PSY 405H1/406H1/405Y1/406Y1 – INDIVIDUAL PROJECTS

A single semester (0.5-FCE) or full year (1-FCE) intensive laboratory or applied research project for students who seek hands-on research experience to complement our regular course offerings. Each project culminates in a scholarly paper and oral presentation. Students must secure a faculty supervisor from the Dept. of Psychology and submit a completed application form that includes details about the project before the start of the academic year. ***Please note that your supervisor must be a full-time appointed undergraduate faculty member or hold a status-only appointment <u>within the Dept. of Psychology at the St. George Campus</u>***. A list of eligible supervisors can be found on our website at https://psych.utoronto.ca/people. Please note that group projects will not be permitted. This course is open to all students, including non-Psychology program students.

Length

PSY405/PSY406 H1F/S: One semester (fall or winter), 8-10 hours/week. Worth 0.5 credits.
PSY405/PSY406 H1Y: Two semesters (fall/winter), 4-5 hours/week. Worth 0.5 credits.
PSY405/PSY406 Y1Y: Two semesters (fall/winter), 8-10 hours/week. Worth 1.0 credits.
PSY405/PSY406 H1Y: Summer semester, 8-10 hours/week. Worth 0.5 credits.
PSY405/PSY406 Y1Y: Summer semester, 16-20 hours/week. Worth 1.0 credits.

If this is the first time you're enrolling in a project, the code will be ***PSY405H1*** or ***PSY405Y1***. If you have already completed a ***PSY405H1/Y1*** and would like to do a second (separate) project, the code will be ***PSY406H1*** or ***PSY406Y1***.

Please accurately and realistically assess with your supervisor the time you will need to complete this project. Do not put an "F" if you can't finish the project by December; putting "Y" would be a better choice. Furthermore, do not start a project in January unless you are completely certain that you will finish it by April since you cannot start a "Y" course in January. Summer courses can be worth either 0.5-FCE (i.e., PSY 405H1Y) or 1-FCE (i.e., PSY 405Y1Y). Whether your full-year project is worth an "H" or a "Y" should be determined by the supervisor.

Prerequisites

PSY202H1/ ECO220Y1/ SOC252H1/ STA221H1/ PSY202H5/ STA221H5/ PSYC08H3/ STAB27H3/ STAC32H3, and the appropriate background in Psychology for the proposed work (e.g., PSY210H1 if the project is in the area of Developmental Psychology, etc.). If you do not have PSY202H1 or an equivalent advanced stats course, you can still do an Individual Project if your supervisor waives this prerequisite.

Student's Experiential Duties/Marking Scheme and Application Form

The application form must include a brief description of the project and a marking scheme. A final paper of approximately 8-10 pages minimum and an oral presentation of your research ***must*** be included. The presentation can be given at UofT Undergraduate events (e.g., Psychology Department's Undergraduate Research Symposium or the Arts & Science Undergraduate Research Forum) when feasible or can be delivered to the supervising lab group.

Application Form Due Date

Application forms must be filled out and signed by both student and supervisor and emailed to the Undergraduate Administrator (psy.undergrad@utoronto.ca) by the ***beginning of the second week of September*** for fall semester or full-year projects, or by the ***beginning of the second week in January*** for winter projects. If you're registering for a summer project, please submit it by the ***beginning of the second week in May***. The Undergraduate Administrator will add it to your list of academic activities on ACORN (students do not enrol themselves). Please make sure you have enough space on your timetable to be added to this course **<u>BEFORE</u>** handing in the application. Please also keep a copy of your application for your own records.

University of Toronto, Dept. of Psychology – St. George Campus
Individual Project Application Form

Student Name: _____
First Name   Surname

Student Number: [ ][ ][ ][ ][ ][ ][ ][ ][ ]   Email: _____

Course Code: [P][S][Y][4][0][ ][1][ ]   Session/Year: _____
(Fall, Fall/Winter, Winter, or Summer)

(E.g., PSY 405Y1Y or PSY 406H1F, etc.)

Supervisor's Name and Email Address: _____

Abbreviated Title of Project: (for transcript – no more than 70 characters in length, including spaces)
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Project Plan (In a few sentences, describe the planned research topic and approach):
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Marking Scheme/Student's Experimental Duties:
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Prerequisites: I confirm that I have completed *PSY 202H1 – Statistics II* (or equivalent). Yes___ No ___   If *NO*, supervisor's initials _____

Student's Statement: I agree to the terms of this project. I currently have enough space on my timetable for the department to enrol me in this course.

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Signature   Date

Supervisor's Statement: I agree to the terms of this project and understand that it is my obligation as the supervisor to provide all resources necessary for its completion (including lab space, access to relevant subject populations, and equipment). ***I also certify that the time limit given is a realistic estimation of the length of the project.***

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Signature   Date