



UNIVERSITY OF NICOSIA

ΠΑΝΕΠΙΣΤΗΜΙΟ ΛΕΥΚΩΣΙΑΣ

University of Nicosia, Cyprus

Course Code PSY-491B	Course Title Independent Research in Psychology	ECTS Credits 6
Department Social Sciences	Semester Fall-Spring-Summer	Prerequisites Permission of Instructor and Permission of Department Head
Type of Course Major Elective	Field Psychology	Language of Instruction English
Level of Course 1 st Cycle	Year of Study 4 th	Lecturer(s) Dr Menelaos Apostolou
Mode of Delivery face-to-face	Work Placement N/A	Co-requisites None

Objectives of the Course:

The main objective of the course is to provide students with the opportunity to conduct research (broadly defined) on a particular topic and area that is relevant to the science of psychology. The student's research is completed under the supervision of appropriate faculty and may take the form of literature reviews, assuming an important role in research projects (e.g., data collection and entry), conducting research projects, and/or other research-related activities. The research activity is expected to require between 150 and 180 hours of student effort.

Learning Outcomes:

This course is designed to accommodate a broad range of psychological research related activities. Specific learning outcomes may vary based upon the type(s) of supervised research activity. Generally, though, the fundamental learning outcome of this course is to:

Develop a greater understanding of a particular facet of psychological research. This facet may concentrate on a specific content area (i.e., a particular topic in the research literature) and/or a specific skill area (i.e., a particular skill used in the conduct of psychological research).

Course Contents:

1.	Idea-generating phase
2.	Problem-definition phase
3.	Procedures-design phase
4.	Data collection phase
5.	Data-analysis phase
6.	Interpretation phase
7.	Communication phase

Learning Activities and Teaching Methods:

Supervised self-directed learning with advisory sessions
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Assessment Methods:

Research product (e.g., paper, data, data file)

Required Textbooks/Reading:

Authors	Title	Publisher	Year	ISBN
Varies with the selected psychological research enterprise.				

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American Psychological Association	Publication Manual of the American Psychological Association(4th Edition)	American Psychological Association	2007	