

ISN412 RESEARCH THESIS 2

Unit Description

Continuing from Research Thesis 1, in Research Thesis 2 students will prepare and complete a research thesis (up to 8,000 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.

Administrative Details

Associated higher education awards	Duration	Core or Elective	Level
Bachelor of Psychological Science (Honours)	One semester	Core	Fourth year, Semester 2

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
2-hours (1 x 2-hr face-to-face tutorial workshop/seminar fortnightly; 1 x 1-hr supervisor meetings)	8-hours	10-hours

Learning Outcomes and Assessments

Learning outcomes for Unit: Upon successful completion of this unit, the student should be able to:
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	Weighting (% of total marks for unit)	Unit Learning Outcomes
Verbal Thesis Presentation	30%	I-V
Written Thesis	70%	I-V
Workshop/Seminar Activities	Hurdle (80% Attendance)	I- VI

Delivery mode

Face to face on site; Full-time or Part-time study

Pre-requisites and co-requisites

None

Other Resource and Requirements

None.

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