

Faculty of Science School of Psychology

PSYC3011 Research and Applications in Psychology

Semester 2, 2014

1. Information about the	Course			
FACULTY	Science	ience		
SCHOOL OR DEPARTMENT	Psychology	Psychology		
COURSE CODE	PSYC3011	PSYC3011		
COURSE NAME	Research and Application	Research and Applications in Psychology		
SEMESTER	Semester 2	YEAR	2014	
UNITS OF CREDIT	6	LEVEL OF COURSE	3	
ASSUMED KNOWLEDGE,				
PREREQUISITES OR CO-	PSYC2001, PSYC2061, PS	PSYC2001, PSYC2061, PSYC2071, PSYC2081, PSYC2101		
REQUISITES				
SUMMARY OF THE COURSE		The primary purpose of this course is to provide a capstone experience for students undertaking a major in psychology, regardless of their degree program.		

COURSE COORDINATORS
by email.
Questions about any aspect of the administration of the course should be directed to the course coordinators, preferably

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3. Course Timet	3. Course Timetable					
Component	Instructor	Day	Time	Location		
Lecture 1	Various	Monday	1-2pm	Mathews B		
Lecture 2	Various	Tuesday	1-2pm	Biomed D		
Practical	Sue Morris	Monday	9am-11am	Mat113		
Practical	Peter Baldwin	Monday	11am-1pm	Mat104		
Practical	Mahreen Khan	Tuesday	9-11am	Mat123		
Practical	Lorayne Botwood	Tuesday	11am-1pm	Mat107		
Practical	Lorayne Botwood	Tuesday	2-4pm	Mat107		
Practical	Leigh Mellish	Wednesday	11am-1pm	Mat123		
Practical	Leigh Mellish	Wednesday	2-4pm	Mat230		
Practical	Peter Baldwin	Thursday	9am-11pm	Mat102		
Practical	Sophia Kwan	Friday	11am-1pm	Mat123		

NB. Course timetables are subject to change without notice. Students are advised to check regularly for updates on the School of Psychology and Moodle course sites.

4. Aims of the Course

The primary purpose of this course is to provide a capstone experience for students undertaking a major in psychology, regardless of their degree program. Psychology graduate attributes should lead to the development of psychological literacy, which is useful for any career destination that involves interacting with other human beings (www.psychologicalliteracy.com). For example, the kind of skills you should learn in this course, such as reflecting on your personal and professional knowledge, skills and attitudes (KSAs), are critical to professional development in any field (and should be compulsory for all health professions).

School of Psychology Graduate Attributes* JC to check levels against portfolio	
Level of Focus: 0 = No focus; 1 = Minimal/first-year; 2 = Moderate/second-year; 3 =	Learning and Teaching
Major/third-year; A = assumed (and not assessed here).	Activities (and
The integrated acquisition of the graduate attributes, as partly indicated through assessment	Assessments)
of the learning outcomes, comprises "psychological literacy".	
Graduate Attribute 1: Discipline knowledge and its application Demonstrates a broad and coherent body of knowledge of psychology, with depth in the underlying principles and concepts, and an appreciation of the value of applying this	Some readings, lecture material, practical material (Group
knowledge as the basis for life-long learning. A1.1 Demonstrates an understanding of the history and philosophy of science and psychology = 2.5 A1.2 Demonstrates understanding of the major concepts, theoretical perspectives, research methods, empirical findings, and historical trends in the core topics of psychology, including: a) cognition, information processing and language = A	Research Project Presentation; Final exam).
b) individual differences in capacity, behaviour and personality, including related systems of testing and assessment = A	
c) intercultural diversity = A?	
d) issues for and perspectives of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples = A?	
e) learning = A	
f) lifespan developmental psychology = A	
g) motivation and emotion = A	
h) neuroscience and biological bases of behaviour = A	
i) perception = A	
j) psychological disorders = A	
k) psychological health and well-being = A	
l) social psychology = A A1.3 Demonstrates the capacity to apply disciplinary knowledge to explaining, predicting, and managing	
human behaviour.= 2.5	
Graduate Attribute 2: Research methods in psychology	Group Research Project (Presentation), lectures
Understands the principles of scientific method and is able to apply and evaluate basic research methods in psychology.	(Final Exam).
A2.1 Demonstrates the capacity to design, conduct, interpret and communicate research that addresses psychological questions across a variety of domains, including being capable of: = A a) framing research questions	
b) undertaking literature searches	
c) critically analysing theoretical and empirical studies	
d) formulating testable hypotheses	
e) operationalising variables	
f) choosing an appropriate methodology for the questions framed	
g) designing appropriate data collection instruments including questionnaires and surveys as needed	
h) making valid and reliable measurements	
i) appropriately analysing data and interpreting results	

