! Be prepared to enhance your time management skills and make weekly, regular progress in your research process to build a final product that you can be proud of. Rest assured that you will receive lots of support throughout this entire process. This class requires virtual attendance during class time for live/synchronous classes.

## EVALUATION (SUBJECT TO CHANGE)

<b>Assignments: May to June</b>	<b>Weight of Grade</b>
*Weekly Progress Assignments	15%
Final thesis statement submission with supporting evidence	15%
*Final Research Paper	20 %

<b>Assignments: July - August</b>	<b>Weight of Grade</b>
*Revised Final Paper	10%
Psychology Today Blog Post	15%
*Information Session Presentation	15%
*Poster Presentation	10%

\*Please note this assignment must be completed in order to pass the course.

## TEXT

There is no textbook for this course, but students should refer to the latest APA manual for formatting their paper.