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
  ○ Readings: prologue to “Writing Science”/ UWP: Ch 1, 7-13

What is “Writing in Psychology”? The Synthesis Series Assignment
  ○ Read: Chapter 1, “Writing Science”/ UWP: Ch 1, 14-19
  ○ Read: Synthesis Series Article #1

Making Friends with the Primary Literature

Week 2
Reading Science: Opportunistic reading – analyze synthesis article #1 in class
  ○ Synthesis Series article #2 (bring analysis to class on Wednesday)

Analysis of article #2
  ○ Reading: Synthesizing Sources
  ○ Synthesis Summary #1 DUE

Analysis of article #3,
  ○ UWP: Ch 4, 73-78
  ○ Read: Synthesis Series Article #3

Contributing to Science: The Research Project

Week 3
Labor Day -- No Class

Synthesizing Sources
  ○ Synthesis Summary #2 DUE
  ○ UWP: Ch 2, 21-27

The Synthesis Paper
  ● Synthesis Summary #3 DUE
− Reading: understanding electronic publication
− UWP: Ch 2, 27-36

Week 4
The Research Report Assignment
− Synthesis Paper DUE
  ● UWP: Ch 3, 37-41

The Research Report Assignment  Finding Sources/Library Workshop, Part I –
− Must have at least one article with you for class on Friday!

Library Workshop, Part II

− UWP: Ch 5
− Readings: Types of Methods/Proposals

Week 5
Annotated Bibliography
− AB entry #1 DUE (upload to Sakai)

Methods Workshop
− AB #2 DUE

Methods Workshop
− AB #3 DUE

Week 6
Experimental Design – in class work time on instrument
− AB #4,5 DUE
− UWP Chp. 5

Proposal Writing / Lit Reviews
Outline lit review
− Annotated Bibliography DUE

Week 7
Peer Review Methods
− Draft of method instrument to instructor, emailed, by 5:00 p.m.

Peer Review Literature Review

Methods Review, round 2
− Methods DUE
− Begin collecting data once you’ve received “okay” from instructor

Interlude: Applying to Graduate School
**Week 8**
Applying to Graduate School

Grad School, Part II / Personal Statements
- Keep Collecting Data!

Personal Statements
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**Week 9 -- 10/15-10/19**
Résumés
- Proposal DUE
- Keep Collecting Data!

Out of class work day
- Keep Collecting Data!

Personal Statements/Résumés for peer review
- Keep Collecting Data!

**Week 10 -- 10/22-10/26**
Writing a Cover Letter
- Finish Collecting Data!

Peer Review Cover Letter
- Finish Collecting Data!
- UWP: Ch 6, 105-114

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

Back to Creating Science

**Week 11 -- 10/29-11/02**
Writing the Results section

Analysis of Results, Use of Figures, Tables / Peer Group Analysis of Data
- Bring data + preliminary analysis to class
- Begin drafting results section
Writing the Introduction to a Research Report

- Methods draft DUE
- Note: Daylight Savings ends on Sunday, 2:00 a.m. – turn your clocks back and grab an extra hour’s sleep!

**Week 12 -- 11/05-11/09**

Peer Review Results section / A Dance of Swords: the Discussion section of a research report

- UWP: Ch 6, 118-123

Getting speculation out of your system

- Results Section DUE

**Time off for good behavior or because it’s Homecoming:-)**

**Week 13 -- 11/12 - 11/16**

No class -- Veteran’s Day (enjoy all the extra sleep!)

Drafting the Discussion section

- Draft of Introduction DUE

Science Fairs for Grown Ups: The Poster Presentation

**Week 14 -- 11/19 - 11/23**

Putting it all together / Writing a good abstract – draft in class

- Read course package on poster presentations--check out links.
- UWP: Ch 7

****No class W/F for Thanksgiving****

**Week 15 -- 11/26-11/30**

Poster Presentations

- If you have drafts of research report that you would like “pre-reviewed”, email to instructor!
- Draft of Discussion section DUE

Poster Presentations in-class work

**Required Poster Presentation Conference** -- **November 29th, 6:15-9:00**

- Posters are presented in groups according to time slots
- If you cannot make any of the time slots, be prepared to present your poster in class on Friday -- NOTE: the evening poster session is not optional! Class make-up for real conflicts only.

**Week 16 -- 12/03-12/05**
Class Evaluations

- Research Report DUE
- All Revisions DUE