^{*} The Graduate Attributes of the Australian Undergraduate Psychology Program was produced as part of the Carrick Associate Fellowship project, "Sustainable and evidence-based learning and teaching approaches to the undergraduate psychology curriculum", and "Designing a diverse and future-oriented vision for undergraduate psychology in Australia", a Discipline-based Initiative funded by the Carrick Institute for Learning and Teaching in Higher Education, and supported by the Australian Psychological Society, and the University of New South Wales (School of Psychology; Learning and Teaching @UNSW). They are currently undergoing review, and this version of the GAs is adapted from

 $http://www.psychologycouncil.org. au/Assets/Files/APAC_Accreditation_Standard_for_Programs_of_Study_in_Psychology_2nd_Consultation_Draft_27_May_2014.pdf$

t) desiring the continuous and constitutions	
j) deriving theoretical and practical implications	
k) acknowledging limitations	
I) suggesting future research	
m) communicating this research in professional formats	
A2.2 Demonstrates knowledge and understanding of research ethics.= A	
A2.3 Describes the key principles underpinning the design, implementation and evaluation of programs of	
behaviour change. = 2.5	
Graduate Attribute 3: Critical and creative thinking skills in psychology	Primarily through the
Demonstrates the capacity to utilise logic, evidence, and psychological science to evaluate	Group Research Project
claims about, and solve problems regarding, human behaviour.	(Presentation) and
A3.1 Recognises the major formal and informal fallacies of human reasoning. = A	reflection (Portfolio).
A3.2 Uses logic and evidence to critically evaluate and to develop arguments. = A	
A3.3 Critically evaluates theoretical and methodological approaches in psychology. = A	
A3.4 Demonstrates a rigorous and objective attitude in thinking and learning about human behaviour.= A	
A3.5 Demonstrates creative and pragmatic problem solving = 3	
Graduate Attribute 4: Values and ethics in psychology	Primarily through
Demonstrates appropriate professional values.	lectures/practicals (Final
A4.1 Demonstrates awareness of diversity in individuals. = A	exam), the Group
A4.2 Recognises how prejudicial attitudes and behaviours that exist in oneself and in others may lead to	Research Project
discrimination and inequity. = A	(Presentation and Peer
A4.3 Recognises ethical and moral influences that impact on individuals in a globalized society. = 2.5	Rating) and reflection
A4.4 Demonstrates knowledge, understanding and application of the code of ethics currently adopted by	(Portfolio).
the PsyBA and the values identified in applicable institutional codes regarding student behaviour (e.g.,	
intellectual integrity).= 2.5	
Graduate Attribute 5: Communication and interpersonal skills in psychology	Group work, oral and
Demonstrates pre-professional level communication skills.	written communication
A5.1 Writes effectively in a variety of formats and for a variety of purposes (i.e., standard research	tasks (Group Research
reports and research proposals): observes ethics of written communication.= A	Presentation and Peer
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5. Rationale for the Inclusion of Content and Teaching Approach

The integrated acquisition of the graduate attributes, as partly indicated through assessment of the learning outcomes, comprises "psychological literacy". This capstone course offers an opportunity to explicitly integrate material not only within this course but across the whole psychology major (through the use of the Portfolio assessment, in particular).

