

Online Course - Abnormal Psychology Lab

Course 830:341:05

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Thursdays 6:40-9:30

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Textbooks: Any required reading for this class will be distributed during class or posted on Sakai. It is highly recommended that you purchase the Publication Manual of the American Psychological Association.

<https://www.amazon.com/Publication-Manual-American-Psychological-Association>

As an alternative, you can use the following website for an online guide to APA style.

https://owl.purdue.edu/owl/research_and_citation/apa_style/apa_formatting_and_style_guide/apa_changes_7th_edition.html

Purpose: The ability to understand and conduct empirical research is essential for students interested in clinical and abnormal psychology. This course is designed to help you develop the necessary knowledge and skills to engage in research as a clinical scientist. We will learn the basic steps involved in conducting a study in clinical psychology (e.g., ethical considerations, formulating hypotheses, choosing measures, collecting and analyzing data) and reporting the findings in a scientific manuscript (e.g., conducting a literature review and presenting method, results, discussion).

As a student in this course, you will be immersed in every step of the process, and will come away with a solid foundation in research in abnormal and clinical psychology, which is necessary for graduate training. A comprehensive research report (i.e. a research paper) **in APA format** is due at the end of the class.

The course is restricted to undergraduate majors in psychology who have taken Quantitative Methods and Abnormal Psychology. It is designed to meet one lab course requirement of the psychology major. Like any lab course, *this class requires more than the average amount of work for you to earn a high grade.*

Attendance

Because this course is challenging and we cover a lot of material in every class, *you are expected to attend every scheduled class (zoom meeting)*. Inconsistent attendance will result in a lowered grade. Absences will only be excused with the presentation of a dean's note or comparable notification. If you miss two classes, you will be placed on probation. **If you miss three or more classes, you will automatically receive an "F" for the course. Missed classes include those to which you were more than 15 minutes late.**

Core Requirements

This course has been certified as satisfying four of the Writing and Communication Learning Outcome Goals (including WCR and WCD) of the SAS Core Curriculum. Specifically, students will be able to:

- a) Respond effectively to editorial feedback from peers, instructors, and/or supervisors through successive drafts and revision (WCR)
- b) Communicate effectively in modes appropriate to a discipline or area of inquiry (WCD)
- c) Evaluate & critically assess sources & use the conventions of attribution & citation correctly
- d) Analyze and synthesize information and ideas from multiple sources to generate new insights.

Course website: If you are properly registered for the course, you will have access to the course website through Sakai. There you will find copies of all slides and handouts, study guides, and special notices. Please note that I will be posting the materials from each class **after** every class.

It is important to note that the syllabus is subject to change, so please consistently check the syllabus on Sakai so that you are aware of these changes.

Students with disabilities: Any student who feels he or she needs accommodation for a physical or learning disability, please contact the Office of Disability Services (151 College Ave, Suite 123; phone 732-932-2848) and read more about Rutgers' policy at <http://disability/services.rutgers.edu> . If you request accommodations for this course, you will need a letter from Disability Services. Please submit this letter to me early on so that I can make this course as accessible and inclusive as possible for all students from the beginning, but no later than *our fourth class*. The Chair of Undergraduate Psychology and I will review your request and may choose to modify it before it is approved.

Office hours: My office hours are by appointment only via Zoom meeting. We can also meet before or after class if you schedule with me in advance. Please email me at any time to make an appointment. **I welcome and encourage any student to contact me with any questions concerning an assignment or something covered in class.**

Plagiarism. All work that students turn in must be their own work. Students *should not* work collaboratively on assignments without prior approval from the instructor. Any outside sources (including help from other people) must be appropriately referenced in all written work. Turning in someone else's work as your own is completely unacceptable. This includes downloading information from the web and pasting it into your paper. Additionally, your assignments will be checked for plagiarism by matching content to information on the web (the Rutgers assignment submission portal on Sakai automatically checks for plagiarism as well). **Any student who**

plagiarizes on any assignment will, at the very least, receive a failing grade for the course. More severe consequences (e.g., expulsion) are also possible. More about academic integrity can be found at <http://ctaar.rutgers.edu/integrity/policy.html>.

Assignments and Grading:

All assignments are due by 5pm on their due date. Please follow APA style guidelines for all assignments. A weekly log will be considered incomplete if recordings were missed for 3 or more days and will only be eligible for half credit.

4 Drafts: 15 points each (60 points total)

Class Participation and Attendance: 50 points

Log and Weekly Reflections: 60 points

Final Paper: 100 points

Total: 310 points

A = 90% and higher

B+ = 87-89%

B = 80-86%

C+ = 77-79%

C = 70-76%

D = 60-69%

F = Below 60%

Late Assignments

Assignments in this class build on the work from preceding weeks, so it is very important that you stay on track and up to date with all work. Consequently, assignments that are handed in any time after 5pm the day they are due will be docked five points per day late. If the assignment is not handed in within forty-eight hours of the due date/time it will be marked a zero. In addition, I cannot guarantee that I can edit late assignments.

The final paper will be docked 10 points for every day it is handed in late. After 7 days you will automatically receive a zero on the final paper.