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Dissertation

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Department of Psychology

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General Information

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Credit points 20
Prerequisites Admission to MCLinPsych and (PSY933 or PSYC8933)
Corequisites
Co-badged status
Unit description This unit involves the conduct of research appropriate to the discipline of clinical psychology, and requires the submission of a piece of research in the form of a journal article, usually of around 5,000-8,000 words plus a literature review in the form of a critical review paper (5,000-8,000 words). The two papers are submitted together for external marking.

Important Academic Dates

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

Learning Outcomes

- ULO1:** Write an empirical paper in journal format suitable for a psychology journal.
- ULO2:** Design and conduct an empirical research project which has direct relevance for clinical psychology.
- ULO3:** Conduct critical evaluations of theories and empirical studies for a particular population/ topic relevant to clinical psychology.
- ULO4:** Write a literature review in journal format suitable for a psychology journal.

General Assessment Information

See links to the Assessment Policy and the Special Consideration Policy in the Policies and Procedures section of this Unit Guide.

Late submissions

The literature review and empirical paper have a strict due date. Ordinarily, no extensions of time for submission of assessment tasks will be granted. If students experience unexpected,

unavoidable, and serious circumstances affecting submission of assessable work they may lodge an application for Special Consideration via ask.mq.edu.au with supporting documentary evidence. Special Consideration will only be considered for unexpected events arising from the start of Session 1 (Week 1 onwards). All requests for special consideration must be made no later than five working days after the due date of the assessment task. Where special consideration has not been granted, late submissions will not be accepted.

Assessment Rubric will be available on ILearn PSYC8994 Unit page from Week 1 of Session 1, 2020.

Assessment Tasks

Name	Weighting	Hurdle	Due
<u>Literature Review paper</u>	50%	No	Wednesday 21st October by 5pm
<u>Empirical paper</u>	50%	No	Wednesday 21st October by 5pm

Literature Review paper

Assessment Type [1](#): Literature review

Indicative Time on Task [2](#): 30 hours

Due: **Wednesday 21st October by 5pm**

Weighting: **50%**

The student must submit a Literature Review between 5000 to 8000 words maximum. This must involve a critical appraisal of a specific topic area relevant to clinical psychology

On successful completion you will be able to:

- Conduct critical evaluations of theories and empirical studies for a particular population/ topic relevant to clinical psychology.
- Write a literature review in journal format suitable for a psychology journal.

Empirical paper

Assessment Type [1](#): Thesis

Indicative Time on Task [2](#): 50 hours

Due: **Wednesday 21st October by 5pm**

Weighting: **50%**

The student must submit an empirical journal article as a write-up of the empirical research as if the student was going to submit it to a journal for publication. The empirical paper should not exceed between 5000 to 8000 words maximum.

On successful completion you will be able to:

- Write an empirical paper in journal format suitable for a psychology journal.

- Design and conduct an empirical research project which has direct relevance for clinical psychology.
- Conduct critical evaluations of theories and empirical studies for a particular population/ topic relevant to clinical psychology.

¹ If you need guidance or support to understand or complete this type of assessment, please contact the Learning Skills Team

² Indicative time-on-task is an estimate of the time required for completion of the assessment task and is subject to individual variation

Delivery and Resources

There are no scheduled classes for this unit.

Students are expected to be in regular contact with their research supervisor throughout Session. Contact may include face to face meetings, emails and teleconferencing. Students are encouraged to carefully consider and discuss draft reviews with their supervisor.

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>). 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.*)

Students seeking more policy resources can visit the 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 (<https://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 published on platform other than [eStudent](#), (eg. iLearn, Coursera etc.) 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> or if you are a Global MBA student contact globalmba.support@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 Enquiry Service

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

If you are a Global MBA student contact globalmba.support@mq.edu.au

Equity 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.

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.