6. Teaching Strategies

Lectures and Practical Classes

Lectures will be provided by a variety of lecturers, who are specialists in their subject areas. Some will constitute core areas (e.g., research methods, ethics, history) and others will constitute applications of psychological principles to solving particular human problems, or take a more integrative approach across disciplinary boundaries. Please note that this

approach *may at first appear fragmentary*—but **your job** is to integrate the new knowledge into your personal "psychology major" schema. Indeed, building this kind of capacity will be useful in your future career.

You are required to attend all lectures and practicals, and to meet all participation and assessment specifications. *If possible*, lectures will be digitally recorded and made accessible via Moodle. You are also expected to attend **all** of the compulsory 2-hour weekly practical/tutorial classes. Practicals will involve interactive activities that will extend lectures and assist in the development of learning outcomes.

Practical Participation: Practicals are an essential and compulsory part of this course. To benefit from and to contribute to practicals, preparation and completion of any set work is critical. Material relevant to the group assignments will be presented and discussed in practicals. Your attention is also drawn to the following:

<u>Your practical session time</u>: You must attend the practical session to which you have been allocated. It will not be possible to switch or change practical classes once allocations are finalised.

<u>Practical session attendance</u>. Attendance will be recorded at the beginning of every practical. Those not on the class roll for that practical will be asked to leave, and all absences will be recorded.

<u>Missing practicals</u>. Inadequate attendance (less than 80% of all sessions) of practical classes may result in failure to pass the course (whether or not you have medical certificates or other documentation). If you are unable to attend practicals because of sickness or other circumstances outside your control, this may be grounds for special consideration to drop the course without failure.

For every 6-credit-unit course, you are expected to spend an average of **10** hrs per week on that course—this includes class-time, outside class-time group work, data-gathering exercises, and the normal study time necessary to adequately complete assignments and examination study. As a candidate in a full-time program, under no circumstances will employment be accepted as an excuse not to meet expectations for class participation, group work, or assessments. Remember, the semester times are quite short (final examinations will be upon you before you know it), so it is your responsibility to ensure that you do not fall behind with the ongoing assessment demands of the course.

7. Lecture and Practical Guide

Week	ractical Guide	Lecture 2	Practicals	Indicative Assessment Tasks
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General Topic	Mon 1-2pm	Tues 1-2pm	Mon 9, Mon 11, Tue 9, Tue 11,	
_	Mathews B	Biomed D	Tue 2, Wed 11, Wed 2, Thu 9	
1	28/7	29/7	No practicals	
Health I	Jacquelyn Cranney	Jacquelyn Cranney		
	Intro to course	Health & Wellbeing 1		
2	4/8	5/8	Introduction	**Bring your current CV to the
Careers &	Eva Chan	Eva Chan	Intro to group work; Intro to	Monday lecture;
Employability I	Careers	Careers	Portfolio	Do Brief Strengths Test (for
				Wk3 practicals)
3	11/8	12/8	Portfolios and Group Work	
Careers &	Lorayne Botwood	Lorayne Botwood	Group work on GA1&4;	
Employability II	Interviewing and	Team Work:	Group Assignment	
p.o,ao,	Interpersonal	Negotiation, and	Croup rissignment	
	Skills	Leadership		
4	18/8	19/8	EC/Careers workshops	
Health II	Fiona Shand	Lexine Stapinski	Ec/careers workshops	
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	Black Dog Institute	Drug and Alcohol		
	(JC host)	(JC host)	International	
5	25/8	26/8	Interviewing	
Health+ III	Tracey Harkness	Peter Severin		
	Disabilities	Corrective Services		
	(JC host)	(JC host)		
6	1/9	2/9	Group Work	Portfolio submission 1
Research Skills	Ben Newell	Ben Newell	Group work on research design	Electronic submission prior to
	Research Methods	Research Methods		your practical class. Bring hard
				copy to your practical.
7	8/9	9/9	No practicals: Group work	
Ethics	Peter Birrell	Peter Birrell		
	Ethics 1	Ethics 2 [Ethics 3		
		lecture on Moodle]		
8	15/9	16/9	Ethics	
Health+ IV	David Said	Jim Kehoe		
ricultii iv	CAPS	Defense Forces		
	(JC host)	Defense Forces		
9	22/9	23/9	Effective Oral Presentations &	
_	Ben Newell	•		
Research		Tom Denson	Group Work	
Applications	Decision making	Aggression	Team ratings 1; Tutor sign-off	
247	051450755	DDE41/	on design	
MID	SEMESTER	BREAK		
10	6/10	7/10	No practicals: Group work	
History I	Labour Day	Branka Spehar		
	No Lecture	History 1		
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11	13/10	14/10	Research presentations	Research Presentations
11 History II			Team ratings 2	Research Presentations
	13/10	14/10	-	Research Presentations
	13/10 Branka Spehar	14/10 [No lecture : History &	-	Research Presentations
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Assessment Categories and Their Components

