

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. Students will practice effective verbal and written communication of concepts and research in psychology.

Administrative Details

Associated higher education awards	Duration	Core or Elective	Level
Bachelor of Psychological Science (Honours)	One semester	Core	Fourth year, Semester 1

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
2-hours (1 x 2-hr face-to-face 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. Develop a research question and embed this question within the current literature.
II. Analyse and critique theory and research within psychology.
III. Develop testable hypotheses with a clear rationale/s.
IV. Propose an appropriate methodology to test hypotheses.
V. Develop adequate statistical justification for complete data analysis of the thesis project.
VI. Understand all possible ethical issues associated with the thesis project and complete appropriate documentation to achieve ethical clearance of the proposed project
VII. Practice communication of psychological topics and research in oral and written form.

Overview of Assessment Tasks

Assessment Tasks	Weighting (% of total marks for unit)	Unit Learning Outcomes
Verbal Thesis Proposal	30%	I-V & VII
Ethics Application	Hurdle	VI
Written Thesis Proposal	70%	I-V & VII
Workshop/Seminar Activities	Hurdle (80% attendance)	I-VII

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*