

University of Detroit-Mercy  
Department of Psychology

**PYC 361-Social Psychology Lab**  
Fall 2004-Thursdays from 3:30 to 4:30  
Briggs-Room 36

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**Objective:** To design and conduct a research project, and to report the findings in a paper written in APA format.

### **Assignments**

Assignments are due on the assigned due date. No late assignments will be accepted.

Attendance:	75 points
Annotated Bibliographies:	150 points
Term Paper:	<u>200</u> points
Total:	425 points

### **Attendance**

Attendance is required for you to fully benefit from this unique learning opportunity. Not only is your presence important for your success, but for the success of your team members as well. Your team members are depending on your ideas, input, and help to make your team's research project a productive and enjoyable experience. It is for these reasons that your attendance will be part of your final grade.

### **Annotated Bibliographies**

An annotated bibliography is similar to a book review, except you will be reviewing articles that were published in scholarly journals. More details about this assignment will be given out during class.

### **Term Paper**

The main focus of this class will be on designing and conducting a research project. Each student team will replicate an existing research project, adapting it with consideration of available resources (time and money). Then each student will individually report on the research results in an APA style term paper.

### **Academic Honesty/Plagiarism**

pla·gia·rism n

1. Copying what somebody else has written or taking somebody else's idea and trying to pass it off as original.
2. Something copied from somebody else's work, or somebody else's idea that somebody presents as his or her own.

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Plagiarism is a very serious academic offense. Plagiarism occurs when you incorporate an idea, phrase, sentence, passage, or more taken from someone else's writing into your own work without properly quoting and referencing the author. Even copying from a fellow student is plagiarism. Plagiarism is essentially stealing and is punishable with anything from failure of the class to dismissal from the University of Detroit-Mercy. For more information, please see UDM's policy on academic honesty.

<b>Date</b>	<b>Topics/Assignments</b>
September 9	Introduction The Scientific Method
September 16	The Research Process Conducting a Research Project
September 23	Library Visit
September 28 (Tuesday)	Annotated Bibliographies Exam 1 Review
October 7	Research Project/Term Paper Discussion <b>1<sup>st</sup> Annotated Bibliography Due</b>
October 14	Research Project/Term Paper Discussion Data Collection & Statistics
October 21	<b>No Class-Data Collection Day</b>
October 28	Exam 2 Review <b>2<sup>nd</sup> Annotated Bibliography Due</b>
November 4 (2:00-3:15)	Writing an APA Style Paper <b>Research Project Data Due</b>
November 11	<b>No Class-Independent Study Day</b>
November 18 (200-3:15)	Writing an APA Style Paper Exam 3 Review <b>3<sup>rd</sup> Annotated Bibliography Due</b>
November 25	<b>No Class-Thanksgiving</b>
December 2	Last chance for term paper questions! <b>4<sup>th</sup> Annotated Bibliography Due</b>
December 9	<b>Term Paper Due during Dr. Zimmerman-Oster's class</b> Exam 4 Review
December 16	<b>No Class-Happy Holidays!</b>

\*Schedule is subject to change at the instructor's discretion. Any changes will be announced to students in a timely fashion.