There are THREE categories of assessment in this course, as outlined below. Although the *Guide* above may give the impression of heavy assessments, be assured that some aspects—such as the first journal assignments—will *not* take a long time. Moreover, group work should lighten the load! The course is also designed so that it is not overly reliant on your performance in a final exam, but enables you to spread your workload throughout the semester. All assessment components must be completed in order to satisfy the requirements of this course.

In addition to the formal assessments listed below, there may also be occasional **formative assessments** (such as MCQ quizzes) held within lecture and tutorial times. **The marks for these will not be recorded**, however they are designed to provide you with feedback as to your progress in the course.

<u>IMPORTANT!</u> To apply for **special consideration** concerning late submission of assignments, you must contact the course coordinator) *as soon as possible, preferably before the due date.* **Students who have a disability** that requires some adjustment in their teaching or learning environment are encouraged to discuss their study needs with the Course Coordinator as soon as possible, and/or with an Educational Liaison Co-ordinator in the Student Equity and Disabilities Unit (9385-4734; seadu@unsw.edu.au; www.studentequity.unsw.edu.au). Issues to be discussed may include access to materials, signers or note-takers, the provision of services and additional exam and assessment arrangements. Early notification is essential to enable any necessary adjustments to be made.

1. PORTFOLIO			
Details	Components	Marks	Week Due
The Portfolio category comprises a Graduate Attribute Log, Values/Strengths Exercises, a CV Exercise, and 2 Journals. The Portfolio has two components each submitted separately, and involves both group and individual exercises. GA Log and Values/Strengths Exercises As part of your portfolio, you will be asked to document your acquisition and planned development of Psychology graduate attributes. You will also be asked to reflect on your own strengths	Portfolio Submission 1 (submit in class and via Turnitin) GA 1 and 4 (group) GA 3 (individual) CV and LinkedIn Journal 1	19%	Week 6
and values across different contexts. CV Exercise The CV Exercise will involve submitting a CV suited to a particular job advertisement, as well as a LinkedIn entry. Journals The Journals will encourage you to reflect upon what you have learned in the lectures, practicals and assessment tasks. Journal 2 is an opportunity for you to reflect on the course, and how your thinking and behaviour may have changed as a result of this course. The emphasis is on application and integration, and requires you to take a meta-cognitive approach to your learning. Please see the Portfolio handout for more details	Portfolio Submission 2 (submit to Level 10 office and via Turnitin by 4pm Friday) GA 2, 5 and 6 (individual) Values/Strengths Exercises Journal 2	21%	Week 13
TOTAL I	MARKS FOR PORTFOLIO	40%	

