

Addendum to Psychology Independent Studies for Students in the Neuroscience Program

Neuroscience students are expected to follow the guidelines for the Psychology Independent Study courses 3996F/3997G as outlined on the Department of Psychology website

https://psychology.uwo.ca/undergraduate/course_information/independent_studies.html.

There are some additional guidelines that must be considered by Neuroscience students and potential supervisors in order to receive special permission to enrol in Psychology 3996F or 3997G.

1. The independent study form (see below) must be fully completed and will be reviewed by the Neuroscience Program Committee for suitability and acceptance.
2. For the Neuroscience Program Committee to approve an Independent study project, 4 or more graded elements are required in the section entitled 'Specify BREAKDOWN of marks' on the independent study form. Some examples of grading are provided below.

Example of grading for a **Research Project**:

Research Proposal

Research Talk and Discussion

Laboratory Grade

Final Report

Example of grading for a **Literature Review**:

Review Outline

Participation/Attendance

Review Presentation and Discussion

Final Paper

3. Marks will be assessed by the supervisor and one other faculty member (member of the Neuroscience Program Committee or designate) **EXCEPT** for grades that can only be assessed by the supervisor (i.e. laboratory grade).
4. Minimum suggested contact with supervisor or designate: **once every two weeks**.
5. Research results, literature reviews etc. may not be reused for credit in the Neuroscience 4000E research thesis project. However, the feasibility of a study (i.e. research methods) or preliminary results may be tested/obtained in Psychology 3996F/3997G and used as a proof of principle or provide rationale for conducting a future Neuroscience 4000E project. Projects completed in Psychology 3996F/3997G will be monitored by the Neuroscience 4000E course coordinator to ensure students do not receive credit in two courses for one project.

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FOR PSYCHOLOGY 3996F and 3997G.

To enroll in a Psychology Independent Study (I.S.) course, the student must have an “A” average from the previous year. This form must be completed (**ALL boxes**), signed by the student and supervisor and returned to Susan Simpson (Susan.Simpson@schulich.uwo.ca) for consideration by the Neuroscience Program Committee. Final approval and special permission will be granted by Ramona Fudge (Psychology Undergraduate Program Advisor).

Written products MUST be submitted to TurnItIn on the course website before a grade is submitted. NOTE: GRADES ARE DUE NO LATER THAN ONE WEEK AFTER THE END OF CLASSES.

ALL of the following boxes must be filled out and the form SIGNED. Attach sheet if more room required:

Student Name: Johnny Mustang	Student #: 123456789
Supervisor Name: Dr. Neuro Science	Student Email: jmustang@uwo.ca
Average for Past Acad.Year: (Must be 80%+) 84.5%	I.S. Course(S): Psychology 3996F

Due date(s) for FINAL written assignment(s) for course(s):	Last day of classes for the term https://www.westerncalendar.uwo.ca/SessionalDates.cfm?SelectedCalendar=Live&ArchiveID=
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Title and brief description of content: <div style="border: 1px solid red; padding: 5px; margin-top: 5px; color: red;">Enter title and brief description here</div>
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Specify work that is expected of the Student (i.e., assigned readings, written essay, research study, exam): <div style="border: 1px solid red; padding: 5px; margin-top: 5px; color: red;"> Literature reviews (review relevant literature) Methods and data collection (further detail here) Analysis and written report (further details here) Poster/PowerPoint report (present project and findings to lab) Lab meeting participation </div>
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Specify BREAKDOWN of marks (participation, progress report, final paper, etc.): <div style="border: 1px solid red; padding: 5px; margin-top: 5px; color: red;"> Participation at lab/individual meetings 20% Data Collection and analysis 35% Poster or PowerPoint presentation 20% Final Report 25% </div>	Anticipated frequency of meetings between Supervisor and Student: <div style="border: 1px solid red; padding: 5px; margin-top: 5px; color: red; text-align: center;">Bi-Weekly</div>
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Signature of Student: _____

Date: _____

Signature of Supervisor: _____

Date: _____

Neuroscience Program: _____

Date: _____