

Honours Thesis

1.0 Calendar description

To complete the Honours degree each student must satisfactorily complete during his/her final year, a program of research under the supervision of at least two faculty members. Students wishing to enroll in this course should consult with the Department of Psychology.

Pre-requisites: PSYC-4100(6) or permission of the Psychology Honours Committee.

2.0 Course Information

Instructor: Dr. M. Halldorson, 4L04D, 786-9432, m.halldorson@uwinnipeg.ca

Office Hours: **By Appointment**

Lectures: Live Zoom, Fridays, 2:30 – 5:15

Website: <https://nexus.uwinnipeg.ca>

2.1 Email

I do not monitor Nexus for email, so please send your messages through an email address other than Nexus. Also be sure to include the course number (i.e., 4040) in the subject line, and to add your student id to the end of your signature line.

2.2 Equipment

This course requires an electronic device with a webcam, such as a laptop or a smartphone, and a high-speed internet connection.

3.0 Course Objectives

The generation of ideas and communication of findings governs every aspect of psychological scholarship. This seminar serves as the immediate research community of each thesis student. Therefore, the seminar provides thesis students with a network of colleagues, information on thesis requirements and scheduling, and includes a number of sessions addressing the components of the thesis project. These sessions include, but are not limited to, writing, preparing and giving an oral presentation, literature searches, research ethics, subject pool orientation, etc. Thus, the course help inform students regarding the research process. Students are strongly encouraged to attend the weekly meetings held first term.

4.0 Evaluation

As part of this course, students are asked to complete an oral presentation describing their research project to the Honours Thesis class late in the fall term. These presentations (~6 per class, 10 minutes each) will tentatively start on November 10/23. **Overall, grading schemes will vary from student to student, and will be established in consultation between the student and the advisor(s). Mandatory grading components are indicated on the Thesis Contract distributed from the Honours Committee (see class or departmental website).** Final grades may be based on the final paper, the proposal, the quality of contribution and professionalism while designing and completing the project, participation and performance in weekly meetings and oral presentations (including the presentation to Thesis Class), department colloquium attendance, among other factors. Note that, as in all courses, grades submitted are tentative and may be changed by the Department or Senate.

5.0 Withdrawal Deadline

The final date to withdraw from this course without academic penalty is **Friday, February 16, 2024**. See <https://www.uwinnipeg.ca/registration/course-drop-information.html> for details.

6.0 Reading Weeks

Fall Term Reading Week is **October 8 - 14, 2023**.

Winter Term Reading Week is **February 18 - 24, 2024**.

7.0 Policy on Cheating and Academic Misconduct

Students are responsible for understanding the nature of and avoiding the occurrence of plagiarism, cheating and other academic offenses. Students are encouraged to read the section on Academic Misconduct in the General Calendar. If you are in doubt about whether what you are doing is inappropriate, consult your instructor. A claim that "you didn't know it was wrong" will not be accepted as an excuse. <http://uwinnipeg.ca/academics/calendar/docs/regulationsandpolicies.pdf>

8.0 Procedures for Appealing Academic Evaluations

In the first instance, all appeals of a grade must be made to the course instructor (informal consultation) within seven working days after notification of the grade. If the student is not satisfied with the decision of the course instructor, the student may wish to consider making a written appeal to the Chair of the Departmental Review Committee. Please consult the Academic Regulations and Policies Section of the General Calendar for information about appeals. A guide to appeals is available from Student Services and the UWSA Office.

9.0 Services for Students with Disabilities

Students with documented disabilities, temporary or chronic medical conditions, requiring academic accommodations for tests/exams (e.g., private space) or during lectures/laboratories (e.g., note-takers) are encouraged to contact Accessibility Services (AS) at 786-9771 or accessibilityservices@uwinnipeg.ca to discuss appropriate options. All information about a student's disability or medical condition remains confidential.

<https://www.uwinnipeg.ca/accessibility-services/>

10.0 Additional University Policies

We ask that you please be respectful of the needs of classmates and instructors/professors by avoiding the use of unnecessary scented products while attending lectures. Exposure to scented products can trigger serious health reactions in persons with asthma, allergies, migraines or chemical sensitivities. Please consider using unscented necessary products and avoiding unnecessary products that are scented (e.g. perfume).

Students who plan to conduct research interviews, focus groups, surveys, or any other method of collecting data from any person, even a family member, must obtain the approval of the appropriate ethics committee before commencing data collection. Exceptions are research activities in class as a learning exercise. See <https://www.uwinnipeg.ca/research/ethics/index.html> for submission requirements and deadlines.

All students, faculty and staff have the right to participate, learn and work in an environment that is free of harassment and discrimination. The UW Respectful Working and Learning Environment Policy may be found online at <https://www.uwinnipeg.ca/respect>.

Students may choose not to attend classes or write examinations on holy days of their religion, but they must notify their instructors at least two weeks in advance. Instructors will then provide opportunity for students to make-up work and/or examinations without penalty. A list of religious holidays can be found at: <https://www.uwinnipeg.ca/academics/calendar/docs/important-notes.pdf>

Students facing a charge of academic or non-academic misconduct may choose to contact the University of Winnipeg Students' Association (UWSA) where a student advocate will be available

to answer any questions about the process, help with building a case, and ensuring students have access to support. For more information or to schedule an appointment, visit <https://theuwsa.ca/academic-advocacy/> or call 204.786.9780.

11.0 Tentative Schedule

This schedule is given as a guideline of the topics to be covered and may be adjusted.

<u>Date</u>	<u>Topic</u>
Sept 8	Introduction, Guidelines, Contracts & Advice (Dr. Halldorson)
Sept 15	Ethics, Subject Pool & SONA (Dr. Friesen & N. Alahakoon)
Sept 22	Library Resources and Bibliographic Software (J. Herter) (Supervision Forms Due)
Sept 29	Qualtrics and Data Integrity (Dr. Buckles) Department Colloquium*
Oct 6	Graduate School (Dr. Bugden) Scholarship Applications (C. Garland) (Grading Contracts Due)
<i>October 13 – Fall Term Reading Week – No class</i>	
Oct 20	Writing (Dr. Smith)
Oct 27	Data Preparation (Dr. Hinds) Department Colloquium*
Nov 3	<i>Free Period – No class</i>
Nov 10	Student Presentations
Nov 17	Student Presentations
Nov 24	Student Presentations
Dec 1	Student Presentations

* Attendance at the Department colloquium series is a course requirement. Your attendance will count toward your participation mark in the thesis class.

The University is closed for holidays and there are no classes on the following dates:

September 4, 2023 (Labour Day)
September 30, 2023 (Truth and Reconciliation Day)
October 9, 2023 (Thanksgiving)
November 11, 2023 (Remembrance Day)
December 23, 2022 — January 4, 2024 (December break)
February 19, 2024 (Louis Riel Day)
March 29, 2024 (Good Friday)