

## Fall 2016 Psych 4976(H)W: Honors/Independent Research Capstone

*Proseminar: Wednesdays 9-9:50 a.m., 102 McAlester Hall*

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### Student Expectations

- Over the course of both semesters, you will write a journal-length research article of your thesis.
  - Introduction & Method sections will be completed in the fall
  - Results & Discussion (and any references, tables, etc.) will be completed in the spring
- Each student is expected to present a research poster of their study at the Midwestern Psychological Association meetings (April 12-14; Chicago, IL) and the MU Undergraduate Research & Creative Achievements Forum (most likely April 17)
  - The research poster proposal will be submitted electronically to MPA in the fall (early Nov.)
  - The research poster will be presented in the spring
- Students are expected to attend the research proseminar on Wednesdays 9-9:50 a.m. all year long (attendance will be taken).
  - Students are expected to submit relevant portions of their independent papers at the due dates listed on the course schedule (along with signed mentor cover sheets) and bring other necessary materials to the proseminar.
  - Students are expected to participate in peer review of one another's papers.
- Students are expected to meet regularly (every 1-2 weeks is suggested) with their mentors regarding their independent studies.

### Mentor Expectations (Faculty member or Lab Designee)

- Meet regularly with your mentee. Every 1-2 weeks is suggested. This could be in the form of individual meetings, small group meetings, lab meetings, or "virtual" meetings.
- Participate in Mentor Q&A interview
- Review the following prior to submission:
  - Research Questions/Hypotheses
  - Method Section
  - MPA conference proposal
  - Introduction Section

## Grading

- 85% Mentor portion:
  - At the end of each semester, I will email your mentor and ask them what grade percentage (0 – 100) they would like you to receive for your work with them on the independent project. I will multiply this number by .85 and then add it to...
- 15% Director portion:
  - Throughout each semester, you will receive points for the proseminar for attendance, peer reviewing, and submitting various portions of the project on time. These will add up to 100 points—I will multiply your point total by .15 and add it to your mentor portion described above to get your semester grade.

### **Seminar Specific Grading (15% of grade)**

*Class Attendance/Participation:* (11 classes X 3 points each = 33 points)

Receive 3 points for attending each of the following class sessions (indicated on calendar by \*): 8/23, 8/30, 9/6, 9/13, 9/20, 9/27, 10/11, 10/18, 11/01, 11/08, 12/06

*Peer Reviewing:* (3 writing sections X 10 points each = 30 points)

3 pieces of writing will be peer reviewed over the course of the semester (Method section, MPA proposal, Introduction). For each piece, receive 3 points for each review you conduct of another student's (up to 2) and 2 points for each review you receive (and turn-in) from another student (up to 2) for a total of 10 points each. Specific class periods are set aside to do this (indicated on calendar by \*\*), but you may also arrange to do this electronically with other students.

*Large Writing Assignments:* (2 thesis sections X 10 points each = 20 points)

Your Method section and Introduction section of your thesis will be submitted during this semester. Turning in each on the date indicated and with a signed mentor cover sheet indicating they read and approve of this section will receive 10 points (late sections docked 2 points, missing mentor cover sheets docked 2 points).

*Smaller Assignments:* (4 submissions X 5 points each = 20 points)

Throughout the semester, 4 smaller assignments are due: Mentor Q&A interview, IRB CITI online training certificate, Research Questions/Hypotheses, submitting copy of your previously online submitted MPA proposal. Turning these in on time will receive 5 points each (late submissions docked 1 point).

TOTAL = 103 points possible (100 points = full credit)

## Fall 2017 Schedule

- 08/23/17\* Topic: Introductions; Review schedule & expectations; Psi Chi  
Due: n/a
- 08/30/17\* Topic: Graduate School: Application Process Timeline, Q&A  
Due: **completed Mentor Q&A**
- 09/06/17\* Topic: APA Style & Literature Searching/Reviewing  
Due: **IRB CITI training certificate**
- 09/13/17\* Topic: Developing Research Questions/Hypotheses  
Due: n/a
- 09/20/17\* Topic: How to write a Method Section  
Due: **research questions/hypotheses**
- 09/27/17\* Topic: Graduate School: CVs & Recommendation Letters  
Due: n/a
- 10/04/17\*\* Topic: Peer Review Method Section  
Due: **Bring your Method Section draft to class**
- 10/11/17\* Topic: How to write a research poster/conference proposal  
Due: **Full draft of Method Section with signed mentor cover sheet**
- 10/18/17\* Topic: Graduate School: Personal Statements  
Due: n/a
- 10/25/17\*\* Topic: Peer Review MPA Proposals  
Due: **Bring your MPA Proposal draft to class**
- 11/01/17\* Topic: How to write an Introduction  
Due: n/a
- 11/8/17\* Topic: Introduction Outlines (bring to class)  
Due: **copy of submitted MPA proposal w/submission confirmation**  
**\*\*Proposal submission to MPA due online in early Nov.\*\***
- 11/15/17 Topic: **Open Class Work Session (attendance not mandatory)**  
Due: **Drop in for questions about Intros or Grad School stuff!**
- 11/22/17** **No Class Thanksgiving Break**
- 11/29/17\*\* Topic: Peer Review full Introductions  
Due: **Bring your Introduction Section draft to class**
- 12/6/17\* Topic: What should I work on over break? Grad school Q&A  
Due: **Full draft of Introduction Due with signed mentor cover sheet**  
**\*\*If necessary, IRB application must be submitted prior to this date or prior to data collection, whichever comes first!\*\***