

ISN502 Research Project 1

Unit Description

Research Project 1 will critically reflect on the history and impact of applied research, in terms of integrating this knowledge into practice. Students will be provided with experience in planning, conducting, analysing and reporting a major research project on a topic of clinical relevance. Students will critically review relevant literature and develop a proposal for presentation in class.

Required Textbooks and Readings

American Psychological Association (2010). *Publication manual of the American Psychological Association* (6th ed.). Washington, DC: Author.

Publisher's website: <http://www.apa.org/pubs/books/4200066.aspx>

Companion website: <http://www.apastyle.org/>

Field, A. (2013). *Discovering statistics using IBM SPSS statistics* (4th Ed.). Sage: London.

Sternberg, R.J., (2010). *The psychologist's companion: A guide to scientific writing for students and researchers* (5th ed.). New York: Cambridge University Press.

Publishers website: <http://www.cambridge.org/uk/catalogue/catalogue.asp?isbn=0521821231>

**Textbooks are not finalised and 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
Master of Psychology (Clinical)	One semester	Core	Fifth 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)
To critically reflect on the history and impact of applied research – in terms of integrating this knowledge into practice	lectorial activities [Journal Club – critically analyse an article and discuss with group]	Year 1, semester 1, various weeks	25%
To provide students with experience in planning, conducting, analyzing and reporting a major research project on a topic of clinical relevance	lectorial activities [practical exercises demonstrating each phase of developing a research project]	Year 1, semester 1, various weeks	80% attendance required
To need to align their research with the vision of the Institute for Social Neuroscience (ISN)	lectorial activities [discussion led by research active institute staff on their research]	Year 1, semester 1, various weeks	80% attendance required
To critically review relevant literature and develop a research proposal	Literature Review [5000 words]	Year 1, semester 1, end of semester	75%

Delivery mode

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

Full-time or Part-time study



Pre-requisites and co-requisites

Successful completion of a four-year, APAC accredited, sequence of study in psychology with a H2A average or higher and passing selection interviews and psychometric testing.

Other Resources and Requirements

None.

Unit weighting as a percentage of the year

Unit credit points	Total course credit points
10	200

Student workload

No. timetabled hours per week	No. personal study hours per week	Total workload hours per week
TBD	6	9

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