PSYC8992

Clinical Psychology Research Dissertation Part 2

Session 2, Weekday attendance, North Ryde 2021

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Session 2 Learning and Teaching Update

The decision has been made to conduct study online for the remainder of Session 2 for all units WITHOUT mandatory on-campus learning activities. Exams for Session 2 will also be online where possible to do so.

This is due to the extension of the lockdown orders and to provide certainty around arrangements for the remainder of Session 2. We hope to return to campus beyond Session 2 as soon as it is safe and appropriate to do so.

Some classes/teaching activities cannot be moved online and must be taught on campus. You should already know if you are in one of these classes/teaching activities and your unit convenor will provide you with more information via iLearn. If you want to confirm, see the list of units with mandatory on-campus classes/teaching activities.

Visit the MQ COVID-19 information page for more detail.

General Information

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Credit points 10
Prerequisites (PSYC990 or PSYC8990) and (PSYC991 or PSYC8991)
Corequisites
Co-badged status
Unit description This unit covers the completion of the Empirical thesis paper for which the design and ethics application were completed as part of PSY8990. This will be completed for on time submission under the direct supervision of their appointed Research supervisor from PSYC8990.

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:

ULO1: Design and conduct an empirical research project which has direct relevance for clinical psychology.

ULO2: Write an empirical paper in journal format suitable for a psychology journal.

General Assessment Information

This unit covers the completion of the Clinical Psychology Empirical thesis paper for which the design and ethics application were completed as part of PSYC8990. This will be completed for on time submission under the direct supervision of their appointed Research supervisor from PSYC8990.

Late Submissions

Late submissions, without an approved extension, will receive a 5% per day penalty including weekends and public holidays. If you submit the assessment task 10 days or more beyond the due date, you will be awarded a maximum of 50% of the overall assessment marks. No further submissions will be accepted after the marked assignments are returned and feedback is released to students in 2021.

All extensions need to be formally requested via ask.mq.edu.au in line with the special consideration policy.

Word Count Penalty

5% of the possible mark will be deducted per 100 words over the word limit for written assessment tasks. An additional 99 words beyond the limit can be written without penalty.

Grades for Written Assessment Tasks

It is Psychology policy that letter grades, not numeric marks, are released for written assessment tasks.

DISSERTATION EXAMINATION: Your supervisor will arrange for two examiners (one must be external to the university (i.e., not employed by the Dept of Psychology or Faculty of Medical Health and Human Sciences inclusive of Postdocs. It is preferable BOTH examiners are external to the university). At least 3 weeks prior to your submission of the project (by at least 29th September, 2021) you should remind your supervisor of the due date so that sufficient time is available to make examination arrangements. Complete the student section of the examiner nomination form (See Unit iLearn page) and send to your supervisor. This is particularly important because your dissertation is to be marked during the busy times of the year, notably late in second semester when the Honours theses are also being marked. Please carefully note the following process pertaining to the thesis examination– if there is any delay in assigning examiners for your thesis (which is the Research Supervisor's responsibility to arrange), then this could likely lead to delays in receiving examiners reports back in a timely manner (i.e. – it is common in such cases for examiners reports to not be available until sometime in January or even February if students submitted their thesis by the October due date). This will have ramifications for applying for full registration if the thesis mark/grade is the final unit that needs to be finalized (i.e. you have completed all other course requirements for the MClinPsych degree). Unfortunately, even if examiners are assigned by the thesis submission date – it is beyond the MClinPsych staff's control (inclusive of Research Supervisor) to guarantee that examiners reports will be ready before the end of the year (if students submit by the October due date). Although all efforts are made to remind examiners that reports are due within 1 month of receipt of thesis, unfortunately some examiners do take longer to examine the thesis – and sometimes are not available until 2-4 months later. For the above-mentioned reasons, students are NOT to assume - a) Examiners will automatically Pass the thesis; b) Thesis marks/grades will be ratified by December if they are submitting by the October due date; and c) Guarantee future employers that they will have met all course work requirements and are eligible for registration by the end of the year in which they submit the thesis for marking. Students cannot apply for full registration with the Psychology Board of Australia until they have met ALL coursework requirements inclusive of the thesis – this means both the examiners reports must have been returned to the university, the thesis has been assessed at minimum Pass level, and all outstanding unit marks/

grades have been ratified by the University.

Assessment Tasks

Name	Weighting	Hurdle	Due
Empirical Journal paper	100%	No	20th October 2021

Empirical Journal paper

Assessment Type [1]: Thesis
Indicative Time on Task [2]: 70 hours
Due: **20th October 2021**
Weighting: **100%**

The empirical journal paper is a write-up of your empirical research as if it were to be submitted to a journal for publication. The paper should be a minimum of 5000 and not exceed 8000 words.

On successful completion you will be able to:

- Design and conduct an empirical research project which has direct relevance for clinical psychology.
- Write an empirical paper in journal format suitable for a psychology journal.

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[1] If you need help with your assignment, please contact:

- the academic teaching staff in your unit for guidance in understanding or completing this type of assessment
- the Writing Centre for academic skills support.

[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 formal seminars for this unit. Rather, students are required to be in regular contact with their designated research supervisor through the course of this year to ensure they meet the thesis requirements by the due date. Please also check Ilearn page for PSYC992 for regular updates.

Policies and Procedures

Macquarie University policies and procedures are accessible from Policy Central (https://policie

s.mq.edu.au). 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

Students seeking more policy resources can visit Student Policies (https://students.mq.edu.au/support/study/policies). It is your one-stop-shop for the key policies you need to know about throughout your undergraduate student journey.

To find other policies relating to Teaching and Learning, visit Policy Central (https://policies.mq.edu.au) and use the search tool.

Student Code of Conduct

Macquarie University students have a responsibility to be familiar with the Student Code of Conduct: https://students.mq.edu.au/admin/other-resources/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 help you improve your marks and take control of your study.

- Getting help with your assignment
- Workshops
- StudyWise
- Academic Integrity Module

The Library provides online and face to face support to help you find and use relevant

information resources.

- Subject and Research Guides
- Ask a Librarian

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

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