



## Psychology Department

### PSYC 480 AR: Directed Research Procedures and Guidelines

#### INTRODUCTION & PURPOSE

The research in psychology course offered by the Psychology Department is an opportunity for psychology majors to gain valuable research experience in an approved psychological setting or agency. The purpose of this research is to give students the opportunity to integrate classroom knowledge with real world experiences. Students will be exposed to an agency or individual who is currently working in the field of psychology. This front-line exposure will hopefully help the student to clarify their personal and professional goals.

#### REQUIREMENTS

The research experience is limited to junior or senior psychology majors. Since the department and the University are directly affected by an intern's performance, only those students who have demonstrated a necessary degree of responsibility and proficiency in their courses will be recommended for the program. The criteria for approval are thus based on the student's interest, career plans, preparation, and availability of research projects.

1. Complete and submit a PSYC480 Research Assistant application to Ruth Rorem in the Psychology Department. This form is available through the department or department webpage. Dr. Hill will assign RA positions shortly before each semester; you will receive email notification when you are placed and your paperwork (Arranged Course form and syllabus) is ready to be picked up from the Psychology department.
2. Pick up, sign and submit your Arranged Course form and syllabus (provided by the department) to the Registrar's office. This is how the unit(s) is placed on your transcript. Application will be placed in your student file.
3. Contact and arrange with the professor/researcher the days, hours you will be available, and the requirements of your agreement.
4. Complete all hours registered for: For every 1 unit registered for, you are required to complete 3 hrs. of work per week for 15 weeks. Hence, if you register for 2 units, you must put in 6 hours per week for 15 weeks, i.e., 90 hours. Note: You may work all 90 hours in one week if you'd like and fulfill the requirements. 3 units would require 145 hours of research assistance. **Please keep a log of hours worked.** (Electronic copy of a Log of Hours form available on the department webpage).

The grade you receive is contingent on meeting the following requirements:

**A** — A minimum of three hours per week (total 45 hours) for each unit of credit working with/for the researcher and a written report (2 pages) detailing your research experience, (i.e. what you learned, how it helped you). Paper *and* log of hours worked is due Monday of finals week.

**B** — A minimum of three hours per week (total 45 hours) for each unit of credit working with/for the researcher, *plus* a log of hours worked to be turned in during finals week.