

ISN404 Research Thesis 1

Unit Description

In conjunction with a thesis supervisor, students in **Research Thesis 1** will develop a research question and embed this research question within the current literature, develop testable hypotheses and propose an appropriate methodology (including participants, measures and procedures). Students will develop adequate statistical justification for complete data analysis of the thesis project, describe all possible ethical issues associated with psychological research and determine which ones apply to their thesis and how they will satisfy ethical requirements. Students must complete appropriate documentation for ethics and achieve ethical clearance of proposed research.

Required Textbooks and Readings

Punch, K. (2006). Developing effective research proposals (2nd Ed.). London: Sage

American Psychological Association (2010). Publication manual (6th Ed.). Washington DC: APA.

Sternberg, R. (2010). The psychologist's companion: A guide to scientific writing (5th Ed.). Cambridge: Cambridge University Press.

*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	Fourth year, Semester 1	Dr Chris Tailby	TBA

Learning Outcomes and Assessments

Learning outcomes for Unit	Assessment tasks		
	Type	When assessed – year, session and week	Weighting (% of total marks for unit)
In conjunction with thesis supervisor, develop a research question and embed this research question within the current literature	Research Proposal [total = 5000 words]	Year 4, semester 1, week 4	40% [of 100%]
In conjunction with thesis supervisor, develop testable hypotheses and propose an appropriate methodology [including participants, measures, procedures]	Research proposal – see above	Year 4, semester 1, week 6	40% [of 100%]
In conjunction with thesis supervisor, develop adequate statistical justification for complete data analysis of the thesis project	Research proposal – see above	Year 4, semester 1, week 8	10% [of 100%]
In conjunction with thesis supervisor, describe all possible ethical issues associated with psychological research and determine which ones apply to their thesis and how they will satisfy ethical requirements	Research proposal – see above	Year 4, semester 1, week 10	10% [of 100%]

Learning outcomes for Unit	Assessment tasks		
	Type	When assessed – year, session and week	Weighting (% of total marks for unit)
Complete appropriate documentation for ethics and achieve ethical clearance of proposed research	Hurdle requirement	Year 4, semester 1, week 14	0%

Delivery mode

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

Full-time or Part-time study

Pre-requisites and co-requisites

Pass grade or higher in all Year 1, 2 and 3 units.

Other Resource and Requirements

None.

Unit weighting as a percentage of the year

Unit credit points	Total course credit points
12.5	100

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*