



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

**Place:** 257 Straub Hall

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**Office hours:** Tuesdays 12-2 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 an 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 page research proposal (December 1)

## **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 6:** Introduction to Honors in Psychology
- WEEK 4, October 20:** Human subjects issues, navigating the Psychology Research Participant Pool & the UO IRB (Marcus Mayorga)
- WEEK 6, November 3:** Present project ideas
- WEEK 7, November 10:** Literature Searches and Library Resources: Knight Library Edmiston classroom (Barbara Jenkins)
- WEEK 8, November 17:** Present project ideas
- WEEK 10, December 1:** Present project ideas and turn in research proposal