# YORK UNIVERSITY FACULTY OF HEALTH

# PSYCHOLOGY 3010 3.0 B: INTERMEDIATE RESEARCH METHODS FALL 2014

TUESDAYS 14:30 – 17:30 FC 202

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Readings:		any Research Methods textbook, any Statistical Methods textbook plus assigned readings and videos/talks	
Web Site:		http://kopinska.apps01.yorku.ca/_3010B2014W.html password: ak3010	
DATE		TOPIC	
Sep	9	Introduction / Developing Ideas for Research	
•	16	Our Study/ Review of Research Methods: Ethical Considerations / Design &	
		Measurement / (Project A assigned)	
	23	Review: Correlational & Experimental Methods / Discussion of Research Ideas	
	30	Library Workshop (Scott Library, Room 531) (Start Proposal)	
Oct	7	Anatomy of an Article / APA style / Writing Research Proposal ( <b>Project A Due 10%</b> )	
	14	Descriptive and Inferential Statistics with SPSS (PC LAB) (Project B assigned)	
	21	Statistics Continued / Preparing Presentation (PC LAB)	
	28	SPSS Session (PC LAB)	
Nov	4	SPSS Session / Exam (15%)	
	7	Last date to drop course without receiving grade	
	11	Formal presentations of proposed research (12%) / Project B Due (15%)	
	18	Formal presentations of proposed research	
	25	Formal presentations of proposed research / Proposal/Research Package Due - Turnitin	
		submission (40%)	
Dec	2	Study Day – no class	

**General Description:** to review and provide further experience with the design, execution, analysis, interpretation and communication of psychological studies. Building on the foundation established in AK/AS/HH/SC/PSYC 2030 3.00, the course further prepares students for many types of advanced-research and Honours Thesis projects.

**Prerequisites:** AK/AS/HH/SC/PSYC 1010 6.00 or AK/HH/PSYC 2410 6.00, with a minimum grade of C; AK/AS/HH/SC/PSYC 2030 3.00 or substitute. Not open to students who have passed or are taking PSYC 4000, 4170, 4700, or PSYC 4800.

### **Evaluation:**

As indicated on the schedule there will be several components of the final mark:

1.	Project A	10%	_
2.	Project B	15%	
3.	Exam	15%	
4.	Formal Presentation	12%	
5.	Proposal/Research Package	40%	(minimum of 60% to pass the course)
6.	Presentation Review	3%	
7.	Participation	5%	

#### **Attendance:**

To encourage (and reward) perfect attendance, I will take roll every class. It is students' responsibility to ensure that their name is signed on the class attendance sheet. Students with *perfect* class attendance (i.e., NO absences for any reason whatsoever) will receive 3% on top of their final grade. Please note that 2 instances of being late are equivalent to one absence.

## Failure to attend any of the PRESENTATION DAYS will result in 3% penalty.

Appropriate documentation verifying the circumstances for the missed meeting or test must be provided prior to or at the time specified by the instructor. Failure to provide appropriate documentation will result in a grade of 0 on the missed test.

- A. Missed meetings on the grounds of medical circumstances must be supported by the <u>Attending Physician's Statement</u>. This is the ONLY form of medical documentation acceptable in this course. A "doctor's note" is NOT sufficient.
- B. Missed meetings/tests on grounds of non-medical circumstances must be supported by appropriate documentation, i.e., death certificates, obituary notice, automobile accident reports, airline/train/bus tickets/receipt for emergency travel, etc.

### **Assignment Submission:**

Students are responsible for keeping a copy (electronic or photocopy) of all the submitted work and a proof of submission. Late work will lose 10% for the first day and 5% for any subsequent day (out of its total value) per working day late.

## IMPORTANT COURSE INFORMATION FOR STUDENTS

All students are expected to familiarize themselves with the following information:

- Senate Policy on Academic Honesty and the Academic Integrity Website
- Ethics Review Process for research involving human participants
- Course requirement accommodation for students with disabilities, including physical, medical, systemic, learning and psychiatric disabilities
- Religious Observance Accommodation
   Students, who because of religious commitment cannot meet academic obligations, are responsible for giving their instructor reasonable notice (not less than 14 days) of each conflict BEFORE THE TEST or DUE DATE.