



Unit Outline (Higher Education)

Institute / School:	Institute of Health and Wellbeing
Unit Title:	RESEARCH PROJECT 1 (HONOURS)
Unit ID:	PSYCH4001
Credit Points:	30.00
Prerequisite(s):	(Australian Psychological Accreditation Council accredited three-year undergraduate psychology sequence)
Co-requisite(s):	Nil
Exclusion(s):	Nil
ASCED:	090701

Description of the Unit:

Under supervision, students will absorb and integrate psychological knowledge and apply this knowledge to an area of research. This knowledge will be elaborated in an extensive literature review and written research proposal that culminates in a series of research aims and hypotheses to be examined in the subsequent Research Project unit (PSYCH 4102).

Grade Scheme: Ungraded (S, UN)

Work Experience:

No work experience: Student is not undertaking work experience in industry.

Placement Component: No

Supplementary Assessment: No

Supplementary assessment is not available to students who gain a fail in this Unit.

Course Level:

Level of Unit in Course	AQF Level of Course					
	5	6	7	8	9	10
Introductory	■	■	■	■	■	■
Intermediate	■	■	■	✓	■	■

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Advanced	■	■	■	■	■	■

Learning Outcomes:

Knowledge:

- K1.** Identify, explain, and evaluate the main theories and research relevant to the research topic.
- K2.** Recognise and assess the methodological and analytical procedures relevant to data gathering and interpretation.
- K3.** Identify and explain the limits and potential gains of research into human activity.
- K4.** Identify and explain the ethical issues relevant to the research.

Skills:

- S1.** Evaluate and synthesise psychological research findings to formulate and refine a research question.
- S2.** Compose a coherent and relevant ethics application or ethics report.
- S3.** Apply a theoretical perspective to an individual, social, or global issue.
- S4.** Construct a coherent and relevant review of the literature.

Application of knowledge and skills:

- A1.** Appreciate the relevance of research to everyday life.
- A2.** Assess and evaluate the practical issues involved in doing research.

Unit Content:

Topics may include:

- Individual / group supervision: Covering theory and research relevant to a project leading to the production of a literature review and research proposal
- Online material outlining the development of hypotheses, fundamentals of psychological report writing, and practical issues of research including the supervision process and ethical matters

Learning Task and Assessment:

Learning Outcomes Assessed	Assessment Tasks	Assessment Type	Weighting
K2-4, S1, A1-2	The Research Proposal will comprise a brief justification for, and include, the project aim(s) and hypotheses, an outline of the proposed research methodology and analyses, a participant recruitment strategy, and a budget and timeline for completion of the project	Research Proposal	S / U
K2-4, S2, A1-2	Prepare an ethics application or ethics report.	Written Ethics Application or Ethics Report	S / U
K1-3, S1, S3-4, A1-2	The first draft of the Introduction will include a critical review of the relevant literature, project aim(s), and hypotheses.	Introduction (first draft)	S / U

Adopted Reference Style:

APA

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