

PSYC 4909/4910 H : HONOURS PROJECT IN PSYCHOLOGY

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Term	Fall 2025-Winter 2026
Course Delivery	A Mix of Unscheduled and Scheduled Lecture Delivery
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COURSE DESCRIPTION/INSTRUCTORS STATEMENT

The Honours Project requires students to participate in a variety of learning activities designed to demonstrate and refine the skills that they have acquired throughout the undergraduate program in Psychology. Students will choose an area of psychological research that is of personal interest and explore that area throughout all assignments. Students will work closely with the instructor and other students in a supportive learning community in order to enhance their writing, critical reading, presentation, and other vital skills.

The Fall term will focus on developing subject matter expertise and honing academic reading and writing skills culminating in an argumentative essay. The Winter term will focus on communicating the subject matter in a variety of formats to develop professional skills in preparation for your transition to the workplace.

Most lecture and other course components will be asynchronous. In the Fall term, the scheduled class time will involve some on-line meetings for instructions, discussions, and office hours. Much of the work in the Fall will be independent. The Winter term will involve more active assignments and presentations.

EVALUATION

You will be expected to complete frequent assignments to develop your analytical writing skills and your knowledge translation skills. In the Fall semester, you will complete a variety of short written assignments leading to a larger argumentative essay on a topic of your choice. In the Winter, you will work on knowledge translation. You can expect to develop a couple of presentations or written assignments based on your essay that may include a workshop, an on-line training module, or other knowledge translation format. Approximately 50% of the final grade is allocated to each term. There is no final exam.

TEXT

Students will be expected to find and read articles from Psychology journals for their projects. Additional readings and on-line videos will be assigned as relevant throughout the course.