

Empirical Research Manuscript (PSYC 699M)

PREREQUISITE: Advancement to Candidacy for M.A. in Psychology, option in Psychological Science

Units: 1.0 – 6.0 (may be repeated up to a cumulative maximum of 6.0 units)

Days & times: TBA with supervising faculty

Required text:

American Psychological Association (2010). *Publication manual of the American Psychological Association* (6th ed.), Washington, D.C.: Author.

Grading: CR/NC Culminating activity grading

This course provides supervision and guidance by a faculty member (your committee chair) in the conduct of an empirical study in psychology, and the writing of a professional report (*Empirical Research Manuscript, or ERM*). Your topic, research question, proposed methods, and other details should have been developed prior to beginning PSYC 699M, with the assistance and consent of your faculty committee chair and committee member. Typically, your committee has approved a written research proposal that will serve as the design for your empirical study. Your study should represent original empirical research proposed, designed, conducted, analyzed, and written by you, with assistance and feedback from your faculty committee. You will register for PSYC 699M only with your **faculty chair**.

Your PSYC 699M manuscript (*ERM*) should conform to APA style and be written to the requirements for submission (e.g., content, length, references) to a specific professional journal, designated when you begin your research study. Only high-quality peer-reviewed journals can be designated, such as those published by APS, APA, SfN, or others of similar quality. If an appropriate journal for the empirical study does not use APA style (e.g., SfN for Neuroscience studies), then the style required by the designated journal should be used. Your finished PSYC 699M manuscript (*ERM*) should be appropriate for submission to the designated journal, though submission to the journal for publication is not required.

When your study is complete, you will present your findings at a Psychological Science research colloquium. Attendance will be open to all interested faculty, staff, and students. Your faculty committee will attend this presentation and their evaluation will constitute your oral examination requirement.

Schedule of Required Activities

Completion of all activities and preparation of ERM typically occurs over more than 1 semester

1. Faculty committee must approve of proposed research study before continuing
2. Secure IRB (HSRC) approval
3. Identify suitable empirical psychology journal for *ERM*
4. Determine length, focus, desired number of references, and other specifications from the designated journal's *Submission Instructions for Authors*
5. Begin *ERM* (e.g., title page, introduction, reference list) using APA format or style required by designated journal
6. Prepare necessary materials for *ERM* study
7. Conduct study (collect data)
8. Prepare data file for analysis
9. Analyze data
10. Complete *ERM* report of research study using APA style or style required by designated journal
11. Submit *ERM* for faculty feedback
12. Obtain faculty approval of *ERM*
13. Schedule colloquium presentation for oral examination requirement