Schedule of Classes and Assignments

Note:
- Homework is due for the class period after it is assigned
- Assignments are DUE on the day they appear.
- Readings are linked on the class web page called “Readings”
- UWP = Undergraduate Writing in Psychology: Learning to Tell the Scientific Story

What is Writing in Psychology?

Week 1
- Introductions: syllabus, texts, structure of course
  o Readings: prologue to “Writing Science”/ UWP: Ch 1, 7-13
- What is “Writing in Psychology”? The Synthesis Series Assignment
  o Readings: Chapter 1, “Writing Science”/ UWP: Ch 1, 14-19
  o Read: Synthesis Series Article #1
- Reading Science: Opportunistic reading – analyze synthesis article #1 in class
  o Read Synthesis Series article #2 (bring analysis to class on Monday)

Making Friends with the Primary Literature

Week 2
- Elements of an effective scientific writing style
  o Synthesis #1 DUE
  o Synthesis Series article #3 (bring analysis to class on Wednesday)
- Workshop – in class revision of #1 + option of revising #2 OR reading #3
  o Reading: Synthesizing Sources
- Analysis of #3, Synthesizing Sources
  o Synthesis #2 DUE
  o UWP: Ch 4, 73-78

Contributing to Science: The Research Project

Week 3
- Labor Day -- No Class
- The Synthesis Paper
  o Synthesis #3 DUE
  o UWP: Ch 2, 21-27
- The Research Report Assignment / Research Questions / Annotated Bibliography Assignment
  o RQ possibilities due on Monday
  o Synthesis Paper DUE
  o Reading: understanding electronic publication
  o UWP: Ch 2, 27-36

Week 4
- Finding Sources/Library Workshop, Part I
  o Need to identify your first article for annotating by Wednesday!
  o UWP: Ch 3, 37-41
- Finding Sources Workshop, Part II – Writing AB entry #1
- Writing the Introduction
  o AB entry #2 DUE (email, “psych AB 2”)
o UWP: Ch 5
o Readings: Types of Methods/Proposals

Week 5
- The Method Section / Institutional Review Board (IRB)
  o AB #3,4 DUE (email to instructor)
- Methods Workshop
  o AB #5 DUE (email to instructor)
- Methods Workshop
  o AB #6 DUE

Week 6
- Experimental Design – in class work time on instrument
  o Annotated Bibliography DUE
  o UWP Chp. 5
- Proposal Writing / Lit Reviews
  o Draft of method instrument due next class
- Peer Review Method Instrument I / Outline lit review
  o Prospective Methods DUE
  o Draft of method instrument to instructor, emailed, by 5:00 p.m.

Week 7
- Peer Review Literature Review
- Peer Review Method Instrument II
- Applying to Graduate School
  o Proposal DUE
  o Methods DUE
  o Begin collecting data

  **Interlude: Applying to Graduate School**

Week 8
- Grad School, Part II / Personal Statements
  o Keep Collecting Data!
- Personal Statements
  o Keep Collecting Data!
- No class -- Homecoming
  o Keep Collecting Data!

Week 9
- Resumes
- Due: Personal Statement for peer review
  o Keep Collecting Data!
- Due: Resume for peer review
  o Keep Collecting Data!

Week 10
- Writing a Cover Letter
  o Finish Collecting Data!
• Peer Review Resume and Cover Letter  
  o Finish Collecting Data!  
  o UWP: Ch 6, 105-114

• Writing the Methods Section  
  o **Graduate Application Portfolio DUE**  
  o Data collection DONE  
  o Ch 6, 114-118

Back to Creating Science

Week 11
• Writing the Results section
• Analysis of Results, Use of Figures, Tables
  o Peer Group Analysis of Data
    o Bring data + preliminary analysis to class
    o Begin drafting results section
• Writing the Introduction to a Research Report  
  o Methods draft DUE  
  o Note: Daylight Savings ends on Sunday, 2:00 a.m. – turn your clocks back and grab an extra hour’s sleep!

Week 12 (Vet’s day on Thursday)
• Peer Review Results section / A Dance of Swords: the Discussion section of a research report  
  o UWP: Ch 6, 118-123
• Getting speculation out of your system / Writing the Introduction  
  o Results Section DUE
• Time off for good behavior

Week 13
• Drafting the Discussion section  
  o **Draft of Introduction DUE**
• Discussion due for Peer Review
• Writing a good abstract – draft in class  
  o Discussion section draft DUE

Science Fairs for Grown Ups: The Poster Presentation

Week 14
• Putting it all together  
  o Read course package on poster presentations--check out links.
  o UWP: Ch 7
• ****No class W/F for Thanksgiving****

Week 15
• Poster Presentations  
  o If you have drafts of research report that you would like “pre-reviewed”, email to instructor!
• Poster Presentations in-class work / Class Evaluations
• Poster Presentations in -class work
Week 16

- Poster session #1
  - Research Report DUE
  - All Revisions DUE
- Poster session #2