PSY 405H1/406H1/405Y1/406Y1 – INDIVIDUAL PROJECTS

The Individual Projects course is an intensive laboratory or applied research project for students who wish training or exposure complementary to that provided for by the regular course offerings. This course is open to all Psychology students, as well as non-Psychology students. It is the student's responsibility to obtain the prior consent of a supervisor to closely observe and then to evaluate the project and to initiate all other necessary preparations before the session starts. ***Please note that your supervisor must be a full-time appointed undergraduate or cross-appointed faculty member or hold a status-only appointment within the Dept. of Psychology at the St. George Campus***. A list of eligible supervisors can be found on our website at https://psych.utoronto.ca/people. Please note that group projects will not be permitted.

If this is the first time you're enrolling in a project, the code will be **PSY 405H1** or **PSY 405Y1**. If you have already completed a PSY 405H1/Y1 and would like to do a second (separate) project, the code will be **PSY 406H1** or **PSY 406Y1**.

Length

The number of weekly hours to be spent on the project is negotiated with the project supervisor, but typically is in the range of 8-10 hours. Projects can be **half-courses** or **full courses (except in the summer months, where it is always a half-course)**. Half-courses may be completed in the first or second term (with the same number of hours of 8-10/week) **OR** may stretch all year long (i.e., PSY 405H1Y, in which case the weekly hour expectations would be adjusted accordingly, to about 4-5 hours). Projects can also be done during the summer months. If your project is to run over the course of the fall term only, you should be prepared to hand in your final assignment by mid-December. For projects that start in the fall but run until the spring or for those started in January, final assignments should be handed in to your supervisor by mid-April. Summer projects should be completed by mid-August.

Please accurately and realistically assess (with your supervisor) the time you will need to complete this project. Do not put an "F" if you can't finish the project by December (putting "Y" would be a better choice). Furthermore, do not start a project in January unless you are completely certain that you will finish it by April because you cannot start a "Y" in January. Summer courses are always listed as "Y" in length but "H" in weight (i.e., PSY 405H1Y). Whether your full-year project is worth an "H" or a "Y" is determined by the supervisor. To obtain the equivalent of a full course credit from your project (i.e., PSY 405**Y**1), it has to be academically demanding and time-intensive enough to warrant it. Please discuss this with your supervisor. If you are doing a year-long project but your supervisor doesn't feel that the amount of time/work you will be doing warrants a "Y", then you would enrol into an "H" (i.e., PSY 405**H**1**Y**). Again, half-course projects that run the whole year will average 4-5 hours per week where full course projects will average 8-10 hours.

Prerequisites

The prerequisites include **PSY 202H1 – Statistics II** (or its equivalent/exclusion) and appropriate background for the proposed work (i.e., a course in Development if doing a project in that area of Psychology). If you do not have PSY 202H1 or equivalent, you can still do an Individual Project as long as your supervisor is aware of it and is confident that the project will not require advanced statistical analysis.

Student's Experiential Duties/Marking Scheme and Application Form

The application form on the next page must be filled out by both student and supervisor, demonstrating that there will be adequate supervision and that the work will be academically demanding, of substantial magnitude, and uniquely suitable for the student. A significant written component is required of all 400-level courses in the Faculty of Arts & Science, therefore a final paper of approximately 8-10 pages minimum **must** be a part of the marking scheme. In addition, an oral presentation of your research **must** be included in the marking scheme. This presentation can be given at UofT Undergraduate events (e.g., Psychology Department's Undergraduate Research Symposium or the Arts & Science Undergraduate Research Forum) when feasible or can be delivered to the supervising lab group. Once the application form is signed by both student and supervisor, it is to be handed in or emailed to the Undergraduate Administrator who will add it to your list of academic activities on ACORN (students do not enrol themselves).

Application Form Due Date

Application forms are due by the end of the first week in September for a fall start, the start of the second week in January if you're starting in the winter. If you're registering for a summer project, please submit it by the beginning of the first week in May. ***Please make sure to keep a copy your application for your own records.*** Also make sure to check ACORN within two weeks of submitting your form to ensure that it has been added to your student record. If it does not appear on your timetable, please contact the Undergraduate Administrator at psy.undergrad@utoronto.ca. ***Please make sure you have enough space on your timetable to be added to this course BEFORE handing in the application.***

University of Toronto, Dept. of Psychology – St. George Campus Individual Project Application Form

Student Name: _____

First Name   Surname

Student Number: | | | | | | | | | Email: _____

Course Code: | P | S | Y | 4 | 0 | | 1 | | Session/Year: _____
(Fall, Fall/Winter, Winter, or Summer)

(Eg., PSY 405Y1Y or PSY 406H1F, etc.)

Supervisor's Name and Email Address: _____

Abbreviated Title of Project: (for transcript – no more than 70 characters in length, including spaces)

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Project Plan (In a few sentence, describe the planned research topic and approach):

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Marking Scheme/Student's Experimental Duties:

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Prerequisites: I confirm that I have completed *PSY 202H1 – Statistics II* (or equivalent). Yes___ No ___   If *NO*, supervisor's initials _____

Student's Statement: I agree to the terms of this project. I currently have enough space on my timetable for the department to enrol me in this course. *I acknowledge that the summer projects are only worth a half-credit (0.5 FCEs).*

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Signature   Date

Supervisor's Statement: I agree to the terms of this project and understand that it is my obligation as the supervisor to provide all resources necessary for its completion (including lab space, access to relevant subject populations, and equipment). *I also certify that the time limit given is a realistic estimation of the length of the project.*

_____   _____
Signature   Date

For Office Use:

Date Received: _____

Approved by Undergraduate Associate Chair: _____   Date: _____

Date Enrolled on ACORN: _____   Enrolled By: _____