

# ISN412 Research Thesis 2

### Unit Description

Continuing from **Research Thesis 1**, in **Research Thesis 2** students will prepare and complete a research thesis (totalling 10,000 words), including an abstract, an introduction of their topic within current research literature, complete a methods section that clearly outlines participants, and the psychometrics of the measures and the procedures used to collect data. Students will collect and analyse data within the context of the psychological research project and report these findings in the research section of the thesis, complete an extensive discussion of research findings, a critical comparison with past literature, a critical analysis of the limitations of this research, and provide suggestions for future research and potential applications for the findings. Finally, students will prepare and present a 30-minute presentation of this research.

### Required Textbooks and Readings

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

\*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 2	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)
Prepare and complete an abstract [summarizing research] and introduction [contextualizing the research] topic within current research literature	Research thesis [total = 10,000 words]	Year 4, semester 2, week 14	20% [of 80%]
Prepare and complete a methods section that clearly outlines participants, the psychometrics of the measures and the procedures used to collect data	Research thesis – see above	Year 4, semester 2, week 14	10% [of 80%]
Collect and analyse data within the context of the psychological research project and report these findings in the research section of the thesis	Research thesis – see above	Year 4, semester 2, week 14	10% [of 80%]
Complete an extensive discussion of research findings, a critical comparison with past literature, a critical analysis of the limitations of this research, provide suggestions for future research and potential applications for the findings and using APA style complete appropriate formatting and referencing	Research thesis – see above	Year 4, semester 2, week 14	40% [of 80%]

Learning outcomes for Unit	Assessment tasks		
	Type	When assessed – year, session and week	Weighting (% of total marks for unit)
Prepare and present a 30-minute presentation of this research	Paper presentation [20-minute talk with 10 minutes for questions]	Year 4, semester 2, week 9	20%

### **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 year 3, semester 1 units.

### **Other Resource and Requirements**

None.

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

Unit credit points	Total course credit points
37.5	100



**Student workload**

No. timetabled hours per week	No. personal study hours per week	Total workload hours per week
1	9	10

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