

Psychology 303 Lab Syllabus

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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.

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 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 at Data Collection Night on **Monday, February 8th from 6:00-8:00PM in 150 Columbia**, 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 p.m., Friday, March 12th, 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 I am clearly indicated as your lab instructor 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).

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 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 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.

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.

Lab Points Breakdown (200 points)**Homework (50 points)**

Article Summary: 10 points
 Design Outline: 10 points
 Experimental Materials: 10 points
 Introduction Outline: 10 points
 Discussion Outline: 10 points

APA Research Paper (150 points)

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

Lab Schedule:

Week	Lab Topic	Items Due
1	Introduction to PsycINFO	
2	Research Design and Experimental Method	Article Summary
3	Hypotheses; Finding Measures	Design Outline Due
4	The Introduction Section References, and Citations	Experimental Materials Due
5	Method Section	Introduction Outline Due
6	Choosing the Right Statistic: Data Analysis	Methods Draft Due
7	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	
Week 10	Discussion Section and Final Paper (and previous drafts with lab instructor comments) due by 4 p.m. on Friday, March 12th, 2010 to the main Psychology Office (Straub 131)	