



Course Syllabus

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

Course Objectives:

The main objectives of the course are 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:

After completion of the course students are expected to be able to:

1. 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:
2. 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 Content:

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

Assessment Methods:

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

Required Textbooks / Readings:

Title	Author(s)	Publisher	Year	ISBN
Varies with the selected psychological research enterprise.				