
PSYC 411 -01	Design and Analysis in Psychological Research	Winter 2018
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Course Description

Experimental design problems and techniques for analysis of psychological data.

Course Learning Outcomes

The Department of Psychology is committed to student knowledge and skill development. The table below lists the key learning outcomes for this course, the program-learning outcomes they facilitate (see psyc.ucalgary.ca/undergraduate/program-learning-outcomes), and the expected level of achievement.

Course Learning Outcomes	Assessment Methods	PLO(s)	Level(s)
Critically evaluate statistical analyses and understand the advantages and limitations associated with each	Exam; lab assignments	2, 3, 7	A
Accurately determine which statistical analysis is appropriate based on a study's research question and methodology and draw appropriate conclusions based on the results of a statistical analysis	Exam; lab assignments	4	A
Conduct statistical calculations by hand and using statistical software and collect, organize, and manipulate data using statistical software	Exam; lab assignments	3	A
Draw appropriate inferences from obtained findings	Lab assignments	2, 3	A
Communicate research findings effectively through written reports in APA format	Lab assignments	4, 5	A
Locate, interpret, evaluate, and communicate psychological information and findings	Exam; lab assignments	2, 5	A
Write all elements of a laboratory report in APA format	Lab assignments	4, 5	A

Notes. PLOs = Program-Learning Outcomes: 1 = demonstrate knowledge of psychological sciences, 2 = think critically and solve problems, 3 = conduct research and analyze data, 4 = communicate effectively, 5 = demonstrate information literacy, 6 = understand and implement ethical principles, 7 = apply psychological knowledge and skills. Level of PLO achievement facilitated by this course: I = introductory, C = competency, A = advanced.

Prerequisites

PSYC 200 – Principles of Psychology I

PSYC 201 – Principles of Psychology II

PSYC 312 – Experimental Design and Quantitative Methods for Psychology

Required Text

No required text. Supplementary readings will be made available by the professor for when applicable.

Evaluation

Course Component	Weighting	Date
Midterm Exam #1	25%	February 9, 2018
Midterm Exam #2	25%	March 16, 2018
Final Exam	30%	To be scheduled by registrar
Laboratory	20%	Seven assignments will be due throughout the term. See the lab schedule below for descriptions.

Exams (80% of final grade):

Exams will consist of both short answer and computation questions, with the considerable emphasis on short answer questions. The first midterm (**Feb 9**) will cover the material up to and including the end of multiple regression. The second midterm (**March 16**) will cover material from hierarchical regression to planned comparisons. The final exam (to be scheduled by the registrar) **will be cumulative**.

The use of calculators is permitted for computational questions on the exams. However, you will be graded on your work. Accordingly, **if you fail to show your work, you will receive a 0 for the question (i.e., for the computation component of the question) even if the final answer is correct.**

The use of computers or any other technology is NOT permitted for exams in this course. Exam answers must be written in the exam booklets provided during the exam.

No study aids will be permitted during exams for this course, apart from those that may be provided by the instructor during the exam.

Laboratory (20%):

Lab assignments must be handed in at the beginning of the lab on which the due date falls (see the lab Schedule below). Under exceptional conditions (e.g., illness), other arrangements may be made at the discretion of the Teaching Assistant. Late lab assignments will receive a penalty of 10% per day (including weekends) late up to a maximum of 7 days late at which point the assignment will receive a grade of 0.

Lab assignments submitted electronically will NOT be accepted.

Assignment	Value
Lab 1: Survey Completion / Data Entry	2%
Lab 2: Linear Regression	3%
Lab 3: Multiple Regression	3%
Lab 4: Hierarchical Regression	3%
Lab 5: ANOVA	3%
Lab 6: Mixed Model Regression	3%
Lab 7: MANOVA / DFA	3%

Assignments will include hand calculations, short-answer questions and interpretation of output (which will include the writing of a results section for each analysis).

NOTE: it is expected that you will complete all components of the course. If you miss an exam without medical documentation, you will receive a score of 0 for that exam. Late assignments will be deducted 10% per day (including weekends), up to a maximum of 70% (7 days), at which point, late assignments will no longer be accepted.

