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<th>PSY451 - SENIOR RESEARCH THESIS FALL SEMESTER, 2017</th>
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<td>CLASS TIME &amp; LOCATION:</td>
<td>Tuesday – 2:30-4:30 PM and additional research times RMSC228</td>
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| OFFICE HOURS: | T/TH 1-2 PM or by appointment |
| TEXTS:       | No required textbook purchase. Course will use selected texts on reserve in the library and research journal publications. |
| WEBSITE:     | http://webs.wofford.edu/pittmandw/psy451/index.htm & Moodle |

**COURSE DESCRIPTION, RATIONALE, & GOALS:**

An intensive research capstone course including an independent research literature review paper and a group research experiment culminating in a scientific paper and presentation. This course provides students with hands-on experience conducting psychological laboratory science and in-depth analysis of scientific literature. Course Goals & Outcomes:

1. Be able to critically read and evaluate research literature
2. Compose a review of the literature on a specific topic
3. Conduct a research experiment including data analysis
4. Compose a publication quality report of the experimental results
5. Give an oral presentation of the experimental results

**EVALUATION:**

Your final grade will be determined in the following manner:

- **40%** - Critical Literature Review
- **30%** - Final Research Report
- **30%** - Participation
  
  - 5% Meeting all deadlines; 10% Reflective Writing; 15% Peer & Professor evaluation including the research presentation

**GRADING SCALE:**

The final grade letter grade will be assigned according to the overall percentage calculated as described above and based on the following scale:

- A = 100 - 93%
- A- = 92 - 90%
- B+ = 89 – 87%
- B = 86 – 83%
- B- = 82 – 80%
- C+ = 79 – 77%
- C = 76 – 73%
- C- = 72 – 70%
- D = 69 – 60%
- F ≤ 59%

Each 24-hr period that any assignment is late will result in a 10-point deduction from the assignment grade.

**COURSE DEADLINES:**

- **Tuesday, Sept 19 2:30-5 PM**
  - Outline of critical literature review DUE
  - Individual meetings to go over outlines.
- **Thurs. Oct. 26 2:30 PM**
  - Draft of critical literature review DUE
- **Tuesday, Oct. 31 2:30-5 PM**
  - Individual Meetings on Lit Reviews
- **Nov. 16 2:30**
  - Critical literature review DUE
- **Tues. Dec. 5 2:30-5 PM**
  - Draft of research report DUE – Practice PowerPoint
- **Thur. Dec. 7 11 AM**
  - Final Practice PowerPoint
- **Friday, Dec. 8 2 PM**
  - PowerPoint Research Presentation as part of the Student Research Colloquium
- **Monday, Dec. 11 – 5 PM**
  - Final research report DUE

*Additional course policies continued on back of page.*
| **ABSENCE POLICY:** | In accordance with the policy of the college, attendance of all class meetings is mandatory. Neglect of research duties jeopardizes the integrity of the entire experiment for everyone in the class. **Neglect of research duties is a serious offense and will be dealt with strict discipline including the possibility of failing the course. Misconduct in handling the research animals is a serious offense will result in failure of the course and possible criminal charges.** Students with excessive unexcused absences will first be notified and subsequent continued absences will result in a report to the Dean’s office. |
| **ACADEMIC INTEGRITY:** | The integrity of the academic programs of the college and the value of the credentials of graduates of the college are threatened by acts of academic dishonesty. All acts of academic dishonesty will be dealt with according to the Student Honor Code. [http://www.wofford.edu/uploadedFiles/studentLife/Honor%20Code_RightsResp.pdf](http://www.wofford.edu/uploadedFiles/studentLife/Honor%20Code_RightsResp.pdf) Academic dishonesty includes acts such as cheating, manipulating data, and plagiarism. All exams & quizzes are to be taken without the aid of notes, books, or other people. You are encouraged to study with your classmates. All lab reports are subject to policies on plagiarism and academic dishonesty. |
| **AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT:** | The ADA requires that all qualified persons have equal opportunity and access to education regardless of the presence of any disabling conditions. It is the student’s responsibility to inform me of any special accommodations needed. |

This syllabus is subject to change upon notification.