

PSYC 4909/4910 E : THE HONOURS PROJECT IN PSYCHOLOGY

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COURSE DESCRIPTION/INSTRUCTOR'S STATEMENT

This capstone course is an integral part of 4th year. Each student is to be an “expert” in the topic of their choice. In the first term of this course, students will learn how to narrow down on an area of psychology or neuroscience that they are interested in, compare and critique what mass media vs. academics say about their topic of interest, how to search for academic literature using the Carleton library databases, and write an argumentative essay based on their topic. Monthly blogs will also help break down these assignments into easy-to-understand reflections, meant to help each student gain additional skills in order to complete the assignments.

In the second term, students will begin to explore possible career options that interest them after graduating from this program. Students will also enhance their oral speaking and presentation skills by creating an applied workshop meant to teach professionals about their topic. At the end of the course, students will create an academic poster on their topic and present at an in-person poster presentation event (Carleton’s Psychology Undergraduate Research Event).

EVALUATION

In the first term, students will be graded on a comparative media assignment presentation (4%), complete four blogs (8%), and components of their argumentative essay, including a thesis statement (4%), abstract and introduction (4%), essay outline (10%) and argumentative essay (20%). In the second term, students will revise their argumentative essay based on TA feedback (15%), complete four blogs (8%), conduct a workshop presentation (12%), and present

an academic poster and 30 second pitch (15%) at Carleton's Psychology Undergraduate Research Event

TEXT

No textbook required for this course. Students will access online academic / empirical articles from the Carleton University library database on the topic of their choice. There will also be resources posted on Brightspace.