

Research in Social Psychology: (Insert topic here)

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Competence Statement:

Knows and understands basic psychological theory and research well enough to complete all steps involved in conducting a professional-level research study.

Course Objectives and Goals:

- To be able to identify and summarize background theory and research pertinent to a basic or applied research problem.
- To be able to design a research study to investigate a basic or applied issue of importance (including issues surrounding research design, measurement, participant selection, and threats to validity).
- To be able to perform data collection competently and reliably
- To understand data analysis well enough to competently summarize and explain results relevant to the selected research problem.
- To be able to produce a written summary of a research study that is suitable for publication and/or presentation at a professional meeting/conference.

Course Materials:

Books, Articles, or other readings relevant to the chosen research problem. Student should begin the course by conducting a literature search for relevant sources using the library databases and search functions. At least 12 journal articles or books must be cited in the final written summary. Student will find and select sources, then have them approved by instructor.

Evaluation:

The course will be graded on a S/NC basis. Satisfactory completion of all Course Objectives will result in an "S" grade. This course work may be completed independently or as part of a research team. The student should provide regular progress reports to the instructor at least once every other week.