

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

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Term	Full Year (September – April)
Course Delivery	Online: a combination of Asynchronous and Synchronous
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COURSE DESCRIPTION/INSTRUCTOR'S STATEMENT

The honours project is an online class during which students will work throughout the fall and winter semesters to complete a research paper that will focus on a review of Psychological empirical studies on a topic of their choice. The class will be comprised of virtual lectures, virtual meetings and designated times for making progress on independent work. Throughout this course, students will enhance their skills in researching evidence-based academic topics, formal academic writing, critical reading of published studies, and presenting information. Students will choose an area of psychological research that is of personal interest and will explore that topic throughout all assignments. There will be a number of these assignments throughout the first half of the class that help prepare students to succeed in all major assignments throughout the class. The first half of the course will build the foundation for success throughout the course and will have the most assignments to complete. A strict schedule of progress will be kept! The second half of the course will focus on completing the research paper and communicating the subject matter in a variety of presentation formats to develop professional skills in preparation for your transition to the workplace or to graduate level education.

The lectures will be taught either asynchronously via recorded lectures to view or live via synchronous lectures on zoom during class time. The course outline will specify which dates students are expected to attend live lectures on zoom. The goal is to have as many live lectures as possible for optimal learning. However, some of the course content is best delivered in pre-recorded lectures.

Important to note: The final poster presentation will take place **in person on campus** during the Psychology PURE event in April. Students who do not live in Ottawa and who met SES's

requirement for distance proctoring can request to their instructor that they present their posters virtually.

This course is intense but very rewarding! Be prepared to enhance your time management skills and make weekly, regular progress in your research process.

EVALUATION (SUBJECT TO CHANGE)

Assignments: September - December	Weight of Grade
Weekly Progress Assignments	10%
Final thesis statement submission with supporting evidence	10%
One on one Meetings worth marks (2 @ 5% each)	10%
Draft of the Introduction	10 %
Draft of ½ of the Body of the Paper	10 %

Assignments: January - April	Weight of Grade
*Final Research Paper	25%
*Information Session Presentation	15%
*Poster Presentation	10%

*Please note that all assignments in the second half of the course must be completed in order to pass the course.

TEXT

There is no textbook for this course, but students should refer to the latest APA manual for formatting their paper.