

## DIRECTED INDIVIDUAL RESEARCH – PSYCHOLOGY 199

<b>Deadline to submit completed Contract to the Psych Advising Office</b>	<b>Friday of Week 1</b>
<b>Check MyUCLA Study List to make sure you are properly enrolled</b>	<b>Thursday of Week 2</b>
<b>Last day to submit the final research paper to your Faculty Sponsor</b>	<b>Friday of Finals Week</b>

### Description:

Psychology 199 is a special studies course created to offer self-initiating students the opportunity to design and conduct their own independent research. This is done under the direction of a sponsor who **must be a regular faculty member in the Psychology Department**. For the list of Psychology Faculty members, go to [www.psych.ucla.edu/Faculty](http://www.psych.ucla.edu/Faculty). Throughout the quarter, students enrolled in Psych 199 work closely with a faculty sponsor who guides them through the various phases of the students' research. At the end of the quarter, **students must submit a final version of their research paper to their faculty sponsor.**

**Psych 199 is not intended as a Research Assistant position in which a student simply aids professors or graduate students in their research. Students interested in working as Research Assistants should enroll in Psych 196A instead.**

### Course Guidelines:

- Junior or Senior standing is required. Juniors must have a minimum GPA of 3.00 in the major.
- Psychology, Psychobiology, or Cognitive Science major standing.
- Pre-major students may enroll provided that Psych 100B (Research Methods in Psychology) has been completed before enrolling in Psych 199.
- Students from other departments may enroll only with consent of the Psych Dept. Non-majors must submit a petition along with their Psych 199 Contract indicating their prior research experience through course work or individual research experience.

### Regulations Concerning Psych 199:

- This is NOT a variable-unit course: Psych 199A is a 4-unit P/NP course & Psych 199B is a 4-unit Letter Grade course.
- Only one Psych 199 course may be taken per term, and only 16 units of Psych 199 may be applied toward the degree.
- **Only one Psych 199B course may ever be taken for a letter grade.** Additional Psych 199 enrollment must be in Psych 199A (P/NP basis) only.
- Student must do all the work in the same quarter that the 199 class is taken for credit. Student will not receive credit for work done in a different quarter than when the 199 class is taken.
- **Psychology major:** One Psych 199B (Letter Grade) can satisfy one upper division elective requirement for the Psychology major.
- **Psychobiology:** Psych 199 does NOT satisfy any requirement for the Psychobiology major.
- **Cognitive Science:** Psych 199A or 199B can be used towards the research requirement for the Cognitive Science major, provided the Vice Chair has approved the research topic and final paper.

### ENROLLMENT:

- Once you have your own research project in mind, you must obtain a Faculty Sponsor who is a regular faculty member in the Psychology Dept. A list of Faculty members is available on [www.psych.ucla.edu/Faculty](http://www.psych.ucla.edu/Faculty).
- Log on to your MyUCLA and click on CONTRACT COURSES on left menu bar to create your contract.
- Take the contract to the Professor for approval of your research project and to get their signature.
- You do NOT need the Department Chair's signature.
- Once you have the completed contract with the Professor's signature, submit it to the Psych Advising Office in 2812 Life Sciences. **The deadline to submit the contract to the Psych Advising Office is Friday of Week 1.**
- Visit your College Counseling Unit if you need approval to take more than 5 P/NP units or are planning to exceed 19 units for the quarter.
- The last step is to check your MyUCLA Study List on Thursday of Week 2 to make sure you are properly enrolled with the correct Professor. The deadline to make changes to your Study List without a late fee is Friday of Week 2.

### Student and Faculty Sponsor's Responsibilities:

The faculty sponsor will specify the work that will be involved for credit and the date the final version of the research paper should be submitted to him or her. The faculty sponsor will receive a grade roster at the end of the quarter and assign the final grade.

## PSYCHOLOGY 199 - FACULTY SPONSOR STATEMENT

**THIS SUPPLEMENTAL FORM MUST BE SUBMITTED ALONG WITH YOUR PSYCH 199 CONTRACT TO THE PSYCH ADVISING OFFICE, 2812 Life Sciences, BY FRIDAY OF WEEK 1.**

\_\_\_\_\_  
**Student's Name**

\_\_\_\_\_  
**Student ID #**

**Psychology 199** is an Independent Research course created to offer self-initiating students the opportunity to conduct individual and independent research under the direction of a faculty member in the Psychology Department. The purpose of a 199 course is to provide students with the opportunity to design and carry out their own program of study and research. Throughout the quarter, the faculty member should work closely with the student and guide the student through the various phases of the student's research. At the end of the quarter, the student must submit a final version of their research paper to the faculty sponsor.

Psych 199 is not intended to be a Research Assistantship position. If your student is interested in working as a Research Assistant (aiding you or your graduate students in their research), please direct them to enroll in Psych 196A (Research Assistantship in Psychology) instead.

- The Psych 199 faculty sponsor must be a regular faculty member in the Psychology Department.
- The student must have Psychology, Psychobiology, or Cognitive Science major standing.
- The Psych 199 project must be individual research. This is not intended to be a research assistantship.
- Students from other departments may enroll only with departmental consent based on their prior research experience and coursework.

\_\_\_\_\_  
**Faculty Sponsor's Signature\***

\_\_\_\_\_  
**Date**

\*I acknowledge that I have read and will adhere to all directions and regulations listed in the course information and learning contract.