PSY 718 Doctoral Dissertation
COURSE SYLLABUS: Fall 2015

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COURSE INFORMATION

Course Description: The purpose of this class is to train you to conduct psychological research and produce a dissertation. This includes all aspects of the research process: development of research materials and/or experimental procedures, how to conduct studies/experiments, data analysis and interpretation, and empirical writing. The class is conducted through informal meetings with Dr. Reysen. The goal of the class is to successfully propose, conduct, and defend your dissertation project.

Beyond meeting to discuss research, you may be asked to conduct library research (google scholar is going to be your best friend), conduct research (e.g., run participants), track and maintain studies using the SONA system (participant sign-up system), enter data into the computer, organize and manage databases, and various other tasks.

COURSE REQUIREMENTS

Grading: The student will produce and defend a dissertation project. If the student does not complete and defend the dissertation during the semester, the instructor will assign a grade of "X" and the student will defend the dissertation in a subsequent semester.

TECHNOLOGY REQUIREMENTS

You will need access to a computer with internet.

COMMUNICATION AND SUPPORT

Interaction with Instructor:
Please feel welcome to contact me in person during office hours, before or after class, online through University email or schedule an appointment to meet with me. All email should receive a response within 48 hours. If you have not received a response then assume your email did not

go through and please try again to make contact. All email should include student's last name, first name, course name and brief description of the reason for contact.

COURSE AND UNIVERSITY PROCEDURES/POLICIES

Student Behavior:
My expectations in this area should be very simple to fulfill. (1) Electronic devices should be turned off or put on vibrate when in class. (2) Immaturity will NOT be tolerated! If a student's behavior is disrupting the class, he/she will be asked to leave. (3) Respect: Given the nature of this course, we may discuss issues that some of you may find embarrassing, uncomfortable, and/or even "inappropriate." To remain in this class, you must be respectful of others and maintain a mature and professional manner at all times. Failure to do so will result in your expulsion from the course. (4) The Student's Guidebook addresses the issues of academic cheating and plagiarism. These are a breach of conduct, and students are subject to disciplinary actions. It's simple. Do NOT cheat (to cheat is to act dishonestly or unfairly in order to gain an advantage) or plagiarize (to plagiarize is to take the work or idea of someone else and pass it off as one's own)! (5) Do NOT talk during class unless you are participating in class discussion.

Recording:
Course materials prepared by the instructor, together with the content of all lectures and review sessions presented by the instructor are the property of the instructor. Video and audio recording of lectures and review sessions without the consent of the instructor is prohibited. On request, the instructor will usually grant permission for students to audio tape lectures, on the condition that these audio tapes are only used by the individual making the recording. Unless explicit permission is obtained from the instructor, recordings of lectures and review sessions may not be modified and must not be transferred or transmitted to any other person, whether or not that individual is enrolled in the course.

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Changes to Class:
Minor changes may be made to this schedule; modifications will be announced in class. Students that do not attend class are responsible for the alterations made to the syllabus.

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