

PSYC 4909/4910 E: THE HONOURS PROJECT IN PSYCHOLOGY

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COURSE DESCRIPTION/INSTRUCTOR'S STATEMENT

This section of the Honours Project is a scheduled class during which students participate in various learning activities designed to demonstrate and refine the skills acquired throughout the undergraduate program in Psychology. Class time will involve some lectures as well as individual and group work. Students will work closely with each other via writing groups, peer-editing exercises, and other elements consistent with a supportive learning community to enhance their writing, critical reading, presentation, and other vital skills. Students will choose an area of psychological research that is of personal interest and explore that area throughout all assignments. The fall term will focus on developing subject matter expertise and honing academic reading and writing skills. The winter term will focus on communicating the subject matter in various formats to develop professional skills in preparation for your transition to the workplace.

EVALUATION (SUBJECT TO CHANGE)

Students will be expected to complete frequent assignments that build towards larger deliverables. Within the context of an active learning environment, students will develop a variety of written documents that will include an argumentative essay, blog posts, reflective writing assignments, and presentations that will consist of PowerPoint slides and academic posters. Some group work will be graded and peer evaluation elements are a component of presentation grades. Regular attendance and engagement with content is critical to successfully complete the course. There is no final exam.

TEXT

Recommended: The Publication Manual of the American Psychological Association, 7th edition.

Although there is no required textbook for this course, for assignments, you will be expected to find and read many articles, which can be accessed through Carleton's library. Some readings and online videos will be assigned throughout the course, and it is important to refer to The Publication Manual of the American Psychological Association 7th edition for formatting assignments.