

PSYC 2617 - Research Methods for Psychology

Summer 2026 Syllabus, Section A01, CRN 30691,

Credit hours: 3

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Ph.D., Cognitive Psychology 2015

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Dissertation title: *Aging and Task Representation Updating.*

M.A., Cognitive Psychology 2012

University of North Carolina at Greensboro

Thesis title: *Metacognitive Age Differences in Strategy Shift: Retrieval Avoidance or General Shift Reluctance?*

B.A., Psychology 2005

Kent State University

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, 15th edition	Cozby, P. & Bates, S.	1260718905

Purchase temporary access **directly through Perusall** or use Bookstore code

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



Schedule

Week of	Reading(s)	Proposed Topic	Due/To Prepare for Class
6/29	Methods in Behavioral Research Chapter 1	Why Do Research Basic of Research	Perusal tutorial assignment Annotate Methods in Behavioral Research Chapter 1 Power of Suggestion video thought questions Annotate Power of Suggestion Video Respond to Chapter 1 Annotations
7/6	Methods in Behavioral Research Chapter 13 Methods in Behavioral Research Chapter 2	Literature reviews Statistics	Annotate Methods in Behavioral Research Chapter 13 Annotate Methods in Behavioral Research Chapter 2 Annotate Stats Lecture Annotate stats interpretation practice video Reading Articles assignment with Quiz Finding articles assignment Interpreting p-values assignment Respond to Chapter 13 Annotations Respond to Chapter 2 Annotations
7/13	Methods in Behavioral Research Chapter 3 Methods in Behavioral Research Chapter 4	Ethics Fundamentals of Research	Milgram video annotations Annotate Methods in Behavioral Research Chapter 3 Annotate Methods in Behavioral Research Chapter 4 Annotate Ethics after the study video CITI Training Watch examples for IVs and DVs Identifying IVs and DVs Assignment Respond to Chapter 3 Annotations Exam 1
7/20	Methods in Behavioral Research Chapter 5 Methods in Behavioral Research Chapter 6	Measurement	Annotate Methods in Behavioral Research Chapter 5 Annotate Methods in Behavioral Research Chapter 6 Measurement assignment video Measurement assignment Respond to Chapter 5 Annotations Respond to Chapter 6 Annotations
7/27	Methods in Behavioral Research Chapter 7 Methods in Behavioral Research Chapter 8	Surveys Experiments	Annotate Methods in Behavioral Research Chapter 7 Annotate Methods in Behavioral Research Chapter 8 Answer questions on confounds video (via annotations) Confounds assignment Respond to Chapter 7 Annotations Respond to Chapter 8 Annotations Exam 2



8/3	Methods in Behavioral Research Chapter 9 Complex Experiments Methods in Behavioral Research Chapter 10	Annotate Methods in Behavioral Research Chapter 9 Annotate Methods in Behavioral Research Chapter 10 Answer questions (via annotations) factorial designs and interactions video Answer questions (via annotations) in interactions practice video Factorial Designs Assignment Respond to Chapter 9 Annotations Respond to Chapter 10 Annotations
8/10	Methods in Behavioral Research Chapter 12 Correlations and bringing it all together	Annotate Methods in Behavioral Research Chapter 12 Mediation activity Power of Suggestion thought questions: Take 2 Respond to Chapter 12 Annotations Exam 3

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