

## Psychology 303 Lab Syllabus Spring 2010

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### Lab Homework and APA Term Paper

The lab component of the course will give you hands-on experience conducting your own research study. There will be several in-class lab activities and assignments for you to complete throughout the term, but the largest portion of your work in lab (and your lab grade) will consist of working on your research study and writing an APA paper. A typed hard copy (printed paper) of all assignments **MUST** be turned in at the beginning of each class period. Assignments (i.e., homework, drafts, etc.) turned in late will be penalized 10% for every day they are late, and assignments will NOT be accepted for grades after 4 days (including weekends) past their due date.

In addition to turning in hard copies of your written assignments to your lab instructor in lab, you will be required to submit all of your individual written work to SafeAssign. This technology will be used to prevent plagiarism, protect the originality of student work, ensure a level playing field, and make you more aware of and knowledgeable about plagiarism. When you submit papers, they are checked against SafeAssign's comprehensive databases of source material (which includes published sources, websites, other students' papers, etc.). The papers are then delivered to us, along with reports about how original the papers statistically appear to be.

Early in the term in lab, you will form small groups of 3-5 people and a research topic will be agreed upon. You must find journal articles on your topic and formulate a research question and hypothesis. You will then create or obtain measures of your constructs, administer them to your classmates (i.e., collect data at Data Collection Night on **Monday, May 3<sup>rd</sup> from 6:00-8:00PM in Fenton 110**), analyze the data, draw conclusions about your results, and write an APA style paper about your study (further instructions and guidelines will be provided in class). The final paper must be formatted correctly in APA style (see the APA Publication manual, your textbook, and the lab handouts).

The term paper is due by **4:00PM on Monday, June 7<sup>th</sup>, 2010**. Your final papers will be turned in at the Psychology Department office, located in Straub Hall on the first floor (Straub 131). Be sure that your lab instructor is clearly indicated and that your name is on your paper. Late papers will be penalized 10% for every day they are late and will NOT be accepted for a grade after 4 days (including weekends) past their due date. Electronic copies of your paper will NOT be accepted. In addition to a hard copy of your final paper, you must also turn in previous drafts (with lab instructor comments) and submit your final paper to SafeAssign no later than the due date.

## **Academic Honesty**

Group discussion outside of class is encouraged. However, all work submitted in this course must be your own and produced exclusively for this course. Copying or paraphrasing information from any source, print or electronic, without citation, is plagiarism. The use of sources (ideas, quotations, paraphrases) must therefore be properly acknowledged and documented. The writing portion of the lab is work that must be completed *individually*, NOT as a group or in collaboration with your group-mates. If we receive papers that have substantial portions matching in text, if one paper appears to have text from another paper with only minor modifications, or if your paper has portions of text that have been taken from published sources without proper acknowledgment, you will be in danger of failing the assignment and the course and being reported to Office of Student Conduct and Community Standards. We will be using SafeAssign technology and reading your papers very closely because it is our goal to note formatting details and responsiveness to draft suggestions; therefore, this is definitely not the class where you would want to take the risk of turning in work that is not your own! If you are in doubt regarding any aspect of these issues, please come and speak with your lab instructor BEFORE you turn in your assignment.

For more information about the University of Oregon's Student Conduct Code and the consequences of academic dishonesty, refer to the Schedule of Classes published quarterly and the following website: <http://studentlife.uoregon.edu/Home/tabid/36/Default.aspx>. Violations of the Student Conduct Code will be taken seriously and are noted on student disciplinary records and may result in failing.

### **Tips for Success:**

- Stay on schedule and in touch!
  - Consult the lab calendar to see when homework assignments and section drafts are due.
  - Turn in ALL lab assignments on time.
  - Be a responsible group member, and make frequent use of Blackboard.
  - Come to lab and stay the entire time.
  - Check your UO email account *at least* once a day.
  - Stay in touch with your lab instructor and your group mates.

<b>Lab Points Breakdown (200 points)</b>
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### **Homework (40 points)**

Article Summary: 10 points  
Design Outline: 10 points  
Study Materials: 10 points  
In-lab Activity: 5 points  
Group Member Evaluations: 5 points

### **APA Research Paper (160 points)**

Introduction Outline: 10 points  
Introduction Draft: 10 points  
References Draft: 5 points  
Methods Draft: 10 points  
Results Draft: 10 points  
Discussion Outline: 10 points  
Abstract Draft: 5 points

Final Paper: 100 points

## **Lab Schedule:**

<b>Week</b>	<b>Lab Topic</b>	<b>Items Due</b>
1	Introduction; Group Topics; PsycINFO	
2	Research Design and Experimental Method	Article Summary Due*
3	Hypotheses; Finding Measures	Design Outline Due*
4	The Introduction Section References, and Citations; In-Lab Activity	Study Materials Draft Due (one copy per group)
5	Method Section	Lab: Introduction Outline Due* Friday (4/30): Copies of Final Study Materials Due by 4:00**
6	Choosing the Right Statistic; Data Entry	Methods Draft Due*
7	Debriefing; Data Analysis	Introduction Draft* and References* Due
8	Abstract and Discussion Section	Results Draft Due*
9	Writing Help; Title Page; Final Paper Formatting	Abstract* and Discussion Outline* Due
10	Last minute questions and help with paper; Group Evaluations	
Finals	<b>Final Paper* (and previous drafts with lab instructor comments) due by 4:00PM on Monday, June 7<sup>th</sup>, 2010 to your lab instructor's mailbox in the main Psychology Office (Straub 131)</b>	

\*In addition to turning in hard copies of your assignments in lab, you MUST submit all of your written assignments (except for your Study Materials) to SafeAssign (on Blackboard) – they must be submitted by the due date and time of each assignment.

\*\*Finalized copies of your Study Materials are due by 4:00 on Friday, April 30<sup>th</sup> to your lab instructor's mailbox in the main Psychology Office (Straub 131). You will need to make 50 copies of your finalized Study Materials. You will get more details in class.