PSYC8933

Research Proposal

Full year 1, In person-scheduled-intensive, North Ryde 2022

School of Psychological Sciences

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General Information

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Credit points 20
Prerequisites Admission to MClinPsych
Corequisites
Co-badged status
Unit description This unit is the compulsory prerequisite unit for PSY8934 (Dissertation). The objective of this unit is for students to conduct a literature review, as well as plan and design their empirical project for their thesis (which will be subsequently completed in PSY8934). All students will be required to have a research supervisor from a member of staff from the Department of Psychology. The supervisor will assist the student to meet the objectives of this unit as well as for the dissertation (PSY8934). The Seminars for PSY8933 will also facilitate students to plan and fine-tune their research project which must have relevancy to Clinical Psychology. The goals of the unit are to encourage review and consideration of background literature, to prepare a literature overview and proposed method, and to prepare an ethics submission for the empirical thesis.

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: 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

For this unit students are required to work under the supervision of their research supervisor.

Students are required to develop a suitable clinically relevant research project and submit an ethics application by the 31st October 2022. In addition, they are required to complete the 1st draft of the literature review paper at a satisfactory standard in line with their supervisor's feedback.

Assessment Tasks

Name	Weighting	Hurdle	Due
Ethics Submission	50%	Yes	31st October 2022
Draft literature review	50%	Yes	31st October 2022

Ethics Submission

Assessment Type [1]: Plan
Indicative Time on Task [2]: 30 hours
Due: **31st October 2022**
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 regarding developing a suitable, feasible project and preparing the relevant ethics documentation. 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.

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.

- 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

Assessment Type [1]: Literature review
Indicative Time on Task [2]: 50 hours
Due: **31st October 2022**
Weighting: **50%**
This is a hurdle assessment task (see assessment policy for more information on hurdle assessment tasks)

The student must submit a first draft of the literature review that will form the basis of the final literature review paper.

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.

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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

Throughout the course of Session 1 and Session 2, students are required to work with their research supervisor.

For this unit, students are also required to attend at the beginning of Session 2, 2022 a seminar and workshop (under the new unit code PSYG8002).

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
- Assessment Procedure
- Complaints Resolution 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

Academic Integrity

At Macquarie, we believe academic integrity – honesty, respect, trust, responsibility, fairness and courage – is at the core of learning, teaching and research. We recognise that meeting the expectations required to complete your assessments can be challenging. So, we offer you a range of resources and services to help you reach your potential, including free online writing and maths support, academic skills development and wellbeing consultations.

Student Support

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

The Writing Centre

The Writing Centre provides resources to develop your English language proficiency, academic writing, and communication skills.

- Workshops
- Chat with a WriteWISE peer writing leader
- Access StudyWISE
- Upload an assignment to Studiosity
- Complete the 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

Macquarie University offers a range of Student Support Services including:

- IT Support
- Accessibility and disability support with study
- Mental health support
- Safety support to respond to bullying, harassment, sexual harassment and sexual assault
- Social support including information about finances, tenancy and legal issues

Student Enquiries

Got a question? Ask us via AskMQ, or contact Service Connect.

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.