PSY 273: Supervised Research for Undergraduates
--Information for students and supervisors--

Course Description:
Supervised research in a Psychology lab over the course of one semester. Students are trained to perform duties/techniques in a specific laboratory under the direct supervision of a faculty member or advanced graduate student in the Department of Psychology. Students may take two sections in a single semester, but no more than three credits may be applied to a section. [Note: PSY 273 may not be taken for more than 6 credits per faculty advisor during the student's career.]

Prerequisite: Permission of instructor
Students must make an arrangement with the faculty advisor/lab director PRIOR to registering for PSY 273. Undergraduates pursue positions by inquiring with the lab. (Procedure for applying varies for each lab. See "PSY 273 Research Opportunities” spreadsheet for more information – available from the Research Coordinator in Psychology Dept.)

Registering for PSY 273:
After obtaining verbal permission of the Instructor, you register yourself on SOLAR. Each faculty advisor has their own Section Number. You must obtain the section number from the faculty advisor/lab director.

IMPORTANT: When you are adding the class, you must indicate the CORRECT NUMBER OF CREDITS you are taking. A default value will automatically appear (for 273, the default is 0 credit and for 447 the default is 1 credit). To change this default, click on the # of credits, and a drop down box appears. Enter the correct number of credits, SAVE IT, and then submit.

*Remember, you are signing up for a course – you must adhere to the University’s add/drop deadlines.

Human Subjects Training: The supervisor of each lab is responsible for insuring that all incoming RA’s are in compliance and are informed about their human subjects training.

Grading Information: S/U grading

Credit Information: 1-3 credits.

1 credit = 45 total hours over semester (3 hours per week x 15 weeks)
2 credits = 90 total hours over semester (6 hours per week x 15 weeks)
3 credits = 135 total hours over semester (9 hours per week x 15 weeks)

*In the summer, the hours are doubled. However, an option most supervisors will allow is that the student officially registers for PSY 273 in Summer Term II, but begins the work at the beginning of Summer I (in other words, official enrollment in PSY 273 is Summer II, but hours are spread over both terms).

A NOTE ABOUT OTHER COURSES:
Most of the time, students have to do PSY 273 (Supervised Research) BEFORE they can do PSY 487 (Unsupervised Research) or PSY 447 (Readings in Psychology). If the student has a prior relationship with the professor and needs upper-division credit, professors will sometimes let them register for 447 or 487, but this is rare and up to the discretion of the professor.

**447 and 487 require more hours than 273, and are for a letter grades.**

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