

LOYOLA UNIVERSITY CHICAGO  
Department of Psychology  
**PSYCHOLOGY 397: INDEPENDENT RESEARCH**

Student: ID: Email:  
Instructor: Date: Semester: Year:  
Class Number (4-digit from Locus):

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. Before sending this form to your faculty research mentor please verify that you are not registered for more than 18 credit hours with the addition of these credits. If you are, you must complete the [Appeal to Register for Over the Credit Hour Limit Form](#) and submit it to your CAS advisor. Once your advisor has approved your request your mentor may submit your form to psyc-ugrad@luc.edu. 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".)

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 399 this course will only fulfill your capstone and engaged learning requirement and not count as an extra course towards your major/minor.**