

# Field Experience in Psychology

Fall 2012

PSYC 340A-001 (1 credit), PSYC 340B-001 (2 credits) & PSYC 340C-001 (3 credits)

Location: TBA

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**Course Description.** This course allows psychology majors and minors to receive psychology elective credit for paid employment or volunteer experience relevant to psychology. The department of Career and Civic Engagement located in Crawford Building manages the course in collaboration with the Psychology Department. The Psychology Department instructor serves as the faculty liaison for the course.

**Course Goals.** Students will receive psychology-related field experience in a human or social service, health or mental health, educational, business, or related agency or organization. This course addresses multiple Psychology Department goals for student learning (see <http://www2.winthrop.edu/psychology/> for additional information).

**Learning Objectives.** By the end of the semester, students should demonstrate:

- An ability to apply psychology to real-world issues or problems.
- A greater understanding of the behavior and mental processes of the self and others.
- An ability to think critically about and communicate effectively about psychological concepts.

## Course Requirements and Grading.

Each credit hour to be received requires a minimum of 50 clock hours of supervised experience. On-campus meetings with the faculty liaison are not required, although students are encouraged to contact the faculty if any questions, issues or concerns arise. The student and the field supervisor are required to complete a mid-term and final evaluation of the student's work. A reflection paper and a Work Hours Log signed by the field supervisor to verify the hours for credit are submitted at the end of the field experience. On the basis of all of the aforementioned documents, a grade will be assigned as follows:

**S = Satisfactory** - Meeting at least the minimum expectations in work quality and effort

**U= Unsatisfactory** - Failing to meet the minimum expectations in work quality and effort

## Student Responsibilities.

Students taking PSYC 340 represent both themselves and the Winthrop Department of Psychology. It is important that students *take their responsibilities seriously*. They should:

- a) dress and act in a professional manner at all times;
- b) be very conscientious about their attendance and completion of hours;
- c) follow ethical and legal guidelines (including those pertaining to confidentiality of client/patient information);
- d) be responsive to supervisor feedback and suggestions;
- e) communicate clearly and quickly with Career Serviced and/or the faculty liaison about any issues or concerns that arise related to their field experience;
- f) complete all requirements in a conscientious and timely manner.

**Disabilities statement.** Winthrop University is dedicated to providing access to education. If you have a disability and require specific accommodations to complete this course, contact the office of Disability Services

at 323-3290. Once you have your official notice of accommodations from ODS, please inform the Psychology Department liaison as early as possible in the semester.

**Statement about academic misconduct and consequences.** All students are bound by the Student Conduct Code at Winthrop, which states “Responsibility for good conduct rests with students as adult individuals.” The policy on student academic misconduct is outlined in the “Student Conduct Code Academic Misconduct Policy” online at <http://www2.winthrop.edu/studentaffairs/handbook/StudentHandbook.pdf>.

**Syllabus change policy.** Due to the nature of this course, changes to the syllabus are not expected. However, if such changes need to be made, students will be notified in a timely manner.