Advanced Directed Research Course (PSY 1064) Agreement Form

Course Overview

The Advanced Directed Research Course (ADRC) is a three-credit course that combines the lab experience of Directed Research with an Advanced Research Methods Lab course. It is designed to provide an enhanced directed research experience and to fulfill the Psychology Major requirement for an advanced lab.

Requirements: Completion of Research Methods, PSY 0035 OR PSY 0036 and PSY 0037

This three-credit course is designed to supplement the directed research experience so as to satisfy the Psychology Major requirement for a Laboratory Methods course. Instead of students enrolling in a second semester of Directed Research (PSY 1903), students can meet the Laboratory Methods course requirement by enrolling in PSY 1064 while continuing to work for a second semester in the same research lab with the same faculty research mentor as though they were enrolled in 1903. **To enroll in PSY 1064, students must complete an Advanced Directed Research Course (ADRC) agreement in conjunction with the ADRC instructor and the faculty research mentor.** In addition to the required coursework, there is an expectation that students will complete their required lab tasks while enrolled in PSY 1064. Failure to meet this expectation will affect students’ final grade for this course.

*Students enrolled in ADRC will share the theoretical and methodological practices from their labs with their fellow students. This will allow students to gain a more in-depth view of psychological research across different domains of psychology. With the approval of the Directed Research mentor, students may also share and discuss the research projects that they are conducting in their labs.*

Please read the following directions on how to process this form:

1. Download the ADRC Agreement Form from the Psychology Department website.
2. Complete the ADRC Agreement Form with your Directed Research faculty mentor and obtain the mentor’s signature (not that of the lab manager).
3. Email Dr. Cousins at ich55@pitt.edu, to set up an appointment to discuss the course and receive a permission number.
4. Enroll in PSY 1064 through your Student Center via the my.pitt.edu portal.

**Student Information**

Student name: ___________________________ PeopleSoft number: ________________ PITT Email: __________________

**Research Lab Information**

Research Faculty Mentor: ___________________________________________ Email: ______________________________

Have you registered for Directed Research (PSY 1903) with this faculty mentor before? _____NO _____ YES If yes, which term (i.e., Fall 2019): __________

Number of Credits from previous semesters: ________________

What type of tasks do you do in the lab? Please check all that apply.

- Conduct background research ______
- Required Readings ______
- Attend lab meetings ______
- Recruit/contact study participants ______
- Observe, participate or assist in data collection ______
- Transcribe data ______
- Literature Review ______
- Assist in study design ______
- Present at lab meetings ______
- Data entry ______
- Code data ______
- Analyze data ______

What is your anticipated academic component for Directed Research?
Writing assignment
Writing a research paper _____
Contributing to a manuscript _____
Contributing to conference presentation _____

Poster Presentation
Psychology Department Student Research Poster Session _____
University Honors College or LRDC Poster Session _____
Professional Conference _____

Presentation
Lab Meeting _____
Contribution to conference presentation or proposal _____

Are you conducting an individual research project? Yes ____________   No _____________

If yes, describe your Research project:
______________________________________________________________________________
______________________________________________________________________________
______________________________________________________________________________
What type of data analysis programs will you use to analyze your data? _________________________________________________

Student: (Please initial each item and sign below.) My signature indicates that I agree to:

_____ Fulfill the research hours and duties agreed upon with my Research Faculty mentor

_____ Complete all assignments and activities for ADRC, which would satisfy the requirements for an Advanced Research Methods course.

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Student Signature          Date

Faculty Research Mentor: By signing below, I agree that (Student Name) ____________________________________________ has my approval to enroll in the ADRC PSY 1064. I understand that the ADRC Instructor will request student performance evaluations from the Faculty Research Mentor to inform student grades in PSY 1064. In addition, the assignments and activities in the ADRC will not interfere with the students Research lab duties.

_____ I am willing to allow my student to use their Research Project (e.g. explain research questions, discuss data collection, discuss and possibly use data analysis from a personal project and interpretation) in the ADRC

_____ I would prefer that the ADRC provide an alternative research project/research data set for my student to complete the course requirements.

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Directed Research Mentor Supervisor Signature          Date
(Must be signed by the Faculty Supervisor responsible for the lab)

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ADRC Faculty Instructor Signature          Date