**PSYC495 / PSYC496 (*Independent Study*)**

**Psychology Experiential Requirement (BA or BS degree)**

**Learning Goals**

* Scientific Understanding and Critical Thinking
* Communication and Literacy
* Inclusivity, Appreciation of Diversity, Intra- and Interpersonal Awareness
* Application of Psychological Science and Understanding

**Time Commitment** (minimum .5 units to fulfill Psychology Experiential Requirement)

* .5 units = 60 hours
* .75 units = 90 hours
* 1.0 unit = 120 hours

**Required Academic Work**

1. **Syllabus Contract** – Required by Registrar for participation
2. **Weekly or Biweekly Reflections** (Pass/Fail) – Submitted on Canvas, minimum ¾ page double-spaced, research mentors will work with the student to determine if weekly or biweekly is more appropriate given the research timeline. Students may miss or turn in one biweekly reflection late and still complete this requirement. Though the research mentor may provide their own prompts, some possible prompts include:
   1. Identifying and tracking skill development and goals set at the outset of the experience.
   2. Processing problems or setbacks that occurred.
   3. Reflecting on what has been learned as a student, researcher, and person.
   4. Processing where the student surprised themselves in a positive way as a researcher.
   5. Application of what was learned to the real world.
   6. Connecting content that was learned in a previous course to what is happening in the lab.
   7. Identifying how they may package their experience and to whom after the experience is finished.
3. **Written Academic Work** – Submitted on Canvas, evaluated by research advisor on 4-pt scale. Each paper must earn 3 pts. to pass and all papers must be passed to fulfill the Psychology experiential requirement. See research advisor for paper details.
   1. Regardless of number of units (e.g., .5, .75), all students must complete a 7th edition APA style research report including Introduction, Method, Results, Discussion, minimum 8 pages double-spaced and at least 6 primary, peer-reviewed, empirical sources.
   2. Additional paper(s)
      1. .5 units = 1 additional paper (Translation & Development paper)
      2. .75 units = 2 additional papers (Translation & Development paper and Ethics paper)
      3. 1.00 unit = 3 additional papers (Translation & Development paper, Ethics paper, Emerging Issues paper)