

Research 'Thesis Courses' – 3.0 GPA

- **PSYC 450D1/D2:** 9 credits with seminar / by application / 2 semesters / Fall - Winter. **Based on:** competitive GPA
- **PSYC 494D1/D2:** 9 credits without seminar / by application / 2 semesters / any 2 consecutive semesters. **Based on:** if you have a supervisor
- **PSYC 395:** 6 credits without seminar / by application / 1 semesters / any semester. **Based on:** if you have a supervisor
- **PSYC 495:** 6 credits without seminar / by application / 1 semesters / any semester. **Based on:** if you have a supervisor & if you did 395

Research Methods Class

1) **PSYC 351**: Social Psychology

2) **PSYC 352**: Cognition

3) **PSYC 353**: Perception

- These classes are different from thesis classes and do follow a course structure (will have midterms)
- Offered in different semesters (Check Minerva!) & Register on Minerva
- Intensive but gives you a good understanding of the basics of hands on research in a more controlled environment
- I **strongly** recommend taking one class because it will help you understand if you want to do research

How to get into labs

- **Email! Email! Email!**

- Make sure to CC the lab manager or coordinator.
- How do I know who the lab manager is? You can go to a lab's website (just google it) and refer to the lab member's page.
- In your email, briefly introduce yourself and mention your year. In a concise manner, explain why you are interested in the research focus of that specific lab.
- I cannot stress this enough: **keep it short and sweet**, the longer your email, the less someone is going to want to read all of it.
- **Always attach your CV and unofficial transcript** – if you don't have a CV or are unsure about how to make one, visit the CAPS office in the brown building, they are super helpful.

How to CV

1. Volunteer at the XXX Lab of XXX

(Jan 2019 – Aug 2019)

- Why did you join that lab (research interest / skills)
- What was the aim of the project you worked on
- **Experimenter duties:** administering screening /tasks and various other questionnaires / heart rate collection TMS/ debriefing / TSST panellist. I also co-ordinated the recruitment and screening of participants / Admin duties
- Divide you CV into sections: research / student government / extracurricular / leadership / awards / jobs
- Goals:
 - 1) be concise in listing your experiences
 - 2) Make yourself sound *fabulous*

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- When you get an interview (congratulations!) make sure you read up on what the recent publications of that lab were and what the research focus of the current Masters and PhD student is.
- They are no longer assessing your academic skills, interviews are to gauge your interpersonal skills and compatibility. Be confident and knowledgeable about the lab.