



PSY 7980 Ph.D. Dissertation

Section: U32

In-Person meetings arranged

Spring Term 2024

Course Meeting Information

This course involves weekly 1x1 meetings with Dr. Nelson in person in DM 206.

Professor Information

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Office Hours:

By appointment only

Course Description and Purpose

Students enrolled in this course obtain credit hours towards their Ph.D. in Psychology. Students are expected to make adequate progress on their dissertation portfolio working in the HANDS Lab under the supervision of Dr. Eliza Nelson.

Student Learning Outcomes/Objectives

Students will be able to:

- Reliably collect and/or generate data using lab techniques
- Reliably complete data cleaning and/or data analysis
- Interpret data and disseminate research findings
- Adequately supervise undergraduate research trainees

Expectations of the Course

This course is in person. There is no option to meet remotely.

Attendance Policy: Attendance is mandatory. If you need to miss a meeting due to illness/emergency, you must contact Dr. Nelson.

Illness/Emergency Policy: To protect the HANDS team and our participants/subjects, there is a strict "stay home sick" policy. An illness is any fever, vomit, or diarrhea in the past 24 hours. An emergency is a one-time unavoidable occurrence. You do not need to share details of the event beyond when you expect to return to work.

Graduate Students are expected to:

- complete an individual development plan (IDP) annually;
- attend lab meetings and 1x1 meetings with Dr. Nelson;
- make adequate progress on their dissertation project;
- check RA logs weekly and report to Dr. Nelson;
- assign tasks to RA(s) based on project needs and report to Dr. Nelson;
- prepare RA(s) to lead article discussion as assigned by Dr. Nelson;

- prepare RA(s) for final lab presentation as assigned by Dr. Nelson;
- interact with peers, undergraduate RAs, and Dr. Nelson in person.

Undergraduate Research Assistants (RAs) will:

- complete/maintain required research compliance;
- attend lab meetings;
- complete lab tasks as assigned by graduate students or Dr. Nelson;
- log hours worked in the lab weekly, totaling 150 by the last day of class;
- lead presentation of one article in lab meeting (prepared with graduate student);
- give final presentation on lab contribution (prepared with graduate student);
- interact with peers, graduate students, and Dr. Nelson in person.

Dr. Nelson will:

- oversee graduate student supervision of undergraduate RAs;
- assign articles to read for lab meetings;
- assign topics for final presentations;
- provide critical feedback on student's dissertation project;
- provide professional support that aligns with the student's career goals.

Assignments

All students must maintain research compliance.

Students working on projects with human participants must complete/maintain:

1. CITI online training "Social/Behavioral Human Research Course" (credential valid for 3 years)

2. CITI online training "CITI Health Information Privacy and Security (HIPS) for Clinical Investigators (credential never expires)

Fingerprinting is required for projects with data collection at MDCPS sites. There is an **out-of-pocket cost** for this background check (badge valid for 5 years).

Students working on projects with animal subjects must complete/maintain the following FIU requirements:

1. CITI online training "Working with the FIU IACUC (Lab Studies)" (credential valid for 3 years)
2. CITI online training "Working with the FIU IACUC (Field Studies)" (credential valid for 3 years)
3. CITI online training "Working with Non-Human Primates in Research Settings" (credential valid for 3 years)
4. Submit FIU EH&S Risk form (annually with Dr. Nelson)

Students working on projects with animal subjects must also complete the following Monkey Jungle requirements:

1. Submit proof of a negative TB test dated within the past year annually. There may be an **out-of-pocket cost** at your healthcare provider. If a TB skin test cannot be performed, a negative chest x-ray can be submitted.
2. Submit proof of initial COVID-19 vaccination. There may be an **out-of-pocket cost** at your healthcare provider.
3. Sign a risk waiver.
4. Attend an on-site safety training session.

All students must complete a 3-paper dissertation portfolio.

Students publish their research as first author with Dr. Nelson as senior author.

Co-authorship roles (if applicable) will be discussed at each research stage, and agreed upon by all authors prior to the start of any manuscript writing. If the student does not submit their paper for publication within 2 years of the awarding of the degree, Dr. Nelson can pursue publication with the student as second author.

All data collected in the HANDS Lab are the property of Dr. Nelson and may not be used or distributed without express permission.

Grading

This course is graded IP. Credits convert to "P" upon graduation.

Failure to meet agreed-upon deadlines will be documented in the student's annual eval.

Textbook and Course Materials for Purchase

If no materials listed, no items are needed.

No Textbook Required

Required/Recommended: NA

Authors: NA

Publisher: NA

Publication Date: NA

Copyright Date: NA

ISBN 10: NA

ISBN 13: NA

Panther Book Pack Undergraduate Rental Program

NA

Policies

As a member of the HANDS team, you are expected to be knowledgeable about the expectations set by off-campus sites where you are collecting data. Failure to adhere to

these rules and regulations is grounds for immediate dismissal. Taking photos or videos on personal devices during data collection is strictly permitted, and will result in immediate termination. If you are dismissed from the lab, you will receive a grade of "F".

As a member of the FIU community, you are expected to be knowledgeable about the behavioral expectations set forth in the [FIU Student Conduct and Honor Code](#).

In addition, the [FIU Policies and Procedures Library website](#) serves as the official repository for university-wide policies and procedures.

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The Disability Resource Center collaborates with students, faculty, staff, and community members to create diverse learning environments that are usable, equitable, inclusive, and sustainable. The DRC provides FIU students with disabilities the necessary support to successfully complete their education and participate in activities available to all students. If you have a diagnosed disability and plan to utilize academic accommodations, please contact the Center at 305-348-3532 or visit them at the Graham Center GC 190.

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- [ProctorU](#)
- [HonorLock](#)
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- [Zoom](#)
- [Respondus LockDown Browser](#)

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Cheating

- The unauthorized use of any materials, information, study aids, or assistance from another person on any academic assignment or exercise unless explicitly authorized by the course Instructor;
- Assisting another student in the unauthorized use of any materials, information, or study aids, unless explicitly authorized by the Instructor; and
- Having a substitute complete any academic assignment or completing an academic assignment for someone else, either paid or unpaid;

Plagiarism

- The deliberate use and appropriation of another work without any indication of the source and the representation of such work as the Student's own.

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[Counseling and Psychological Services \(CAPS\)](#) offers free and confidential help for anxiety, depression, stress, and other concerns that life brings. Professional counselors are available for same-day appointments. Don't wait to call (305) 348-2277 to set up a time to talk or visit the online self-help portal.

Inclusivity

This course will serve to embrace the diversity and inclusivity found within Florida International University. We appreciate and respect diversity, equality, equity, cooperativeness, community, and sustainability within our online courses. We are committed to the ongoing education of our students and their participation within the course regardless of gender, ethnicity, age, sexual orientation, geographical location, religion, and disability. We strive in encouraging collaboration by preparing our students to value the differences in others. At the core of our intentions is the encouragement of acceptance and appreciation of differences within our student population and community.

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