



PSYC990

Clinical Psychology Research Proposal

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Department of Psychology

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General Information

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Credit points

4

Prerequisites

Admission to MCLinPsych and PSY863

Corequisites

Co-badged status

Unit description

This unit covers the initial preparatory components for conducting an empirical project as well as a literature review paper with clinical psychology relevance. This unit is the compulsory pre-requisite for Unit Codes: PSYC991 and PSYC992 (Research Dissertation Units – Parts 1 and 2). Content in this unit will cover efficient methods for reviewing relevant literature. Students will also be required to present their research design formulation in an interactive format and work on fine-tuning it in preparation for ethics submission. Students will be required to work with a member of staff who will be their assigned research supervisor for this unit and the subsequent dissertation units, PSYC991 and PSYC992.

Important Academic Dates

Information about important academic dates including deadlines for withdrawing from units are available at <https://www.mq.edu.au/study/calendar-of-dates>

Learning Outcomes

On successful completion of this unit, you will be able to:

Conduct a critical evaluation of theories and empirical studies for a particular population/topic relevant to clinical psychology which will inform the literature review paper and empirical paper.

Produce the first complete draft of the literature review paper to be presented in journal format.

Design an empirical project with consultation from assigned research supervisor and which will form the basis of the empirical paper.

Prepare and submit ethics application to Macquarie University Human Research Ethics

committee (and any other relevant committees contingent on proposed sample recruitment).

General Assessment Information

This unit is graded as Satisfactory (if students) meet the 2 assessment tasks.

Students must satisfactorily meet the requirements for this unit BEFORE they can enrol in the two dissertation units (PSYC991 and PSYC992).

Assessment Tasks

Name	Weighting	Hurdle	Due
Ethics submission	50%	Yes	5th November 2018
Draft Literature Review	50%	Yes	5th November 2018

Ethics submission

Due: **5th November 2018**

Weighting: **50%**

This is a hurdle assessment task (see [assessment policy](#) for more information on hurdle assessment tasks)

Students' research supervisors must verify that the student has submitted an ethics application for their dissertation (empirical paper) project by the due date. Alternatively if the student's project will be part of a larger study that has already received ethics approval – the supervisor is required to verify this and confirm the student is on track in completing empirical project in a timely manner.

For any student who does not submit their ethics in time – they will be asked to do so, before they can meet the requirements for this unit.

Students are required to remind supervisors to email course convenor by the due date to confirm they have met this unit requirement.

On successful completion you will be able to:

- Conduct a critical evaluation of theories and empirical studies for a particular population/topic relevant to clinical psychology which will inform the literature review paper and empirical paper.
- Design an empirical project with consultation from assigned research supervisor and which will form the basis of the empirical paper.
- Prepare and submit ethics application to Macquarie University Human Research Ethics committee (and any other relevant committees contingent on proposed sample

recruitment).

Draft Literature Review

Due: **5th November 2018**

Weighting: **50%**

This is a hurdle assessment task (see [assessment policy](#) for more information on hurdle assessment tasks)

Each student's research supervisor must review a first draft of the Literature review paper and evaluate this draft to be of a sufficient quality for a 1st draft that will form the basis of the final literature review paper the student is required to submit as part of the Clinical Psychology Research Dissertation – 1 Unit (PSYC991).

If a student supervisor's deems this 1st draft to be unsatisfactory, the student will be asked to complete a 2nd draft before they can meet the requirements of this unit.

Students are required to remind supervisors to email course convenor by the due date to confirm they have met this unit requirement.

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- Produce the first complete draft of the literature review paper to be presented in journal format.

Delivery and Resources

There is one - two hour introductory seminar as well as one full day workshop scheduled for this unit. Attendance to both the seminar and workshop are compulsory.

Students will be required to work closely with their designated research supervisor for the rest of the session to meet the assessment requirements for this unit.

