

PALOMAR COLLEGE
COURSE OUTLINE OF RECORD FOR
DEGREE CREDIT COURSE

Transfer course A.A. degree applicable course
(check all that apply)

COURSE NUMBER AND TITLE: Psychology 296
Special Problems in Psychology

UNIT VALUE: 1, 2, or 3

MINIMUM NUMBER OF SEMESTER HOURS: 16, 32, or 48

BASIC SKILLS REQUIREMENTS: Appropriate language skills

ENTRANCE REQUIREMENTS

PREREQUISITE: None

COREQUISITE: None

RECOMMENDED PREPARATION: None

SCOPE OF COURSE:

One, two, or three hours lecture (1,2,3)

An individualized or group project in psychology of any nature approved by, and under the personal supervision of, the instructor. May be taken four times.

SPECIFIC COURSE OBJECTIVES:

Students will:

1. Develop competence about, and critically thinking skills relating to, scientific research methods.
2. Design and conduct an independent study which poses an original problem, identifies appropriate methods for information-gathering, competently identifies existing information, and competently summarizes the findings of their analysis.
3. Use the basic principles of library research.

CONTENT IN TERMS OF SPECIFIC BODY OF KNOWLEDGE:

Content of the study will vary, depending on the student's research topic. Each special study project will pose a hypothesis to be examined that will be approved by the supervising instructor.

REQUIRED READING:

100-150 pages for 1 unit of credit
200-300 pages for 2 units of credit
300 pages or more for 3 units of credit

SUGGESTED READING:

Readings for a specific topic may be recommended by the supervising instructor.

REQUIRED WRITING:

Required writing will vary according to the topic selected, but must include a written summary posing the hypothesis, summarizing the findings, and analyzing its implications. This report will be from 10-15 pages.

OUTSIDE ASSIGNMENTS:

Students are expected to spend a minimum of three hours per unit per week in class and on outside assignments, prorated for short-term classes.

Students will provide a summary sheet indicating their time allotments to the project.

INSTRUCTIONAL METHODOLOGY:

Check all that apply:

- lecture
- laboratory
- lecture-laboratory combination
- directed study

DISTANCE LEARNING:

This course may be offered as a distance learning course and meets Title 5 regulations 55370, 55372, 55374, 55376, 55378, and 55380.

Yes _____ No

If yes, check all that apply.

- Television Course (Video one-way, e.g. ITV, video cassette, etc.)
- Online Course (Text one-way, e.g. newspaper, correspondence, electronic file, etc.)
- Two-Way Video Conferencing (Two-way interactive video and audio)
- One-Way Video Conferencing (One-way interactive video and two-way interactive audio)
- Computer Assisted Instruction (A specialized form of mediated instruction relying primarily on student access to information and prepared lessons or teaching materials through a computer terminal, but not under immediate supervision of a qualified instructor.)

GRADING POLICY AND STANDARDS (include methods of determining whether the stated objectives have been met by students):

The student and the supervising instructor will establish grading standards for the project which specify how the stated objectives will be met by the student when the project plan is approved.

These grading standards will be specified as part of the project plan approval.

IS COURSE REPEATABLE FOR REASON(S) OTHER THAN DEFICIENT GRADE?

Yes No Number of times course may be taken for credit: 4

If yes, identify specific provision of Title 5 Division 2 section(s), 55761-55763 and 58161 which qualifies course as repeatable:

5816 (c) (2) (a)

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SIGNATURES:

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