

PSYD98 Thesis Course

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Monday 3:30 to 4:30 (sometimes to 5)

Office hour: immediately after class

In this course, students will write a research thesis under faculty supervision. On several Mondays, there will be a general meeting of all thesis students. These meetings will be to apprise students of the procedures for starting research and criteria a written thesis should satisfy. Each thesis topic will be presented by the individual students, and discussed by the group. There will also be a general presentation day in the week before final exams in April 2000. A presentation to the Undergraduate Research Conference at York University is optional, and will be given bonus marks (4%). Theses are marked by the supervisor (65%) and an independent reader (35%).

Deadline for thesis: final day of classes April 2000 - late penalty: 2% per day

Schedule for Fall Semester

Sept 13: Introduction; how to make presentations

Sept 27: APA style; Ethics approval

Oct 18: Statistical issues; Ethics approval requests received

Nov 1: Draft proposals due; Ethics approval results; Presentations of research ideas

Nov 15: Presentations of research ideas

Nov 29: Presentations of research ideas

Draft proposals should be in APA style, 4-5 pages in length. They should have a title, an abstract, a one-page literature review, a one-page procedure, a proposed results-analysis section, and a one-paragraph discussion

Ethics approval requests should include a cover letter addressed to Ethics Committee, Division of Life Sciences, U of T at Scarborough, with an overview of the experiment's purposes and procedures. Attachments should include details of recruiting procedures, instructions to subjects, a signing form for participants to give informed assent on, details of how records of responses will be made and stored, and a debriefing script or letter.