

Writing Assignment: Psychological Research Proposal (Example)

Learning Outcomes

- Establish a scientific question and identify its sources
- Use the scientific method to design a psychological research, identifying its goals, hypothesis, sample, sampling method and adequate research strategies for data collection
- Apply your knowledge of the scientific method to create a proposal for a possible psychological research
- Identify at least one ethical consideration for your possible psychological research

Instructions

- Read Chapter 1, topics 1.2 "The science of Psychology: Goals, Hypotheses, and Methods" and 1.3 "Ethical Principles of Psychological Research". Then answer the following questions in order to create a psychological research proposal. Use the rubric in each question as a guideline for your answers.
- After completing this writing assignment share a summary of your answers by submitting a post in Flipgrid. You will get 5 **extra credit points** for posting and replying to at least two classmates.

You have **1** attempt to complete this assignment.

This activity can earn you a maximum of **12 points**.

DUE DATE: _____

1. Establish your own scientific question.

- a. Explain how you come up with the idea.
- b. Identify the sources of knowledge for your question, this means where you obtained the information to form this inquiry (For example: tradition, culture, experience, scientific literature, etc).

If I were to do a psychological research, my question will be: What type of tools the students taking General Psychology use to organize their time and complete assignments in a timely manner? With this question I would like to explore the common organizational tools used by General Psychology students to complete assignments on time. The source for this specific interest was my own experience. I came up with this question as I was looking for effective ways myself to organize for my General Psychology Course.

2. Identify what goal of psychological research you are addressing with your study

In my study I will be addressing the goal of **describing**.

3. Write your hypothesis (predict the answer to your question) and identify what type of hypothesis it is (Predictive or Causal)

My hypothesis for this research is: The students enroll in the General Psychology Course use the Canvas "To do list", the syllabus schedule and the professor's reminders on due dates as the

main tools to remember assignments and complete them on time. This hypothesis is a predictive hypothesis.

4. Identify your population of interest and your sample. Pick a sampling method and explain why you are using it.

My population of interest is all the students enroll in the General Psychology course at the Valencia College, Osceola Campus during the summer semester. My sample is the students enroll in my General Psychology Course during the summer semester (CRN 33644). I am using sample of convenience to pick my sample. I use this sampling method because it allows me to have a general idea regarding my question in a shorter period. It is difficult for me to enroll all the students enroll; this method is more convenient for me.

5. Pick a research method. Explain why this is the best method to use for your study.

I will use survey as my main research method to collect data for my psychological research. This method allows me to gather information of big group of people in a fast and easy way.

6. Identify at least one ethical consideration for your scientific research. Ethical aspects that you need to consider when doing your research.

One ethical consideration for my research is informed consent.