

DEPARTMENT OF PSYCHOLOGY

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PSY3000H RESEARCH PROJECT IN PSYCHOLOGY

Brief description of the proposed project:

How does this project differ from the student's main area of study?

How will this project experience benefit the student?

Student

Signature

Supervisor

Signature

Project Supervisor

Signature

Date: _____

Explanation of PSY3000H: All students in the first year of the Ph.D. program are required to enroll in the **Research Project Course (PSY 3000H)**. The idea of this course is to give you experience doing research with someone other than your major supervisor. Therefore, the research must be done under the supervision of a member of the graduate faculty **other than your thesis supervisor**. If the thesis supervisor does not have his/her primary appointment in the department, the project course must be taken under the direction of a member of the graduate faculty who does. Students changing supervisors or who have an M.A. from another university need not take this course but must replace it with a half credit course outside their area.

The "H" designation indicates that the course will normally be taken as a half-course spread out over the whole year. This pacing of the course seems more realistic than compressing it into one term. It is anticipated that the first term will be spent in planning, and the second term in execution. Remember that this course is only meant to give you experience working in a second lab. You are not expected to produce a second thesis. Supervisors have also been asked to remember that it is only a half-course and adjust their expectations accordingly.

Please keep in mind the following rules for this course:

1. You must choose a supervisor no later than the end of October.
2. Except under very unusual circumstances, the work is expected to involve the collection of data - library research is **not** acceptable for this course.
3. A **PSY3000H form** issued by the graduate office should be completed and signed by the student, project supervisor and the supervisor. The completed form should include a brief description of the proposed outside project and a statement on how this project is different from the student's main area of study as well as how this project experience will benefit the student.
4. You will be required to submit a written paper in the form of a manuscript that might be submitted for publication. That is, part of this exercise is to give you practice in manuscript preparation.
5. You will be graded on the basis of both the quality of the write-up and your intellectual contribution to the formulation and execution of the project.