



# PSYC8990

## Clinical Psychology Research Proposal

Session 2, Intensive 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

Admission to MClInPsych and (PSY863 or PSYC8863)

Corequisites

Co-badged status

Unit description

This unit is offered on a pass/fail basis. 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: PSYC8991 and PSYC8992 (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, PSYC8991 and PSYC8992.

## 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:** 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.

**ULO2:** Produce the first complete draft of the literature review paper to be presented in journal format.

**ULO3:** Design an empirical project with consultation from assigned research supervisor

and which will form the basis of the empirical paper.

**ULO4:** Demonstrate an awareness of the ethical considerations and processes necessary for appropriate conduct of research.

## General Assessment Information

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### Late Submissions

All extensions need to be formally requested via [ask.mq.edu.au](http://ask.mq.edu.au) in line with the special consideration policy.

Late submissions, without an approved extension, will not be accepted. Hence it is imperative that students supervisors confirm that the student has completed both the assessment requirements for this unit by the due date - 1st November, 2021, by emailing the unit convenor at [maria.kangas@mq.edu.au](mailto:maria.kangas@mq.edu.au).

### Grades for Written Assessment Tasks

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

## Assessment Tasks

Name	Weighting	Hurdle	Due
<a href="#">Research proposal</a>	50%	Yes	1st November 2021
<a href="#">Draft literature review</a>	50%	Yes	1st November 2021

### Research proposal

Assessment Type <sup>1</sup>: Plan

Indicative Time on Task <sup>2</sup>: 40 hours

Due: **1st November 2021**

Weighting: **50%**

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

The student is expected to receive input from their research supervisor in developing a suitable, feasible research project. This project proposal will include either preparing a new ethics application, or reviewing the pre-existing ethics application in line with the student's project.

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.
- Demonstrate an awareness of the ethical considerations and processes necessary for appropriate conduct of research.

## Draft literature review

Assessment Type <sup>1</sup>: Literature review

Indicative Time on Task <sup>2</sup>: 40 hours

Due: **1st November 2021**

Weighting: **50%**

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

The student must submit a draft of a literature review (approximately 5000 words) that will form the basis of the final literature review paper submitted in PSYC8991.

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.
- 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.

<sup>1</sup> 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.

<sup>2</sup> 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 is one - two hour introductory seminar (Week 1) to attend, as well as one full day workshop (Week 4) 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://policies.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](http://ask.mq.edu.au) or if you are a Global MBA student contact [globalmba.support@mq.edu.au](mailto: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](http://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](http://ask.mq.edu.au)

If you are a Global MBA student contact [globalmba.support@mq.edu.au](mailto: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/](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.