

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

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COURSE DESCRIPTION/INSTRUCTOR'S STATEMENT

This year-long capstone course is designed for fourth-year Psychology students to integrate and showcase the skills they've developed throughout their degree. Unlike traditional courses, the Honours Project demands a high level of independence, initiative, group discussions, and engagement. Students will identify a research topic related to their concentration, which will serve as the foundation for all course assignments across both terms.

Throughout the course, students will engage in frequent assignments and check-ins to receive ongoing feedback and support. Success in this course requires students to come to class prepared, having completed assigned readings and drafts of their assignments for the check-ins, and to actively participate in lectures and group discussions.

Students will work collaboratively in writing groups and peer feedback sessions to refine their ideas, improve their writing, and develop their critical thinking. The Fall term focuses on building subject matter expertise and strengthening academic research and writing skills, culminating in a major research paper. The Winter term emphasizes communicating psychological concepts across various formats to strengthen professional, verbal, and written communication skills applicable to both graduate studies and the workforce.

EVALUATION (SUBJECT TO CHANGE)

In the Fall term, you will complete a series of assignments designed to support the development of your final paper.

In the Winter term, the focus shifts to knowledge translation, where you will create and deliver a variety of presentations based on your research paper, tailored to different audiences and formats.

There is no final exam; assessment is based on ongoing coursework and participation throughout the year.

TEXT

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

Students will also be expected to find and read a lot of articles from Psychology journals for their projects. Additional readings will be assigned throughout the course.