Description: Psychology Honours Project 2

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Academic Group: FOSCI
Academic Org: FOS005
HECS Band: 1
ASCED Code: 090701

STAFFING
Examiner: Eric Marx
Moderator: Tony Machin

PRE-REQUISITES
Pre-requisite: PSY 4001

RATIONALE
Psychologists in professional practice or research must be able to conduct a substantial empirical scientific study concerning the application of psychological knowledge and techniques and then write a report of sufficient academic rigour to be published and distributed such that they are worthy of the consideration of their professional colleagues.

SYNOPSIS
This is the second of three courses that contribute towards the Psychology Honours Project. The overall project will involve an individual piece of research in a selected area of psychology in which information concerning an approved research topic is gathered, organised, analysed and discussed in a critical and evaluative manner. The study requires advanced knowledge of statistics and research methodology. In this second course, students will continue working on the research project that was approved in Psychology Honours Project 1.

OBJECTIVES
On successful completion of this course students will be able to:

- Critically evaluate and integrate psychological literature pertaining to their chosen topic.
- Write drafts of the literature review and methodology sections of their dissertations.
- Implement a method of data collection that is appropriate to their research topic.
As students will progress at different stages, depending on the nature of their research project, variations to the above objectives are acceptable with the supervisor's approval. Other specific objectives will also be formulated in conjunction with the supervisor.

**TOPICS**

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**TEXT and MATERIALS required to be PURCHASED or ACCESSED:**

Books can be ordered by fax or telephone. For costs and further details use the 'Book Search' facility at http://bookshop.usq.edu.au by entering the author or title of the text.


**STUDENT WORKLOAD REQUIREMENTS**

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**ASSESSMENT DETAILS**

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**OTHER REQUIREMENTS**

1. Early in the semester, the student and his/her supervisor must decide on specific objectives for the course. This would typically involve such activities as writing a first draft of the literature review (if not already completed in Psychology Honours Project 1), writing a first draft of the method section, completing data collection, or other research activities as specified by the supervisor. When preparing drafts, please consult the 2002 Psychology 4th Year Handbook for details of requirements. The objectives should be put in writing and a copy kept by both the student and the supervisor. In Weeks 6 and 14, the student and supervisor will review the student's progress in meeting objectives, and will complete a Progress Report to be submitted to the examiner. A blank copy of the Progress Report is contained in the 2002 Psychology 4th Year Handbook. If you are concurrently enrolled in Psychology Honours Project 3 and will be submitting the dissertation on time, you
do not need to complete the second progress report for Psychology Honours Project 2.

2 The supervisor and student may negotiate extensions for the completion of work associated with the objectives. However, such extensions would usually only be given if there were extenuating circumstances beyond the student's control. If extenuating circumstances are likely to severely disrupt the student's progress, the student and supervisor should inform the examiner as soon as possible so that suitable options can be discussed.

3 Although not directly assessed, students are strongly advised to attend all workshops pertaining to the Psychology Honours Project and to regularly check messages on the course newsgroup. Details regarding workshops and the newsgroup will be given to students at the start of semester.

4 Students are strongly advised to maintain regular contact with their supervisor. Students should carefully read the information pertaining to the supervisor-student relationship contained in the 2002 Psychology 4th year handbook.

5 If both Progress Reports are deemed satisfactory by the student's supervisor and the course examiner, the student will be awarded an interim grade of IIP, indicating satisfactory performance in the course. Please note that the mark of 1 awarded for each progress report is just a nominal mark to indicate that the report has been recorded and is deemed satisfactory. When the Psychology Research Project has been assessed in its entirety, the grade of IIP will be changed to the final grade. For example, if the student receives an HD for his/her dissertation at the completion of Psychology Honours Project 3, then the grade of IIP for Psychology Honours Project 2 would be changed to an HD.