

PSYC 4909/4910 A : PROJECT FOR HONOURS STUDENTS IN PSYCHOLOGY

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COURSE DESCRIPTION/INSTRUCTOR'S STATEMENT

The honours project is a scheduled 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. Students will enhance their skills in researching academic topics, formal academic writing, critical reading, and presentation skills. Students will choose an area of psychological research that is of personal interest and explore that area throughout all assignments. The first half of the course 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 drafts of the research paper. 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 formats to develop professional skills in preparation for your transition to the workplace.

This course is intense but very rewarding! Be prepared to enhance your time management skills and make weekly, regular progress in your research process. You will be submitting regular work each week (twice a week in the summer) that will build towards the final paper and then the presentations. This regular submission of work will provide you with detailed feedback on your process and allow you to feel confident as you work on the assignments that are worth much more.

EVALUATION (SUBJECT TO CHANGE)

Assignments: May - June	Weight of Grade
Weekly progress assignments (2 due a week in the summer)	10%
Final thesis statement submission with supporting evidence	10%
One on one Meetings (2 @ 5% each)	10%
Draft of Introduction	10 %
Draft of ½ of the Body of the Paper	10 %

Assignments: July - August	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.