



Psy. 403; Senior Seminar in Psychology
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- Aug. 28** **No class** (Opening Convocation)
Electronic copies of annotated bibliographies due.
- Sept. 4** Discussion of schedule. Meet at 7:00 in **Zabriskie 103**
Students will be assigned to thesis advisors.
- Week of Sept. 8** Further discussion of topics/options in separate group meetings with thesis advisors.
These may differ from regular class meeting time; check with your thesis advisor.
- Week of Sept. 15** Further discussion of topics/options, compilation of sources, preliminary title and
outline (check with your thesis advisor for meeting time).
- Week of Sept. 22** Separate group meetings or individual appointments; check with your thesis advisor.
Review of topics, sources, title, outline, and format. Begin preparation of first draft
of introduction. Submit title and outline, and preliminary bibliography (typed,
double-spaced). Bibliography should include at least ten primary source articles,
either in full or abstracts.
- Week of Sept. 29** Separate group meetings or individual appointments; check with your thesis advisor.
Submit *final* outline and introduction. Discussion of introduction, outline, and
general format. Work on draft *beyond* introduction.
- Oct. 6 - Nov. 21** Individual appointments. Drafts of chapters handed in on a weekly basis.
- Nov. 24** Submit *complete draft including references* to your thesis advisor.
- Week of Dec. 1** Individual appointments. Feedback on draft from thesis advisors.
- Dec. 4** Final class (7 p.m.). Discussion of comprehensive exam. Feedback on senior thesis
process.
- Dec. 8** **Poster Session** at 5:00
- Dec. 18** Submit *final, revised copy* of thesis to your advisor in his/her office. Submit second
final copy to library

Breakdown of final thesis grade

Topic and annotated bibliography (due Aug. 28)	10%
Attendance (group meetings and individual appointments)	10%
Title, outline, and bibliography	5%
Individual chapters completed	10%
Final thesis draft (70% content; 30% format)	40%
Poster Session (details to follow)	15%
Final copy of thesis, with revisions*	10%

*You are required to submit a second final copy of your thesis to Long Library at the end of the semester.

*****PLEASE NOTE******

Missed deadlines will result in reduced grades (see schedule of due dates on reverse side). For each day a particular segment of your thesis is late, or for each missed class or missed thesis appointment, your grade on that portion will be reduced. For example, an "A" on that portion becomes an "A-," an "A-" becomes a "B+," etc.

Your final thesis draft is due on Nov. 24. This is the document that will constitute 40% of your Psy. 403 grade as noted above. You will meet with your thesis advisor during the week of Dec. 1 to receive feedback, and your final, revised copy will be submitted during finals week, no later than Thursday, Dec. 18, at 10:00 p.m.. You will also submit a second final, revised copy to the library. **You will not receive a final grade for Psy. 403 unless the final, *revised* copy is submitted to your thesis advisor by December 18.**

Helpful Sources of Information:

Annotated bibliography information source:

<http://www.library.cornell.edu/olinuris/ref/research/skill28.htm#what>

Wells on-line research tutorial:

<http://www.wells.edu/library/tutorial.htm>