PLAN

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OBJECTIVES OF THE THESIS

From the lectures in class to the lab:
• Learn to elaborate a research project in psychology

Preparation for graduate studies
• Information on graduate studies
• You are supervised by a researcher
• You present orally your project
• You present your results at a conference
• You write a thesis on your research activity

• https://socialsciences.uottawa.ca/psychology/programs
THE HONOURS WITHOUT A THESIS

• Why 2 options?
  • Better use of the School’s resources
  • Better match with the needs of the students

• The option without a thesis:
  • 2 more courses at the PSY 4000 level
WHICH ONE SHOULD I CHOOSE?

The option « without a thesis » may be for you if:
- You have no interest for research in psychology
- Your career choices do not involve research activities
- You do not wish to complete a post-graduate degree in psychology
- You do not have the required average (minimum 8.0)

The option « with a thesis » is for you if:
- Your career choice will require research skills
- You want to complete a post-graduate degree (most of Canadian Universities require experience in research)
- You meet all the requirements for admission
- Registration must be done in person

http://socialsciences.uottawa.ca/psychology/programs/honours-thesis
SOME ADVANTAGES OF THE THESIS

- Learn more about how to conduct a research project in psychology

- You will identify more clearly your research interests

- Presentation at conferences and submission of a paper for publication

- Your letter of references may more clearly reflect your skills and capacities
THE COORDINATION OF PSY 4276

- Services: consultation, information sessions on thesis, conflict management
- Special events: information sessions on Ethics, Scholarships, Graduate Studies, the Annual Honours Conference, the Annual Ontario Universities Conference
- Evaluation of papers
- Management of the course
EVENTS: SEPTEMBER TO DECEMBER

- Information sessions in September
  - Meet supervisors still available
  - Information session on scholarships (mid-September)
  - Meetings with the Program Directors (experimental and clinical)
  - Information session on ethics in research
  - Meeting with the graduate students

- Activity in October
  - Information session on progress report (mid-October)
  - Submission of a progress report and oral presentation (15 min) of your project (end of Oct.)
EVENTS: JANUARY TO APRIL

• Submission of a draft of Intro and Method sections (end of January)
• Submission of an abstract for the Honours conference (beginning of March)
• The Honours Thesis Conference: Oral presentation or poster presentation (end of March)
• Submission of your paper (early April)
• Review and evaluation of the paper (April and May)
• The Ontario Universities Honours Conference
• Final grades and the selection of the winners for the prizes
HOW TO FIND A SUPERVISOR

• Who are they?
  • Regular professors
  • Adjuncts professors
  • Clinical professors
  • Total: [approx. 65] – Professors on academic leave)
  • List available in June and updated in August

• How to choose a supervisor?
  • What are your own interests? (in more than one domain)
  • Identify supervisors that match your interests
  • Look for information on supervisors
  • Contact the supervisors to find out what they are working on and if you can work with them
WHEN SHOULD I LOOK FOR A SUPERVISOR?

- You can start your search for a supervisor at the beginning of May
- Official list of supervisors for 2019-2020 will be available in June 2019 (School of Psychology - Undergraduate office)
- [https://socialsciences.uottawa.ca/psychology/programs/honours-thesis](https://socialsciences.uottawa.ca/psychology/programs/honours-thesis)
THINGS YOU SHOULD CONSIDER

- The type of supervisor that suits you
  - What are you expecting?
  - Supervisor style: Autonomy supportive, structured,…
- Try to learn about the research laboratory
- Things to do
  - Clarify your expectations
  - Establish a structure and clear deadlines
  - Keep your supervisor informed
- When should the research begin?
TO DO LIST: AUGUST AND SEPTEMBER

- Choice of a supervisor
- Choice of a research topic
- Start the literature review
- Understanding of the theoretical framework and the hypotheses, the research method (design, measures, procedures and planification)
- Preparation of questionnaires, forms, ethics, recruitment etc.
This is the celebration of several months of work.

The 3 main activities:
- Morning: Oral presentations (4) and guest speaker
- Afternoon: Presentation of posters
- Wine and cheese

The activities are open to the public.

This year’s conference is on March 22 (FSS 4007)!
• Review and evaluation of your paper
  • Your supervisor proposes a grade
  • A reviewer proposes a grade
  • The coordinator examines both and determines the grade

• Two Prizes of $500
  • Best thesis in English- PSY4276
  • Meilleure thèse en français- PSY4676
  • Selected by a committee of professors
THE ONTARIO UNIVERSITIES HONORS THESIS CONFERENCE

- 1st Friday of May
- Location: Different university every year
- Participants: Honours Students
- Communication: English and French