

PSCH 303 *Spring, 2008*

"Writing in the Discipline" (Psychology)

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SYLLABUS

Be sure to read the statement about Plagiarism at the bottom of this syllabus

Assignment 1: Write a business letter submitting a manuscript (of the article you will write for Assignments 2 and 3) for submission to a journal.

Draft due **February 1** (2 points)

Final version due **February 15** (6 points)

Assignment 2: Write the Methods section of a journal article. Details to include will be explained in lecture and posted on the 303 site and on BlackBoard.

Draft due **February 29** (10 points)

Final version due **March 21** (20 points)

Assignment 3: Write the balance of the journal article. Details of the data to include in RESULTS, and some background literature, are posted on the 303 site and on BlackBoard and will be expounded upon in lecture. The METHODS section written as the previous assignment should be included, although it will not contribute to this grade.

Draft due **April 27** (19 points)

(includes the already complete *Methods* section, and a fixed-up *Results* section)

Will be returned to students in lecture, April 25

Final version due **May 2** (38 points)

Speaking assignment: Each student will give a 5 minute presentation of some aspect of the article (or a related topic) in discussion sections in weeks 6, 8 and 10 (if needed). (5 points)

Grading Policies: Grades will be based on these three assignments, a total of 100 possible points. No "extra-credit" or make-up work will be accepted. Assignments are due **in discussion section** on Friday -- late papers may be turned in **in lecture** the following Monday (3 point penalty) or Wednesday (5 point penalty). They will not be accepted after that time. The final paper is due during the final discussion section. There will be a 4 point penalty for turning it in by 4:00 pm May 5, a 7 point penalty for turning it in by 4:00 pm May 6 and a 10 point penalty for turning it in by 4:00 pm May 7. Late papers should be brought to the Psychology receptionist in 1009 BSB, who will time-stamp it; it should then be placed in your TA's mailbox. Absolutely no papers will be accepted after that time. A grade of **Incomplete** will only be given in extenuating circumstances: (a) the student has been making satisfactory progress in the course; (b) the student is unable to complete all course work due to unusual circumstances that are beyond personal control and are acceptable to the instructor; (c) the student presents these reasons to the instructor by April 30.

Grades will be assigned based on the total points earned out of 100 possible. The cut-off scores are as follows:

Grade:	A	B	C	D	F
Points:	90 and above	80-89.99	70-79.99	60-69.99	less than 60

Every submission must have as a cover sheet the appropriate scoring key, which you can download and print as a pdf file. Remember to put your name in the appropriate place. Papers will not be accepted without the scoring key. Papers will not be considered submitted until the materials are accepted in class and the work is uploaded to SafeAssignment by the end of the same day.

In addition to a scoring key, final versions of each assignment must be accompanied by the marked-up initial draft with its original scoring key attached. Final versions not accompanied by the original will be graded as drafts (i.e.: worth only half as much).

Plagiarism

Plagiarism refers to representing the work of others as your own. It is never acceptable. A single sentence, a distinctive phrase, even a slightly paraphrased description presented without attribution to the original author is considered plagiarism. This includes the work of other students, ghostwriting services, and published materials. (You can quote sections of published material and not plagiarize as long as you enclose the verbatim words in quotation marks [" "] and cite the source from which it was taken; however, you won't get a very good grade for extensive quotations). If we detect plagiarism, at the least you will receive a failing grade in the course. If the plagiarism is pernicious, we will file a grievance to have you placed on probation or suspension from the University. In other words, don't do it!