Policies and Procedures

Macquarie University policies and procedures are accessible from [Policy Central \(https://staff.mq.edu.au/work/strategy-planning-and-governance/university-policies-and-procedures/policy-central\)](https://staff.mq.edu.au/work/strategy-planning-and-governance/university-policies-and-procedures/policy-central). Students should be aware of the following policies in particular with regard to Learning and Teaching:

- [Academic Appeals Policy](#)
- [Academic Integrity Policy](#)
- [Academic Progression Policy](#)
- [Assessment Policy](#)

- [Fitness to Practice Procedure](#)
- [Grade Appeal Policy](#)
- [Complaint Management Procedure for Students and Members of the Public](#)
- [Special Consideration Policy](#) (**Note:** *The Special Consideration Policy is effective from 4 December 2017 and replaces the Disruption to Studies Policy.*)

Undergraduate students seeking more policy resources can visit the [Student Policy Gateway](https://students.mq.edu.au/support/study/student-policy-gateway) (<https://students.mq.edu.au/support/study/student-policy-gateway>). It is your one-stop-shop for the key policies you need to know about throughout your undergraduate student journey.

If you would like to see all the policies relevant to Learning and Teaching visit [Policy Central](http://staff.mq.edu.au/work/strategy-planning-and-governance/university-policies-and-procedures/policy-central) (<http://staff.mq.edu.au/work/strategy-planning-and-governance/university-policies-and-procedures/policy-central>).

Student Code of Conduct

Macquarie University students have a responsibility to be familiar with the Student Code of Conduct: <https://students.mq.edu.au/study/getting-started/student-conduct>

Results

Results shown in *iLearn*, or released directly by your Unit Convenor, are not confirmed as they are subject to final approval by the University. Once approved, final results will be sent to your student email address and will be made available in [eStudent](#). For more information visit ask.mq.edu.au.

Student Support

Macquarie University provides a range of support services for students. For details, visit <http://students.mq.edu.au/support/>

Learning Skills

Learning Skills (mq.edu.au/learningskills) provides academic writing resources and study strategies to improve your marks and take control of your study.

- [Workshops](#)
- [StudyWise](#)
- [Academic Integrity Module for Students](#)
- [Ask a Learning Adviser](#)

Student Services and Support

Students with a disability are encouraged to contact the [Disability Service](#) who can provide appropriate help with any issues that arise during their studies.

Student Enquiries

For all student enquiries, visit Student Connect at ask.mq.edu.au

IT Help

For help with University computer systems and technology, visit http://www.mq.edu.au/about_us/offices_and_units/information_technology/help/.

When using the University's IT, you must adhere to the [Acceptable Use of IT Resources Policy](#). The policy applies to all who connect to the MQ network including students.

Graduate Capabilities

PG - Capable of Professional and Personal Judgment and Initiative

Our postgraduates will demonstrate a high standard of discernment and common sense in their professional and personal judgment. They will have the ability to make informed choices and decisions that reflect both the nature of their professional work and their personal perspectives.

This graduate capability is supported by:

Learning outcome

- Prepare and submit ethics application to Macquarie University Human Research Ethics committee (and any other relevant committees contingent on proposed sample recruitment).

Assessment task

- Ethics submission

PG - Discipline Knowledge and Skills

Our postgraduates will be able to demonstrate a significantly enhanced depth and breadth of knowledge, scholarly understanding, and specific subject content knowledge in their chosen fields.

This graduate capability is supported by:

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PG - Critical, Analytical and Integrative Thinking

Our postgraduates will be capable of utilising and reflecting on prior knowledge and experience, of applying higher level critical thinking skills, and of integrating and synthesising learning and knowledge from a range of sources and environments. A characteristic of this form of thinking is the generation of new, professionally oriented knowledge through personal or group-based critique of practice and theory.

This graduate capability is supported by:

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PG - Research and Problem Solving Capability

Our postgraduates will be capable of systematic enquiry; able to use research skills to create new knowledge that can be applied to real world issues, or contribute to a field of study or practice to enhance society. They will be capable of creative questioning, problem finding and problem solving.

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topic relevant to clinical psychology which will inform the literature review paper and empirical paper.

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PG - Effective Communication

Our postgraduates will be able to communicate effectively and convey their views to different social, cultural, and professional audiences. They will be able to use a variety of technologically supported media to communicate with empathy using a range of written, spoken or visual formats.

This graduate capability is supported by:

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PG - Engaged and Responsible, Active and Ethical Citizens

Our postgraduates will be ethically aware and capable of confident transformative action in relation to their professional responsibilities and the wider community. They will have a sense of connectedness with others and country and have a sense of mutual obligation. They will be able

to appreciate the impact of their professional roles for social justice and inclusion related to national and global issues

This graduate capability is supported by:

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