

THE UNIVERSITY OF WINNIPEG
WINNIPEG MANITOBA

Department of Psychology

PSYC-4040 – 2021-22
Honours Thesis

1.0 Calendar description

To complete the Honours degree each student must satisfactorily complete during his/her final year, a program of research under the supervision of at least two faculty members. Students wishing to enroll in this course should consult with the Department of Psychology.

Pre-requisites: PSYC-4100(6) or permission of the Psychology Honours Committee.

2.0 Course Information

Instructor: Dr. M. Halldorson

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Office Hours: **By Appointment**

Lectures: Live Zoom, Fridays, 12:30 – 2:20

2.1 Equipment

This course requires an electronic device with a webcam, such as a laptop or a smartphone, and a high speed internet connection.

3.0 Course Objectives

The generation of ideas and communication of findings governs every aspect of psychological scholarship. This seminar serves as the immediate research community of each thesis student. Therefore, the seminar provides thesis students with a network of colleagues, information on thesis requirements and scheduling, and includes a number of sessions addressing the components of the thesis project. These sessions include, but are not limited to, writing, preparing and giving an oral presentation, literature searches, research ethics, subject pool orientation, etc. Thus, the course help inform students regarding the research process. Students are strongly encouraged to attend the weekly meetings held first term.

4.0 Evaluation

As part of this course, students are asked to complete an oral presentation describing their research project to the Honours Thesis class late in the fall term. These presentations (~6 per class, 10 minutes each) will tentatively start on November 5/22. **Overall, grading schemes will vary from student to student, and will be established in consultation between the student and the advisor(s). Mandatory grading components are indicated on the Thesis Contract distributed from the Honours Committee (see class or departmental website).** Final grades may be based on the final paper, the proposal, the quality of contribution and professionalism while designing and completing the project, participation and performance in weekly meetings and oral presentations (including the presentation to Thesis Class), colloquium attendance, among other factors. Note that, as in all courses, grades submitted are tentative and may be changed by the Department or Senate.

5.0 Withdrawal Deadline

The final date to withdraw from this course without academic penalty is **Wednesday, February 16, 2022**

6.0 Reading Weeks

Fall Term Reading Week is **October 11 - 15, 2021**.

Winter Term Reading Week is **February 21 - 25, 2021**.

7.0 Policy on Cheating and Academic Misconduct

Students are responsible for understanding the nature of and avoiding the occurrence of plagiarism, cheating and other academic offenses. Students are encouraged to read the section on Academic Misconduct in the General Calendar. If you are in doubt about whether what you are doing is inappropriate, consult your instructor. A claim that "you didn't know it was wrong" will not be accepted as an excuse.

8.0 Procedures for Appealing Academic Evaluations

In the first instance, all appeals of a grade must be made to the course instructor (informal consultation) within seven working days after notification of the grade. If the student is not satisfied with the decision of the course instructor, the student may wish to consider making a written appeal to the Chair of the Departmental Review Committee. Please consult the Academic Regulations and Policies Section of the General Calendar for information about appeals. A guide to appeals is available from Student Services and the UWSA Office.

9.0 Services for Students with Disabilities

Students with documented disabilities, temporary or chronic medical conditions, requiring academic accommodations for tests/exams (e.g., private space) or during lectures/laboratories (e.g., note-takers) are encouraged to contact Accessibility Services (AS) at 786-9771 or accessibilityservices@uwinnipeg.ca to discuss appropriate options. All information about a student's disability or medical condition remains confidential.
<http://www.uwinnipeg.ca/accessibility>.

10.0 Additional University Policies

We ask that you please be respectful of the needs of classmates and instructors/professors by avoiding the use of unnecessary scented products while attending lectures. Exposure to scented products can trigger serious health reactions in persons with asthma, allergies, migraines or chemical sensitivities. Please consider using unscented necessary products and avoiding unnecessary products that are scented (e.g. perfume).

Students who plan to conduct research interviews, focus groups, surveys, or any other method of collecting data from any person, even a family member, must obtain the approval of the appropriate ethics committee before commencing data collection. Exceptions are research activities in class as a learning exercise. See <http://www.uwinnipeg.ca/research/human-ethics.html> for submission requirements and deadlines.

All students, faculty and staff have the right to participate, learn and work in an environment that is free of harassment and discrimination. The UW Respectful Working and Learning Environment Policy may be found online at <http://www.uwinnipeg.ca/respect>.

Students may choose not to attend classes or write examinations on holy days of their religion, but they must notify their instructors at least two weeks in advance. Instructors will then provide opportunity for students to make-up work and/or examinations without penalty. A list of religious holidays can be found at: <http://uwinnipeg.ca/academics/calendar/docs/important-notes.pdf>

Students facing a charge of academic or non-academic misconduct may choose to contact the University of Winnipeg Students' Association (UWSA) where a student advocate will be available

to answer any questions about the process, help with building a case, and ensuring students have access to support. For more information or to schedule an appointment, visit our website at www.theuwsa.ca/academic-advocacy or call 204-786-9780.

11.0 Tentative Schedule

This schedule is given as a guideline of the topics to be covered and may be adjusted.

| <u>Date</u> | <u>Topic</u> |
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| Sept 10 | Introduction, Guidelines, Contracts & Advice (Dr. Halldorson) |
| Sept 17 | Ethics, Subject Pool & SONA (Dr. Friesen & K Barkhouse) |
| Sept 24 | Qualtrics and Data Integrity (Dr. Buckles) |
| Oct 1 | Library Resources and Bibliographic Software (J. Herter) |
| Oct 8 | Scholarship Applications (D. Jones) Graduate School (Dr. Clark) (Supervision Forms & Grading Contracts Due) |

October 15 – Fall Term Reading Week – No class

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| Oct 22 | Writing (Dr. Smith) |
| Oct 29 | Data Preparation (Dr. Hinds) |
| Nov 5 | Student Presentations |
| Nov 12 | Student Presentations |
| Nov 19 | Student Presentations |
| Nov 26 | Student Presentations |
| Dec 3 | Student Presentations |

The University is closed for holidays and there are no classes on the following dates:

September 6, 2021 (Labour Day)
September 30, 2021 (National Day of Truth and Reconciliation Day)
October 11, 2021 (Thanksgiving)
November 11, 2021 (Remembrance Day)
December 24, 2021 — January 4, 2022 (December break)
February 21, 2022 (Louis Riel Day)
April 15, 2022 (Good Friday)