

## Global Learning Semesters

### Course Syllabus

Course: PSY-350 Research Experience I

Department: Social Sciences

Host Institution: University of Nicosia, Nicosia, Cyprus



Course Summary		
Course Code	Course Title	Recommended Credit Hours
PSY-350	Research Experience I	3
Semester Offered	Contact Hours	Prerequisites
Spring	42	PSY-110, PSY-111, PSY-310
Department	Level of Course	Language of Instruction
Social Sciences	Upper Division	English

### Course Description

This course will provide experience in the investigation of a research question in a social setting using qualitative data collection and analysis techniques. You will gain experience in two general categories of data collection: observation and interviewing. Students will participate in seminar discussions and exercises, and conduct their own field-based mini-project.

### Instructor

Xenia Hadjicharalambous, PhD

### Course Aims and Objectives

To gain "hands on" experience using methodology suited to data collection and analysis in psychology research. More specifically this course will provide opportunities to the students to: 1) Gain skill in critiquing existing literature that uses a variety of qualitative methods; 2) Practice developing research strategies appropriate to the questions being addressed; 3) Understand how research issues such as ethics, validity, reliability and sampling apply to qualitative methods; 4) Develop skills in observing in the field, including keeping field notes and memos; 5) Develop skills in conducting in-depth interviews; 6) Explore alternative ways of collecting and organizing qualitative data, including focus groups, oral histories, sociometry, and case studies; 7) Analyze qualitative data; 8) Present findings from qualitative mini-project through written reports and oral presentations.

### Teaching Methods

Lectures, lab presentations, video tapes, written assignments.

### Course Teaching Hours

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

### Evaluation and Grading

Exam:	30%
Coursework Exercises:	20%
Research Project and Presentation:	40%
Attendance-participation:	10%

## Readings and Resources

### Required Textbook

- Berg, B. Z. (1998) *Qualitative Research Methods for the Social Sciences*, 3<sup>rd</sup> Edition. Boston: Allyn & Bacon.