

PSYC 2001 C : INTRODUCTION TO RESEARCH METHODS IN PSYCHOLOGY

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COURSE DESCRIPTION/INSTRUCTOR'S STATEMENT

Come and join me to embark on a journey through the philosophical foundations of the scientific method and the different ways in which mainstream (as opposed to critical) psychology produce knowledge through research. We will examine how mainstream psychologists develop and test theories and interpret research findings. At the same time, we will learn to critically evaluate the knowledge produced by psychological research. In particular, we will explore how psychologists' social positions, their methodological choices, and their interpretations of research findings may shape the knowledge they produce and can be critically examined from a variety of perspectives.

EVALUATION (SUBJECT TO CHANGE)

Evaluation will take place in the form of tests, assignments, in-class activities, and a final exam. Students will be eligible for up to a 5% bonus for participating in psychology research studies through SONA.

TEXT

Morling, B. (2025). Research Methods in Psychology (5th edition). W. W. Norton & Company, Inc.