



**Time:** Wed 4:00-4:50 PM

**Place:** 257 Straub Hall

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**Office hours:** Thursdays 1-3 or by appointment

## **COURSE OBJECTIVES:**

Welcome to Honors in Psychology! The purpose of this seminar is to a) provide information and support to assist you in undertaking and completing your honors thesis research and write-up, b) enhance your knowledge about what is involved in psychological research more generally, and c) enable you to engage in mutually supportive activities and discussions with other honors thesis students in Psychology. During Fall term in particular, we will focus on launching and honors project: Topics include literature searches, working with human subjects, as well as learning about and providing feedback on everyone's projects.

## **REQUIREMENTS FOR HONORS IN PSYCHOLOGY:**

Complete and write-up an original research project (approved by 2 readers)

Complete Psych 412 (Applied Data Analysis)

Complete Psych 490/491/492 (Honors Seminar)

Give an oral presentation of thesis (in this class Spring term)

Present a poster on your honors research at the Celebration of Undergraduate Achievement (Spring)

## **REQUIREMENTS FOR PSYCHOLOGY 490:**

- 1) Regular attendance and participation
- 2) Give a brief presentation on your research ideas
- 3) Turn in a 2-3 research proposal (December 2)

## **CANVAS:**

The course web site can be accessed through the Canvas course information system. On the web site, you will find general announcements for the class, seminar notes, links to relevant web sites, and more. To visit the course site, go to <https://canvas.uoregon.edu/>, login, and then select "PSY 490" from the list of Canvas course sites in which you are enrolled.

**LEARNING OUTCOMES:**

Upon completing honors in psychology you should have a broader and deeper conceptual and practical understanding of the research process in psychology. You will obtain valuable experience in designing, carrying out, analyzing, and writing up a substantial research project. You should also be better placed to understand and evaluate research reported in both popular media and primary research articles. You will be in an excellent position to launch careers as graduate students, professionals, scholars, or researchers in a wide variety of fields.

**TENTATIVE SCHEDULE OF EVENTS**

**WEEK 2, October 7:** Introduction to Honors in Psychology

**WEEK 4, October 21:** Literature Searches and Library Resources (267B Knight Library)

**WEEK 6, November 4:** Human subjects issues, navigating the Psychology Research Participant Pool & the UO IRB

**WEEK 7, November 11:** Present project ideas

**WEEK 8, November 18:** Present project ideas

**WEEK 10, December 2:** Present project ideas and turn in 2-3 page proposal