Students must achieve a passing grade in both the class and the lab components to pass this course.

Department of Psychology Criteria for Letter Grades

Psychology professors use the following criteria when assigning letter grades:

A+ grade: *Exceptional Performance*. An A+ grade indicates near perfect performance on multiple choice and short answer exams. For research papers/essays/course projects/presentations, an A+ grade is awarded for exceptional work deserving of special recognition and is therefore not a common grade.

A, A- Range: *Excellent Performance*. Superior understanding of course material. Written work is very strong in terms of critical and original thinking, content, organization, and the expression of ideas, and demonstrates student's thorough knowledge of subject matter.

B Range: *Good Performance*. Above average understanding of course material. Written work shows evidence of critical thinking and attention to organization and editing but could be improved in form and/or content.

C Range: *Satisfactory Performance*. Adequate understanding of course material. Knowledge of basic concepts and terminology is demonstrated. Written work is satisfactory and meets essential requirements but could be improved significantly in form and content. Note: All prerequisites for courses offered by the Faculty of Arts must be met with a minimum grade of C-.

D range: *Marginally meets standards*. Minimal understanding of subject matter. Written work is marginally acceptable and meets basic requirements but requires substantial improvements in form and content. Student has not mastered course material at a level sufficient for advancement into more senior courses in the same or related subjects.

F grade: *Course standards not met.* Inadequate understanding of subject matter. Written work does not meet basic requirements. Student has not demonstrated knowledge of course material at a level sufficient for course credit.

Grading Scale

A+	96-100%	B+	80-84%	C+	67-71%	D+	54-58%
A	90-95%	B	76-79%	C	63-66%	D	50-53%
A-	85-89%	B-	72-75%	C-	59-62%	F	0-49%

As stated in the University Calendar, it is at the instructor's discretion to round off either upward or downward to determine a final grade when the average of term work and final examinations is between two letter grades.

In this course there will be **no rounding up of final grades**, especially in light of the opportunities students have to increase their final grade via research participation.

Tentative Lecture and Lab Schedule

Date	Topic/Activity/Readings/Due Date	Lab Topic	Assignments and Due Dates
M Jan 08	Winter Term Lectures begin. Introduction to PSYC 411 and the General Linear Model (GLM)		
W Jan 10	Intro to the GLM continued	NO LAB	
F Jan 12	Foundations of the GLM		
M Jan 15	Foundations of the GLM continued		
W Jan 17	Foundations of the GLM continued	Introduction to 411 Lab and SPSS	Receive assignment 1 – Survey Completion and Data Entry (Due in lab)
F Jan 19	Foundations of the GLM continued Last day to drop Winter Term half-courses.		
M Jan 22	Linear Regression Last day to add or swap Winter Term half courses. Last day for change of registration from audit to credit or credit to audit.		
W Jan 24	Linear Regression continued	Linear Regression	Receive Assignment 2 – Linear Regression
F Jan	Linear Regression continued		

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M Jan 29	Linear Regression continued		
W Jan 31	Multiple Regression	Multiple Regression	Receive Assignment 3 – Multiple Regression
F Feb 2	Multiple Regression		<i>Assignment 2 Due</i>
M Feb 5	Multiple Regression		
W Feb 7	Multiple Regression	NO LAB	
F Feb 9	Midterm 1 From Intro to the GLM to Multiple Regression	NO LAB	
M Feb 12	Hierarchical Regression / Polynomial Regression		
W Feb 14	Hierarchical Regression / Polynomial Regression	Hierarchical Regression	Receive Assignment 4 – Hierarchical Regression
F Feb 16	Hierarchical Regression / Polynomial Regression		<i>Assignment 3 Due</i>
Feb 18-25	Reading Week. No lectures. University open (except Family Day).	NO LAB	
M Feb 19	Alberta Family Day, University closed (except Taylor Family Digital Library, Law, Medical, Gallagher and Business Libraries). No lectures.	NO LAB	
M Feb 26	ANOVA		
W Feb 28	ANOVA	ANOVA	Receive Assignment 5 – ANOVA
F Mar 2	ANOVA		<i>Assignment 4 Due</i>
M Mar 5	ANOVA		
W Mar 7	Planned Comparisons	Midterm 2 Review	Assignment 5 Due
F Mar 9	Planned Comparisons		
M Mar	Planned Comparisons		

