



Psychology Department

PSYC 414 AR: Readings in Psychology
Procedures and Guidelines

INTRODUCTION & PURPOSE

The Readings in psychology course offered by the Psychology Department is an opportunity for psychology majors to gain a valuable educational experience. The purpose of this option is to give upper level students the opportunity to explore a specific area of interest with a faculty member that has specialized experience in the chosen field.

REQUIREMENTS

The readings course is limited to junior or senior psychology majors who have demonstrated a necessary degree of responsibility and proficiency in their courses. The criteria for approval are thus based on the student's interest, career plans, preparation, and faculty availability.

1. Please fill out the following information. **It is your responsibility to obtain the agreement of the desired faculty member to supervise your experience prior to registering for the course.**
2. Pick up an Arranged Course Form (Registrar's or psychology office); fill it out and obtain the required signatures. Please note the following information:

As you fill out the 'course outline section' of the arranged course permission form, be sure to state it something like this: "I will be meeting with _____ on a biweekly basis and providing a written critique of the readings. I understand that 3 hours of reading per unit is required each week. I am contracting for a(n) A or B." (If an A, add: "A 5 – 10 page paper based on the readings and discussions, as directed by professor, will be completed and turned in by the Monday of finals week.")

3. Please return completed form to the psychology department office.

Name: _____ Phone Number _____ Box # _____

Class Standing _____ Junior _____ Senior Hours Completed in Psychology _____

Applying for: _____ Fall _____ Interterm _____ Spring _____ Summer of _____ (year)

Supervising Faculty: _____

Topic or area of interest: _____

Number of Units for which you will be registering: _____ 1 _____ 2 _____ 3

The grade you receive will be contingent upon satisfactory completion of the criteria agreed upon below.

Grade for which you are contracting: _____ A _____ B.

A = Biweekly discussion with professor, written critique of readings, and a 5-10 page paper based on the readings and discussions. Three hours of readings per week (45 hours) are required for each unit of credit.

B = Biweekly discussion with professor and written critique of readings. Three hours of readings per week (45 hours) are required for each unit of credit.

Supervising faculty's signature _____ Your signature _____