Description: Psychology Honours Project 2

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Academic group: FOSCI
Academic org: FOS005
Student contribution band: 1
ASCED code: 090701

STAFFING
Examiner: Murray Thompson
Moderator: Tony Machin

REQUISITES
Pre-requisite: PSY4001

OTHER-REQUISITES
Only available to students enrolled in the BSc (Hons) in Psychology major.

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 completion of this course students will be able to:

1. critically evaluate and integrate psychological literature pertaining to their chosen topic;
2. write drafts of the literature review and methodology sections of their dissertations;
3. implement a method of data collection that is appropriate to their research topics.
4. 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:**

ALL textbooks and materials are available for purchase from USQ BOOKSHOP (unless otherwise stated). Orders may be placed via secure internet, free fax 1800642453, phone 07 46312742 (within Australia), or mail. Overseas students should fax +61 7 46311743, or phone +61 7 46312742. For costs, further details, and internet ordering, use the 'Textbook Search' facility at http://bookshop.usq.edu.au click 'Semester', then enter your 'Course Code' (no spaces).


**REFERENCE MATERIALS:**

Reference materials are materials that, if accessed by students, may improve their knowledge and understanding of the material in the course and enrich their learning experience.

**STUDENT WORKLOAD REQUIREMENTS:**

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**ASSESSMENT DETAILS**

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**IMPORTANT ASSESSMENT INFORMATION**

1 Attendance requirements:
It is the students’ responsibility to attend and participate appropriately in all activities (such as workshops and consultation with supervisor) scheduled for them, and to study all material provided to them or required to be accessed by them to maximise their chance of meeting the objectives of the course and to be informed of course-related activities and administration.

2 Requirements for students to complete each assessment item satisfactorily:
   To complete the Progress Report satisfactorily, students must meet the objectives set by their supervisors. Students who are concurrently enrolled in Psychology Honours Project 3 and will be submitting the dissertation on time, do not need to complete the second progress report for Psychology Honours Project 2.

3 Penalties for late submission of required work:
   Please see the detailed extension policy contained in the 2004 Fourth Year Handbook. This is available from http://psych.sci.usq.edu.au/teaching/Honours

4 Requirements for student to be awarded a passing grade in the course:
   If the Progress Report is 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. Students who do not qualify for an IIP grade may, at the discretion of the Examiner, be assigned additional work to demonstrate to the Examiner that they have achieved the required standard.

5 Method used to combine assessment results to attain final grade:
   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.

6 Examination information:
   There is no examination in this course.

7 Examination period when Deferred/Supplementary examinations will be held:
   There will be no Deferred or Supplementary examinations in this course.

8 University Regulations:
   Students should read USQ Regulations 5.1 Definitions, 5.6. Assessment, and 5.10 Academic Misconduct for further information and to avoid actions which might contravene University Regulations. These regulations can be found at the URL http://www.usq.edu.au/corporateservices/calendar/part5.htm or in the current USQ Handbook.

ASSESSMENT NOTES

9 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 2004 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 8 and 15, the student and the supervisor will review the student’s progress in meeting the objectives, and will complete a Progress Report
to be submitted to the examiner. A blank copy of the Progress Report is contained in the 2004 Psychology 4th Year Handbook.

10 The due date for an assignment is the date by which a student must despatch the assignment to the USQ. The onus is on the student to provide proof of the despatch date, if requested by the Examiner.

11 Students must retain a copy of each item submitted for assessment. This must be produced within five days if required by the Examiner.

12 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.

13 The Faculty will normally only accept assessments that have been written, typed or printed on paper-based media.

14 The Faculty will NOT accept submission of assignments by facsimile.

15 Students who do not have regular access to postal services or who are otherwise disadvantaged by these regulations may be given special consideration. They should contact the examiner of the course to negotiate such special arrangements.

16 In the event that a due date for an assignment falls on a local public holiday in their area, such as a Show holiday, the due date for the assignment will be the next day. Students are to note on the assignment cover the date of the public holiday for the Examiner’s convenience.

17 Students who have undertaken all of the required assessments in a course but who have failed to meet some of the specified objectives of a course within the normally prescribed time may be awarded the temporary grade: IM (Incomplete - Make up). An IM grade will only be awarded when, in the opinion of the examiner, a student will be able to achieve the remaining objectives of the course after a period of non directed personal study.

18 Students who, for medical, family/personal, or employment-related reasons, are unable to complete an assignment at the scheduled time may apply to defer an assessment in a course. Such a request must be accompanied by appropriate supporting documentation. The following temporary grade may be awarded: IDM (Incomplete Deferred Make-up).

OTHER REQUIREMENTS

1 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.

2 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 2004 Psychology 4th year handbook.