

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

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COURSE DESCRIPTION/INSTRUCTOR'S STATEMENT

The honours project is a class during which students participate in a variety of learning activities designed to demonstrate and refine the skills that have been acquired throughout the undergraduate program in Psychology. The class will focus on lectures, meetings and independent work on various assignments that work towards larger assignments and presentations. Students will enhance their skills in researching academic topics, formal academic writing, critical reading, and oral and written presentations. 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 identifying a research topic, following a strong evidence-based research process, critical reading of the research literature, creating a solid body of supporting evidence and writing the research paper. The winter term will focus on revising the research paper and communicating the subject matter in a variety of formats to develop professional skills in preparation for your transition to the workplace or graduate school. Given that you will explore the same topic throughout all assignments, I always recommend that you choose a topic that you find interesting and that is compatible with your personal goals.

If you have declared a concentration, your topic must fit within that concentration.

Students are expected to attend the live lectures on zoom since they are interactive and provide lots of opportunities to ask questions about the research and writing process as well as to offer lots of support. Students will be submitting weekly progress assignments that will scaffold their larger assignments. The feedback from these weekly assignments is essential for your support and your success in this class. Be ready to work hard but to then to produce a final paper and all remaining assignments in the winter semester that you can be incredibly proud of.

EVALUATION (SUBJECT TO CHANGE)

50% of the final grade will be earned in the fall semester

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Numerous smaller assignments will be submitted in the fall semester as students are building/scaffolding their final research paper. These assignments will provide essential feedback to help students ensure they are on the right track for the final paper and then for the winter semester. The winter semester will include a fewer number of assignments.

TEXT

There is no required textbook for this class.