

LOYOLA UNIVERSITY CHICAGO
Department of Psychology
PSYCHOLOGY 397: INDEPENDENT RESEARCH

Student: ID: Email:
Instructor: Date: Semester: Year:
Course Number: 397 Dept Code: 84 Section Number:

A completed version of this form must be submitted **electronically** to the Undergraduate Program Director (psyc-ugrad@luc.edu) no later than 5pm on the first Thursday of instruction. **The form MUST be sent by the instructor/mentor.** It will not be accepted if sent by the student. Paper versions of the form will not be accepted. The file should be named as follows **fname1_PSYC397_contract.pdf** where fname1 is the the students luc.edu email address (fname1@luc.edu).

PSYC 397 students are expected to: a) participate in data management and analysis; b) read published articles in the field of inquiry; c) prepare a written report detailing some part of the research project. A faculty member agreeing to supervise a student in PSYC 397 is expected to work closely with the student in all phases of the research experience. (PSYC 397 students may be part of a research team with both graduate and undergraduate students, but should be guided by the faculty member in charge and not “given over” to a graduate student supervisor”.)

Topic of Course:

1. Brief statement of student's activities and responsibilities:

2. Brief statement of instructor's activities and responsibilities, including frequency and type of student-faculty meetings:

3. Describe the nature of the written product. It is generally assumed that the written report will include rationale, method, results, and discussion of a research project.

4. Basis for determining course grade (e.g., % weights for activities and product. **The written research report must weigh at least 50% in the final grade**):

5. Partial bibliography:

RESTRICTIONS: PSYC 397 satisfies the capstone requirement for the major and also fulfills the engaged learning requirement for the university. To be eligible, a student must be a senior (90 hours) Psychology major and have completed PSYC 306. In addition, the research project in which the student is involved must culminate in a research manuscript describing the study. A copy of this research report must be submitted electronically to the Undergraduate Program Director (psyc-ugrad@luc.edu) upon completion of PSYC 397 in order to receive credit. PSYC 397 may be taken only one time in the major. **Only 3 hours of independent research may count towards your 12 course psychology major or 6 course psychology minor. Thus, if you have already taken 3 hours of PSYC 397 this course will only fulfill your capstone and engaged learning requirement and not count as an extra course towards your major/minor.**