

## 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). Students will write an introduction that critically analyses the current research literature and justifies their study and hypotheses. Students will complete a methods section that clearly outlines participants, 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 the outcomes of statistical tests in the results section of the research thesis. They will complete an extensive discussion of research findings, a critical comparison with past literature, a critical analysis of the strengths and limitations of this research, and provide suggestions for future research and potential applications for the findings. Students will practice effective verbal communication by preparing and presenting a poster and delivering a 15-minute research presentation.

### 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 Psychological Science (Honours)	One semester	Core	Fourth year, Semester 2	Dr Kelly Asao	TBA

**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

**Learning Outcomes and Assessments**

Learning outcomes for Unit
I. Critically analyse current literature and justify their study and hypotheses
II. Collect data using an appropriate methodology to answer research questions
III. Analyse data using appropriate statistics to test hypotheses.
IV. Discuss the research findings within the context of past literature, strengths and limitations, and future directions.
V. Practice written communication of psychological topics and research.
VI. Practice verbal communication of psychological topics and research.

### Overview of Assessment Tasks

Assessment tasks		
Type	When assessed – year, session and week	Weighting (% of total marks for unit)
Attendance & Participation (Hurdle Requirement) Students are expected to attend workshops and actively engage with the material.		Hurdle
Poster Session (10%) In conjunction with the thesis supervisor, students are expected to prepare and present a poster on their research projects.	31st August	10%
Verbal Thesis Presentation (20%) In conjunction with the thesis supervisor, students are expected to demonstrate effective verbal communication of their thesis projects and receive feedback.	13th – 14th September	20%
Written Thesis (70%) In conjunction with the thesis supervisor, students are expected to demonstrate effective written communication of their thesis projects and incorporate feedback from verbal thesis assessment.	11:59pm, 15th October (upload via Turnitin)	70%

### 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**

Pass grade or higher in ISN404: Research Thesis 1

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