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W Mar 14	Midterm 2 Review	NO LAB	
F Mar 16	Midterm 2 From Hierarchical regression to Planned Comparisons		
M Mar 19	Mixed Model Regression		
W Mar 21	Mixed Model Regression	Mixed Model Regression	Receive Assignment 6 - MMR
F Mar 23	Mixed Model Regression		
M Mar 26	Mixed Model Regression		
W Mar 28	ANCOVA	MANOVA / DFA	Receive Assignment 7 – MANOVA
F Mar 30	Good Friday. University Closed		Assignment 6 Due
M Apr 2	ANCOVA		
W Apr 4	ANCOVA	Final Exam Review	Assignment 7 Due - MANOVA
F Apr 6	MANOVA and DFA		
M Apr 9	MANOVA and DFA		
W Apr 11	MANOVA and DFA	No Lab	
F Apr 13	Winter Term Lectures End. Last day to withdraw from full courses and Winter Term half courses.		
Apr 16-26	Winter Term Final Examinations.		

Reappraisal of Grades

A student who feels that a piece of graded term work (e.g., term paper, essay, test) has been unfairly graded, may have the work re-graded as follows. The student shall discuss the work with the instructor within 15 days of being notified about the mark or of the item's return to the class; no reappraisal of term work is permitted after the 15 days. If not satisfied, the student shall immediately take the matter to the Head of the department offering the course, who will arrange for a reassessment of the work within the next 15 days. The reappraisal of term work may cause the grade to be raised, lowered, or to remain the same. If the student is not satisfied with the decision and wishes to appeal, the student shall address a letter of appeal to the Dean of the faculty offering the course within 15 days of the unfavourable decision. In the letter, the student must clearly and fully state the decision being appealed, the grounds for appeal, and the remedies being sought, along with any special circumstances that warrant an appeal of the reappraisal. The student should include as much written documentation as possible.

Plagiarism and Other Academic Misconduct

Intellectual honesty is the cornerstone of the development and acquisition of knowledge and requires that the contribution of others be acknowledged. Consequently, plagiarism or cheating on any assignment is regarded as an extremely serious academic offense. Plagiarism involves submitting or presenting work in a course as if it were the student's own work done expressly for that particular course when, in fact, it is not. Students should examine sections of the University Calendar that present a Statement of Intellectual honesty and definitions and penalties associated with Plagiarism/Cheating/Other Academic Misconduct.

Academic Accommodations

The student accommodation policy can be found at: ucalgary.ca/access/accommodations/policy. Students needing an Accommodation because of a Disability or medical condition should communicate this need to Student Accessibility Services in accordance with the Procedure for Accommodations for Students with Disabilities ucalgary.ca/policies/files/policies/student-accommodation-policy. Students needing an Accommodation based on a Protected Ground other than Disability, should communicate this need, preferably in writing, to the instructor.

Absence From A Test/Exam

Makeup tests/exams are **NOT** an option without an official University medical excuse (see the University Calendar). A completed Physician/Counselor Statement will be required to confirm absence from a test/exam for health reasons; the student will be required to pay any cost associated with this Statement. Students who miss a test/exam have up to 48 hours to contact the instructor and to schedule a makeup test/exam. Students who do not schedule a makeup test/exam with the instructor within this 48-hour period forfeit the right to a makeup test/exam. At the instructor's discretion, a makeup test/exam may differ significantly (in form and/or content) from a regularly scheduled test/exam. Except in extenuating circumstances (documented by an official University medical excuse), a makeup test/exam must be written within 2 weeks of the missed test/exam during exam make-up hours provided by the department <http://psychology.ucalgary.ca/undergraduate/exam-and-course->

[information#mues](#). If a student cannot write their final exam on the date assigned by the Registrar's Office, they need to apply for a deferred exam http://www.ucalgary.ca/registrar/exams/deferred_final. Under no circumstances will this be accommodated by the department.

