

# Honours Thesis

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## Agenda


- ▶ Introductions
- ▶ Guidelines
- ▶ Schedule
- ▶ Contracts
- ▶ Advice

## Stage 1 – Initial Steps

- ▶ Select a Thesis Area
- ▶ Select Advisors
  - ▶ Primary
  - ▶ Secondary
- ▶ Evaluation Contract
  - ▶ Mandatory: Thesis Class, Undergraduate Conference

## Stage 2 - Preparation

▶ Literature Review	▶ Outline Method
▶ Generate Hypothesis	▶ Decide on Measures
▶ Design a Study	▶ Experimental Design



## Stage 3 – Implementation

- ▶ Learn Required Tools
  - ▶ Qualtrics
  - ▶ E-Prime
  - ▶ Other specialized equipment or techniques
- ▶ Ethics
  - ▶ Tri-Council: TCPS 2 CORE Certification
  - ▶ Ethics Checklist

## Stage 4 – Data Collection & Analysis

- ▶ Introductory Psychology Participation Pool
  - ▶ SONA
- ▶ Non-University Populations
- ▶ Analysis
  - ▶ Use of SPSS
  - ▶ Preliminary data exploration
  - ▶ Importance of BOTH descriptive & inferential statistics

## Stage 5 – Writing

- ▶ **Structure of an Empirical Thesis**
  - ▶ Introduction
  - ▶ Methods
  - ▶ Results
  - ▶ Discussion
- ▶ **APA Style**
  - ▶ What does APA say about how to do this?

## Schedule and Contracts

- ▶ <http://psychology.uwinnipeg.ca>

## Advice

- ▶ **Project Scope**
- ▶ **Advisors**
  - ▶ Organization, Take Ownership
- ▶ **4100 Notes**
- ▶ **Computer Backups**

## What Next?

- ▶ **Check out resources**
  - ▶ <http://psychology.uwinnipeg.ca>
  - ▶ <http://uwinnipeg.ca/~clark/research>
  - ▶ Student Theses
- ▶ **Complete Ethics Certification (CORE)**
- ▶ **APA Style Manual**

## Structuring a Literature Review

- ▶ <https://sass.uottawa.ca/sites/sass.uottawa.ca/files/awhc-literature-review.pdf>
- ▶ <https://writingcenter.unc.edu/tips-and-tools/literature-reviews/>
- ▶ <http://advice.writing.utoronto.ca/types-of-writing/literature-review/>

