

# ISN103 Psychology Research and the Psychology Profession

## Unit Description

The **Psychology Research and the Psychology Profession** unit will equip students with the knowledge to describe and ethically apply a range of experimental and non-experimental research designs in applied psychological research. Students will learn to explain the organization and regulation of psychology as a discipline in Australia, explore the range of research paradigms including qualitative and quantitative methodologies, and understand the ethical implications for completing psychological research.

## Required Textbooks and Readings

F.J. Gravetter and L.B Forzano (2015) Research Methods for the Behavioural Sciences, 5th Edition. N.Y Brockport.

\*Textbooks may be subject to change prior to the start of semester

## Administrative Details

Associated higher education awards	Duration	Core or Elective	Level	Unit Coordinator	Other Teaching Staff
Bachelor of Psychology	One semester	Core	First year, Semester 1	TBA	TBA

### Learning Outcomes and Assessments

Learning outcomes for Unit	Assessment tasks		
	Type	When assessed – year, session and week	Weighting (% of total marks for unit)
Describe and ethically apply a range of experimental and non-experimental research designs in applied psychological research	Exam [10 short answers questions]	Year 1, semester 1, week 14	40%
Explain the organizational and regulation of psychology as a discipline in Australia	Exam – see above		
Explore the range of research paradigms including qualitative and quantitative methodologies	Essay [1500 words]	Year 1, semester 1, week 10	40%
Understand the ethical implications for completing psychological research	Essay – see above		
Develop the ability to discuss and debate critical issues in the following areas of psychology: research design, scientific method, hypothesis testing, ethical research, psychology as a profession in Australia	Tutorial activities (discussion, debates, case study analysis)	Year 1, throughout semester 1	20%

### Delivery mode

Face to face on site with E-learning (online) components;



Full-time or Part-time study

**Pre-requisites and co-requisites**

None

**Other Resource and Requirements**

None

**Unit weighting as a percentage of the year**

Unit credit points	Total course credit points
12.5	400

**Student workload**

No. timetabled hours per week	No. personal study hours per week	Total workload hours per week
4 (1x2 hour lecture; 1x1 hour face-face tutorial and 1x1 hour online activities)	6	10

*\*Unit outlines may be subject to change. The most up-to-date outlines will be provided to students once the semester commences.*