2. TUTORIAL ENGAGEMENT (INCL. GROUP ASSIGNMENT)

Details	Components	Marks	Week Due
The Tutorial Engagement category comprises a group research assignment that will involve peer evaluation of each group member's	Group Assignment (delivered in class)	20%	Week 11
contribution, and an individual future research submission.	Group Presentation		
	(incl. peer evaluation)		
This assessment task will (a) familiarise you with the process of designing			
research in psychology, (b) familiarise you with a particular reporting	In dividual Future	5%	Week 11
style and help you acquire the basics of effective and efficient scientific communication, (c) emphasise the development of your information	Individual Future Research Submission		
literacy skills, as well as promoting critical thinking, and (d) provide you	(submit in class and		
with a supported collaborative learning experience.	via Turnitin)		
	Written Individual		
Group Assignment	Submission		
Throughout the semester your will collaborate as a group to examine an			
intervention to address a specific psychological issue. You will propose to test your hypothesis by identifying a target population, developing an			
intervention, and a means for evaluating the effectiveness of the			
intervention. Each group will present their research proposal to the class			
(for which it is expected that all group members will receive the same			
mark). 5% of the 20% group mark will be based on peer evaluation of			
your group members' contributions to the group product and process.			
Individual Future Research Submission			
An additional individual written component will ask you to elaborate on			
future research directions.			
TOTAL MARKS FOR TUTOR	RIAL ENGAGAMENT	25%	

3. FORMAL EXAMINATION			
Details	Components	Marks	Week Due
This will be held in the final examination period, and will be two hours in duration. The location will be announced in lectures. The examination will be multiple choice and short essay format. A more detailed guide to content will be provided at the end of the session.	Final Exam	35%	Exam Period
TOTAL MARKS F	FOR EXAMINATION	35%	

8. Expected Resources for Students	
TEXTBOOKS	No required textbook.
REQUIRED READINGS	Required readings/citations include classic and cutting-edge articles and chapters in the relevant areas. Most will be made available on Moodle. Importantly, it is assumed that you will bring a scientific attitude to thinking and learning about the material in this course. Please note that for the first week of lectures, the readings are Cranney & Morris (2011) and Gable & Haidt (2005).
RECOMMENDED INTERNET	https://student.unsw.edu.au/moodle-support
SITES	www.psychologicalliteracy.com

9. Course Evaluation & Development

Courses are periodically reviewed and students' feedback is used to improve them. The forms of feedback include UNSW's Course and Teaching Evaluation and Improvement (CATEI) Process, focus groups and custom made feedback forms. Student feedback is taken seriously and changes to the course are made in accordance with it (e.g., we have reduced the amount of assessment, particularly regarding the Portfolio, as requested by students, and staggered the submission dates). We welcome any feedback that you may have throughout the course, and we thank you for your participation in this process.

10. Plagiarism & Academic Integrity

What is plagiarism?

Plagiarism is presenting someone else's thoughts or work as your own. It can take many forms, from not having appropriate academic referencing to deliberate cheating.

UNSW groups plagiarism into the following categories:

- **Copying:** using the same or very similar words to the original text or idea without acknowledging the source or using quotation marks. This also applies to images, art and design projects, as well as presentations where someone presents another's ideas or words without credit.
- Inappropriate paraphrasing: changing a few words and phrases while mostly retaining the original structure and information without acknowledgement. This also applies in presentations where someone paraphrases another's ideas or words without credit. It also applies to piecing together quotes and paraphrases into a new whole, without referencing and a student's own analysis to bring the material together.
- **Collusion:** working with others but passing off the work as a person's individual work. Collusion also includes providing your work to another student before the due date, or for the purpose of them plagiarising at any time, paying another person to perform an academic task, stealing or acquiring another person's academic work and copying it, offering to complete another person's work or seeking payment for completing academic work.
- **Duplication:** submitting your own work, in whole or in part, where it has previously been prepared or submitted for another assessment or course at UNSW or another university.

Where can I find out more information?

In many cases plagiarism is the result of inexperience about academic conventions. The University has resources and information to assist you to avoid plagiarism. The first place you can look is the section about referencing and plagiarism in each Course Guide, as this will also include information specific to the discipline the course is from. There are also other sources of assistance at UNSW:

How can the Learning Centre help me?

The Learning Centre assists students with understanding academic integrity and how to not plagiarise. Information is available on their website: www.lc.unsw.edu.au/plagiarism. They also hold workshops and can help students one-on-one.

