

Global Learning Semesters

Course Syllabus

Course: PSY-310 Research Methods in Psychology

Department: Social Sciences

Host Institution: University of Nicosia, Nicosia, Cyprus



Course Summary		
Course Code	Course Title	Recommended Credit Hours
PSY-310	Research Methods in Psychology	3
Semester Offered	Contact Hours	Prerequisites
Fall	42	PSY-110, PSY-111, MATH-220, one course at the 200 level or above.
Department	Level of Course	Language of Instruction
Social Sciences	Upper Division	English

Course Description

This course will introduce students to the scientific research process in psychology. More specifically the following topics will be covered: Scientific understanding of Behavior, Ethical Research, Studying Behavior, Measurement Concepts, Observing Behavior, Survey Research, Experimental Design, Understanding Research Results, Generalizing Results, Writing Research Reports.

Instructor

Xenia Hadjicharalambous, PhD

Course Aims and Objectives

This course on research methods in psychology is designed to provide an overview of the research process. Upon completion of this course students will be acquainted with all aspects of research: Thinking and learning about a problem, defining a specific answerable question, devising a method to find an answer to that problem, carrying out the chosen methodology, and interpreting and reporting the findings.

Teaching Methods

Lectures, lab presentations, Project.

Course Teaching Hours

42 hours. The course is delivered during the Fall semester in 14-weeks (3 hours/week).

Evaluation and Grading

Midterm Exam: 20 %
Final Exam: 30 %
Project and Presentation: 40%

Attendance-participation: 10%

Readings and Resources

Required Textbook

Shaughnessy, J.J. and Zechmeister, E.B. (1994) Research Methods in Psychology. McGraw-Hill.

Recommended Reading

Mitchell, M. L. & Jolley, J. M. (2004). Research design explained (5th ed.). Belmont, CA: Wadsworth.

Mitchell, M. L. , Jolley, J. M. , & O'Shea, R. P. (2004). Writing for psychology. Belmont, CA: Wadsworth.