PSYC4068 Research Project in Cognitive Science

Course Synopsis/Description

This course comprises an independent research study in an area of cognitive science of the candidates’ choice, subject to availability of supervision. Students will read within an area of study, to be agreed with their instructor, and write an extended essay or research proposal. Assessment: 100% coursework.
Prerequisite: PSYC2066

Course Objectives

- Have students engage in individual exploration and learning within an area of Cognitive Science
- Require students to meet regularly and frequently with an instructor to discuss readings
- Students will write an extended report, such as a long essay or a research proposal
- Learning Outcomes
- Ability to read and explore within an area of Cognitive Science
- Ability to write an extended piece of work that addresses an issue in Cognitive Science in some depth

Lecture Topics

The course will involve individual instruction of the student by an instructor. Student and instructor will have weekly meetings to discuss readings.

Recommended Reading List

Readings will be determined by the instructor.

The Research Report

The research study can be from any area of cognitive science including linguistics, philosophy, computer science, as well as Psychology. The Program Director of Cognitive Science Major should sign off on whether the supervisor and topic are appropriate.

You may approach teaching staff in Linguistics, Philosophy, Computer Science and Psychology Department (in the area of cognitive psychology) for research supervision. You have to submit a Working Title Confirmation form [Form] within the first week of 2nd semester.

Data Collection and Research Ethics Application

A supervisor might suggest student to collect some data. If you are required to do so and your research area is in Psychology, you should submit a research ethics application to the Program Director of Cognitive Science Major before 15th February. Late submission will be penalized. Failure to submit an ethics application will lead to a failure in the course. Please see details of ethics application in Psychology web-page (http://www.psychology.hku.hk/~main/?page_id=1814).

Submission of Research Report

1. The research report should be submitted to the General Office of Psychology Department.
2. The deadline of submission is the last day of teaching in 2\textsuperscript{nd} semester.
3. All borrowed theses, project writing must be returned to the General Office of Psychology on the same day.
4. One hard copy and a softcopy (see guideline below) of your project should be submitted to the General Office of Psychology by the deadline. **Hard copy and softcopy of project will not be returned to students.**
5. No specific format is required for binding a project.
6. The penalty for late submission is one mark for one day except Saturday, Sunday and public holidays.