How can Elise help me?

ELISE (Enabling Library & Information Skills for Everyone) is an online tutorial to help you understand how to find and use information for your assignments or research. It will help you to search databases, identify good quality information and write assignments. It will also help you understand plagiarism and how to avoid it. All undergraduate students have to review the ELISE tutorial in their first semester and complete the quiz, but any student can review it to improve their knowledge: http://elise.library.unsw.edu.au.

What is Turnitin?

Turnitin is a checking database which reviews your work and compares it to an international collection of books, journals, Internet pages and other student's assignments. The database checks referencing and whether you have copied something from another student, resource, or off the Internet. Sometimes students submit their work into Turnitin when they hand it in, but academics can also use it to check a student's work when they are marking it. You can find out more about Turnitin here: http://telt.unsw.edu.au/turnitin.

What if plagiarism is found in my work?

If plagiarism is found in your work when you are in first year, your lecturer will offer you assistance to improve your academic skills. They may ask you to look at some online resources, attend the Learning Centre, or sometimes resubmit your work with the problem fixed. However more serious instances in first year, such as stealing another student's work or paying someone to do your work, may be investigated under the Student Misconduct Procedures.

Repeated plagiarism (even in first year), plagiarism after first year, or serious instances, may also be investigated under the Student Misconduct Procedures. The penalties under the procedures can include a reduction in marks, failing a course or for the most serious matters (like plagiarism in a honours thesis) even suspension from the university. The Student Misconduct Procedures are available here

www.unsw.edu.au/studentmisconductprocedures.pdf

Examples of plagiarism

Using the internet appropriately

A first year student handed in an assignment where she had copied from a website. Her lecturer realised she didn't understand you have to reference websites in the same way you reference books and journal articles. The lecturer explained how to reference and sent her to a workshop at the Learning Centre to help her improve her skills.

Working together on a math assignment

A group of Mathematics students worked together on an assignment when they had been told this was not allowed. All questions where the students had worked together were given zero, and this lead to some student failing the assessment.

No referencing in an assessment

A third year student submitted a major assessment that included material from a journal article published in Canada. When his essay was submitted into Turnitin, it let the academic know that the student didn't reference the material. The student was given zero for the essay, and because it was worth 50 per cent he failed the course.

Copying design work

A final year design student used images of someone else's designs in her work and he said the designs were his own. The matter was formally investigated by his Faculty and he was found to have committed academic misconduct and failed the course.

Further information and assistance

If you would like further information or assistance with avoiding plagiarism, you can contact the Learning Centre.

UNSW Learning Centre: Opening Hours: Monday to Thursday: 9am - 5pm and Friday: 9am - 2.30pm Lower Ground Floor, North Wing, Chancellery Building

www.lc.unsw.edu.au Phone: 9385 2060

Email: learningcentre@unsw.edu.au

11. Administrative Matters

The School of Psychology Student Guide, available on

(C22 Kensington Campus – near Student Central)

http://www.psy.unsw.edu.au/sites/all/files/page_file_attachment/Psychology%20Student%20Guide%202014%20S2_0.pdf, contains School policies and procedures relevant for all students enrolled in undergraduate or Masters psychology courses, such as:

- Attendance requirements (although in this course, there is a 100% practical requirement);
- Assignment submissions and returns (note that "Turnitin" may be a necessary procedure for some assignments, and that 2% of the marks will be deducted for each day an assignment is overdue);
- Assessments;
- Special consideration in the event of illness or misadventure;
- Student Code of Conduct;
- Student complaints and grievances;
- Student Equity and Disability Unit and other support services such as the Learning Centre; and
- Occupational Health & Safety.
- Although UNSW is slowly moving toward standards-based assessment, the School of Psychology currently reserves the right to scale final marks for a course if necessary. This process is intended to maintain consistency in assessment, and to remove any potential effects of differences in marking standards across courses.

Students should familiarise themselves with the information contained in this Guide.