

UNDERGRADUATE THESIS IN PSYCHOLOGY
PSYD98

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COURSE REQUIREMENTS

1. ****Attendance at and participation in all class meetings**
2. **Completion of an application for ethics approval (due: Oct 10, in class)**
3. **15-20 min oral presentation of research project**
4. **Preparation and presentation of a poster at thesis day**

*** The class component of PSYD98 is compulsory. Attendance at and participation in all class meetings is a requirement. You will be asked to sign in at each meeting and information concerning your attendance will be provided to your supervisor.*

COURSE COMPONENTS

Application for ethics approval: In class, on Sept 26, Dr. Marc Fournier will present an overview of the procedures for obtaining ethics approval for working with human subjects. I will give an overview for obtaining ethics approval for working with animals, if there are students in the course for whom this is applicable. Each student will then be required to submit the relevant ethics application, in class on Oct 10. This process can be accelerated for any student whose project is not already approved under their supervisor's protocols, and who requires more immediate approval in order to proceed with their research in a timely manner. *However, regardless of whether or not supervisors have already received ethics approval for their student's project, each student must write and submit an independent application.*

Research proposal presentation: Each student is required to give a 15-20 min oral presentation of their research project in 1 of 4 classes; all students are required to attend and participate in all 4 classes. The talks should briefly cover the following information: 1) Background; 2) Research question and hypotheses; 3) Research design and methodology; 4) Plans for data analysis.

Poster presentation: Students will present posters of their projects during a thesis day at the end of the year. More details about what content should be included in the posters, the size and format of the posters, and some examples of posters that have already been presented at research conferences will be provided in the second term.

SCHEDULE OF CLASSES

Fall term

Sept 12	Introductions
Sept 26	An overview of ethics application procedures
Oct 10	Submission of applications for ethics approval; sign-up for oral presentations; tips on preparing effective oral presentations
Nov 7	Research proposal presentations (4-5)
Nov 21	Research proposal presentations (4-5)

Spring term

Jan 9	Touching base; discussion and trouble-shooting of challenges in research encountered to date
Jan 16	Research proposal presentations (4-5)
Jan 30	Research proposal presentations (4-5)
Feb 27	Poster preparation workshop
TBA (study break)	Thesis day