

PSYC 2617 - Research Methods for Psychology

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Course Description

2617. Research Methods for Psychology. An introduction to psychological research methods. Students learn how to conduct ethical research and report their findings as well as to critically evaluate the research of others. Prereq.: "C" or better in PSYC 1560, psychology major or minor, or consent of instructor. 3 s.h.

Course Readings

Group	Title	Author	ISBN
Required	Methods in Behavioral Research	Paul C. Cozby, Scott C. Bates	waiting on new text to be delivered

The course readings are subject to change in the event of extenuating circumstances, research developments, current events, and/or to ensure better learning.

Schedule of Topics and Assignments

Day	Date	Reading(s)	Proposed Topic	Due/To Prepare for Class
Mon	8/24		Course Introduction	
Wed	8/26	Ch 1	Understanding Behavior	
Fri	8/28	Ch 1	Understanding Behavior	
Mon	8/31	Ch 2	Starting to do Research	
Wed	9/2	Ch 2	Starting to do Research	
Fri	9/4	Ch 2	Starting to do Research	
Mon	9/7		Labor Day - No class	
Wed	9/9	Ch 3	Ethics	
Fri	9/11	Ch 3	Ethics	
Mon	9/14	Ch 4	Research Issues	
Wed	9/16	Ch 4	Research Issues	
Fri	9/18	Ch 4	Research Issues	
Mon	9/21		Exam 1	
Wed	9/23	Ch 5	Measurement	
Fri	9/25	Ch 5	Measurement	
Mon	9/28	Ch 6	Observational Methods	
Wed	9/30	Ch 6	Observational Methods	
Fri	10/2	Ch 6	Observational Methods	



Mon	10/5	Ch 7	Survey Research
Wed	10/7	Ch 7	Survey Research
Fri	10/9	Ch 7	Survey Research
Mon	10/12	Ch 8	Basics of Experimental Design
Wed	10/14	Ch 8	Basics of Experimental Design
Fri	10/16	Ch 8	Basics of Experimental Design
Mon	10/19	Ch 9	Experiments
Wed	10/21	Ch 9	Experiments
Fri	10/23	Ch 9	Experiments
Mon	10/26		Exam 2
Wed	10/28	Ch 10	Advanced Experimental Design
Fri	10/30	Ch 10	Advanced Experimental Design
Mon	11/2	Ch 11	Quasi-Experimental Design
Wed	11/4	Ch 11	Quasi-Experimental Design
Fri	11/6	Ch 11	Quasi-Experimental Design
Mon	11/9	Ch 11	Quasi-Experimental Design
Wed	11/11		No class
Fri	11/13	Ch 11	Quasi-Experimental Design
Mon	11/16	Ch 12	Descriptive and Correlational Research
Wed	11/18	Ch 12	Descriptive and Correlational Research
Fri	11/20	Ch 12	Descriptive and Correlational Research
Mon	11/23	TBD	Describing Research Results
Wed	11/25		Thanksgiving Holiday - No class
Fri	11/27		Thanksgiving Holiday - No class
Mon	11/30	TBD	Describing Research Results
Wed	12/2		Exam 3
Fri	12/4		Final Exam Review
Fri	12/11		Final Exam - 8:00

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