Travel During Exams

Consistent with University regulations, students are expected to be available to write scheduled exams at any time during the official December and April examination periods. Requests to write a make-up exam because of conflicting travel plans (e.g., flight bookings) will NOT be considered by the department. Students are advised to wait until the final examination schedule is posted before making any travel arrangements. **If a student cannot write their final exam on the date assigned by the Registrar's Office, they need to apply for a deferred exam http://www.ucalgary.ca/registrar/exams/deferred_final. Students with an exceptional extenuating circumstance (e.g., a family emergency) should contact the Department of Psychology (psyugrd@ucalgary.ca).**

Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy (FOIP) Act

The FOIP legislation disallows the practice of having student's retrieve tests and assignments from a public place. Therefore, tests and assignments may be returned to students during class/lab, or during office hours, or will be made available only for viewing during exam review sessions scheduled by the Department. Tests and assignments will be shredded after one year. Instructors should take care to not link students' names with their grades, UCIDs, or other FOIP-sensitive information.

Acknowledgments and Respect for Diversity

Our classrooms view diversity of identity as a strength and resource. Your experiences and different perspectives are encouraged and add to a rich learning environment that fosters critical thought through respectful discussion and inclusion. The Department of Psychology would also like to acknowledge the traditional territories of the people of the Treaty 7 region in southern Alberta. The City of Calgary is also home to Métis Nation of Alberta, Region III.

Wellness and Mental Health Resources

The University of Calgary recognizes the pivotal role that student mental health plays in physical health, social connectedness and academic success, and aspires to create a caring and supportive campus community where individuals can freely talk about mental health and receive supports when needed. We encourage you to explore the excellent mental health resources available throughout the university community, such as counselling, self-help resources, peer support or skills-building available through the SU Wellness Centre (Room 370, MacEwan Student Centre, <https://www.ucalgary.ca/wellnesscentre/services/mental-health-services>) and the Campus Mental Health Strategy website (<http://www.ucalgary.ca/mentalhealth/>).

Course Credits for Research Participation (Max 2% of final grade)

Students in most psychology courses are eligible to participate in Departmentally-approved research and earn credits toward their final grades. A maximum of two credits (2%) per course, including this course, may be applied to an individual's final grade. **To get 2%** added to the final grade in a full-year course, like this one, you have to acquire **a total of 4 bonus credits** towards the course. These credits may be acquired in the Fall and/or the Winter Session. The demand for timeslots may exceed the supply in a given term. Thus, students are not guaranteed that there will be enough studies available to them to meet their credit requirements. Students should seek studies early in the term and should frequently check for open timeslots. Students can create an account and participate in Departmentally-approved research studies at <http://ucalgary.sona-systems.com>. The last day to participate in studies and to assign or reassign earned credits to courses is **Apr 13th, 2018**.

Evacuation Assembly Point

In case of an emergency evacuation during class, students must gather at the designated assembly point nearest to the classroom. The list of assembly points is found at <http://www.ucalgary.ca/emergencyplan/assemblypoints>. Please check this website and note the nearest assembly point for this course.

Student Organizations

Psychology students may wish to join the Psychology Undergraduate Students' Association (PSYCHS). They are located in Administration 130 and may be contacted at 403-220-5567.

Student Union VP Academic: Phone: 403-220-3911 suvpaca@ucalgary.ca

Student Union Faculty Rep.: arts1@su.ucalgary.ca

Student Ombudsman's Office

The Office of the Student Ombudsmen provides independent, impartial and confidential support for students who require assistance and advice in addressing issues and concerns related to their academic careers. The office can be reached at 403-220-6420 or ombuds@ucalgary.ca (<http://www.ucalgary.ca/provost/students/ombuds>)

Safewalk

The safewalk program provides volunteers to walk students safely to their destination anywhere on campus. This service is free and available 24 hrs/day, 365 days a year. Call 403-220-5333.

Important Dates

The last day to drop this course with no "W" notation and **still receive a tuition fee refund** is **January 19, 2018**. Last day for registration/change of registration is **January 22, 2018**. The last day to withdraw from this course is **April 13, 2018**.