

## Psychology 303 Lab Syllabus – Summer 2010

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**Sections:**

Fri 11:00-11:50 a.m. in Straub 180

Fri 12:00-12:50 p.m. in Straub 180

**Office Hours:** Fridays 10:00 – 11:00 a.m.

### Lab Sessions:

The lab sections and lab assignments are primarily aimed at helping you successfully conduct and write about the results of your research project. A lab schedule will be passed out during your first lab section. Lab attendance is **mandatory**. In-class lab assignments can not be made up for credit for any reason, and you must attend the lab session you are registered for each week. Attendance, in-class activities, and *active group participation* are used to assess this component. Be sure to bring your textbook, paper, writing utensils, and some method of saving electronic work to each lab. You will often need these to complete the activities and/or save your work.

### 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.) will NOT be accepted past their due date. !!!**

Early in the term in lab, we will form small groups of 3-5 people and a research topic will be agreed upon. You must find at least 7 peer-reviewed journal articles on your topic and formulate a research hypothesis and question. You will then create or obtain measures of your construct, administer them to your classmates (i.e., collect data), 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 14-16 pages, double-spaced with one-inch margins and 12-point font. It 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 p.m., Friday, August 13<sup>th</sup>, 2010**. Your final papers may be turned in at the Psychology Department office, located in Straub Hall on the first floor (Straub 131). Be sure that you have your papers time/date stamped, that I am clearly indicated as your GTF, and that your name is on your paper.

**!!! Late papers will NOT be accepted 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 GTF comments).

### Academic Honesty

**Please note that any plagiarism will result in an automatic 'F' for the course.**

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 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. The consequences of academic dishonesty will be taken seriously and are noted on student disciplinary records. 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.

**Tips for Success:**

- Stay on schedule and in touch!
  - Consult the lab calendar to see when homework assignments and section drafts are due.
  - 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.

<b>Lab Points Breakdown (225 points)</b>
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**Lab Sessions (25 points)**

Attendance  
In-class Activities  
Group Participation

**Homework (50 points)**

Article Summary (x2): 10 points  
Design Outline: 10 points  
Experimental Materials: 10 points  
Introduction Outline: 10 points

**APA Research Paper (150 points)**

Introduction Draft: 10 points  
Method Draft: 10 points  
Results Draft: 10 points  
Discussion Draft: 10 points  
Abstract: 5 points  
References: 5 points  
Final Paper: 100 points

**Lab Schedule: !!! Late assignments will NOT be accepted past the due date!!!**

Week	Lab Topic	Items Due
1	Group Topic Selection; Introduction to PsychINFO, References, and Citations	Selection of Research Topic
2	Research Design, The Introduction Section and Experimental Method	2 Article Summaries, 7 References
3	Hypotheses; Finding Measures	Introduction Outline, Exp. Design Homework
4	Method Section	Experimental Materials, Intro Draft
5	Choosing the Right Statistic: Data Analysis	Methods Draft
6	Abstract and Discussion Section	Results Draft Including Table and Figure
7	Title Page and Final Paper Formatting	Discussion Draft, Abstract, References
Exam Week	<b>Final Paper (and old drafts with GTF comments) Due by 4 p.m. on Friday, August 13, 2010 to the main Psychology Office (Straub 131)</b>	