

PSYC 4907/4908 : HONOUR'S THESIS

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COURSE DESCRIPTION/INSTRUCTOR'S STATEMENT

This course provides students with the opportunity to conduct research in their area of interest and present the data in an undergraduate thesis format. A thesis project is conducted under the direct supervision of a faculty advisor from the *Department of Psychology*. The Course Instructor monitors your progress toward the completion of your thesis and is available for consultation on matters pertaining to your thesis work. The Course Instructor also assigns the final grade for this course.

Weekly in person classes are scheduled during the first eight weeks of classes in the Fall term only. The primary purpose of these classes is to **HELP YOU**. Content will focus on issues designed to assist thesis students with all aspects of the thesis process (e.g., navigating ethics, SONA, dealing with supervisors), as well as other issues relevant to 4th year Psychology thesis students (e.g., preparing scholarship applications, applying for graduate school, career options, the journal article publication process). **3-5 additional classes will be scheduled throughout the school term (fall and winter) to provide students with practical guidelines on completing different phases of the thesis process (e.g., completing a successful literature review, writing up a methods section, analyzing/screening data in SPSS, writing up a clear and organized results section, writing an engaging discussion).** Full details and the class schedule to be discussed in class.

EVALUATION (SUBJECT TO CHANGE)

Speak with your advisor to determine how your final thesis will be graded. For example, how much weight will they assign to the literature review, the methods section or level of independence? Upon completion, you will submit your final thesis to your advisor who will then

write a letter to me with a suggested grade and a brief synopsis justifying the grade. However, I will read your thesis and determine the final grade.

TEXT

NO TEXT is required but speak with your advisor regarding required and recommended readings.