

THE UNIVERSITY OF WESTERN ONTARIO
LONDON CANADA

School of Health Studies

Health Sciences 4990F
Independent Study in the Health Sciences

1.0 CALENDAR DESCRIPTION

Readings and discussion on, or field experience in, selected topics in Health Sciences agreed upon through consultation between the student and the supervising professor

Prerequisites: Enrolment in the fourth year of an Honors Specialization module in the School of Health Studies with a minimum average of 75%

Note regarding prerequisite checking

Unless you have either the requisites for this course or written special permission from your Dean to enroll in it, you may be removed from this course and it will be deleted from your record. This decision may not be appealed. You will receive no adjustment to your fees in the event that you are dropped from a course for failing to have the necessary prerequisites.

2.0 COURSE INFORMATION

Instructor: Dr. Andrew Johnson

5.1 EVALUATION

Research Proposal	2019.09.27	10%
TCPS 2 Ethics Certificate	2019.10.25	5%
ISRF Abstract	2019.11.15	5%
ISRF Presentation	2019.11.29	10%
Independent Study Project	2019.12.06	70%

Research Proposal You are responsible for submitting a research proposal to the course coordinator that indicates the learning goals and objectives for your independent study, created in consultation with your faculty mentor. This assignment must be submitted through the assignment tool in OWL, no later than 4:30pm on 2019.09.27. This research proposal will be, on average, approximately 500 words in length (approximately 2 double spaced pages). This is designed to be a brief description of the plan of action for the developing project. It is possible that the objectives may change over the course of the independent study – this is perfectly understandable, and any such changes should be documented by you and approved by your faculty mentor. It is not necessarily the proposal should your plans change during the course of the independent study.

TCPS 2 Ethics Certificate On your own, you will complete the TCPS 2 Core tutorial (<https://tcps2core.ca>), and submit your ethics certificate (online, through the assignment tool in OWL), as proof of completion of the tutorial, no later than 4:30pm on 2019.10.25

ISRF Abstract You will create an abstract for the presentation that you will be giving at the Independent Study Research Forum on November 29, and submit this to the course coordinator (through the assignment tool in OWL), no later than 4:30pm on 2019.11.15. The abstract is to be no more than 250 words in length, and should be formatted as an “unstructured abstract.” Further details as to how to structure an abstract will be provided within the lecture videos presented online.

5.2 LATE POLICY

All assignments are due on the date and at the time indicated. Late assignments are penalized at a rate of 1% for each full hour after the deadline. No assignments will be accepted more than four days late.

6.0 TENTATIVE COURSE SCHEDULE (subject to change)

	Lecture Topic
2019.09.03	Welcome and orientation to the course
2019.09.10	Asking good questions
2019.09.17	Putting together an effective research proposal
2019.09.24	Accessing library resources
2019.10.01	Electronic reference management
2019.10.08	Independent work on TCPS 2 core 2 tutorial
2019.10.15	Independent work on TCPS 2 core 2 tutorial
2019.10.22	

Grade Adjustments

documented absence;

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If you are in emotional or mental distress should refer to Mental Health@Western (<http://www.uwo.ca/uwocom/mentalhealth/>) for a complete list of options about how to obtain help. To help you learn more about mental health, We has developed an interactive mental health learning module, found here https://www.uwo.ca/health/staff_fac/mental_wellbeing/education/module.html

7.5 SUPPORT SERVICES

There are various support services around campus, and these include (but are not limited to):

- x Student Development Centre -- <http://www.sdc.uwo.ca/ssd/>
- x Student Health -- <http://www.shs.uwo.ca/student/studenthealthservices.html>
- x Registrar's Office- <http://www.registrar.uwo.ca/>
- x Ombuds Office- <http://www.uwo.ca/ombuds/>

8.0 PROCEDURES FOR APPEALING ACADEMIC EVALUATIONS

In the first instance, all appeals of a grade must be made to the course instructor (informal consultation). If you are not satisfied with the decision of the course instructor, a written appeal must be sent to the Director of the School of Health Studies. If you consider this response to be unsatisfactory, you may then appeal to the Dean of the Faculty of Health Sciences. If this response is unsatisfactory, you may appeal to the Senate Review Board if you are a 7 (r)-on of 0 (f.(r))- (o)-3.A (s)-11C06