

SYLLABUS

Course Information:

PSYC 6399.061: Dissertation

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Catalog Description: PSYC 6399 (3 credit hours, repeatable) is a dissertation writing course for doctoral students in the Clinical Psychology PhD program. For this class, students will collect and analyze dissertation data and prepare the written document for final review and oral defense. Dissertations must be data driven and empirical in nature and represent the student's contributions to the research literature. The dissertation is the final research project in the program, represents their own contributions to the literature, and is expected to be well-designed and meaningful in scope. Dissertation projects address problems or gaps in science or the field of study. Students will work to complete their dissertation document and defend their dissertation final paper to a committee of three (3) graduate research faculty.

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LEARNING OUTCOMES: After the successful completion of this course, the student will be able to:

- 1) Analyze dissertation data
- 2) Consider results of dissertation project in relation to the broader literature
- 3) Demonstrate an ability to discuss their dissertation project and communicate about their research