



# PSYC14052 Psychology Research Project B

## Term 2 - 2020

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## General Information

### Overview

Psychology Research Project B is the second of two units designed to introduce you to the process of undertaking research in the Psychology discipline. Over the two units, you will independently undertake a scholarly investigation, under the supervision of a qualified supervisor within the Psychology discipline. The purpose of the Research Project B unit is to provide you the opportunity to conduct the project proposed in Psychology Research Project A (PSYC14051). Throughout this unit you will conduct the investigation proposed in Term 1 and develop an independent scholarly report based on this investigation. Your final thesis submission will comprise an empirical journal style paper report based on the findings of your specific research project. Successful completion of this unit requires that Psychology Research Project A and Psychology Research Project B are undertaken in two consecutive University terms (e.g. Term 1 and Term 2, or Term 2 and Term 3).

### Details

Career Level: *Undergraduate*

Unit Level: *Level 4*

Credit Points: *12*

Student Contribution Band: *10*

Fraction of Full-Time Student Load: *0.25*

### Pre-requisites or Co-requisites

Students must be enrolled in the Bachelor of Psychological Science (Honours) Course (CC42). Prerequisite: PSYC14051 Psychology Research Project A

Important note: Students enrolled in a subsequent unit who failed their pre-requisite unit, should drop the subsequent unit before the census date or within 10 working days of Fail grade notification. Students who do not drop the unit in this timeframe cannot later drop the unit without academic and financial liability. See details in the [Assessment Policy and Procedure \(Higher Education Coursework\)](#).

### Offerings For Term 2 - 2020

- Online

### Attendance Requirements

All on-campus students are expected to attend scheduled classes – in some units, these classes are identified as a mandatory (pass/fail) component and attendance is compulsory. International students, on a student visa, must maintain a full time study load and meet both attendance and academic progress requirements in each study period (satisfactory attendance for International students is defined as maintaining at least an 80% attendance record).

### Website

[This unit has a website, within the Moodle system, which is available two weeks before the start of term. It is important that you visit your Moodle site throughout the term. Please visit Moodle for more information.](#)

## Class and Assessment Overview

### Recommended Student Time Commitment

Each 12-credit Undergraduate unit at CQUniversity requires an overall time commitment of an average of 25 hours of study per week, making a total of 300 hours for the unit.

### Class Timetable

#### [Regional Campuses](#)

Bundaberg, Cairns, Emerald, Gladstone, Mackay, Rockhampton, Townsville

#### [Metropolitan Campuses](#)

Adelaide, Brisbane, Melbourne, Perth, Sydney

### Assessment Overview

#### 1. **Written Assessment**

Weighting: 100%

### Assessment Grading

This is a graded unit: your overall grade will be calculated from the marks or grades for each assessment task, based on the relative weightings shown in the table above. You must obtain an overall mark for the unit of at least 50%, or an overall grade of 'pass' in order to pass the unit. If any 'pass/fail' tasks are shown in the table above they must also be completed successfully ('pass' grade). You must also meet any minimum mark requirements specified for a particular assessment task, as detailed in the 'assessment task' section (note that in some instances, the minimum mark for a task may be greater than 50%). Consult the [University's Grades and Results Policy](#) for more details of interim results and final grades.

## CQUniversity Policies

**All University policies are available on the [CQUniversity Policy site](#).**

You may wish to view these policies:

- Grades and Results Policy
- Assessment Policy and Procedure (Higher Education Coursework)
- Review of Grade Procedure
- Student Academic Integrity Policy and Procedure
- Monitoring Academic Progress (MAP) Policy and Procedure - Domestic Students
- Monitoring Academic Progress (MAP) Policy and Procedure - International Students
- Student Refund and Credit Balance Policy and Procedure
- Student Feedback - Compliments and Complaints Policy and Procedure
- Information and Communications Technology Acceptable Use Policy and Procedure

This list is not an exhaustive list of all University policies. The full list of University policies are available on the [CQUniversity Policy site](#).

## Previous Student Feedback

### Feedback, Recommendations and Responses

Every unit is reviewed for enhancement each year. At the most recent review, the following staff and student feedback items were identified and recommendations were made.

#### Feedback from Students Staff External consultation with other heads of course at South Australian Universities

**Feedback**

Consider moving from a literature review plus empirical report (two components of thesis) to one empirical report for submission.

**Recommendation**

Unit change proposal to amend assessment item for PSYC14052 will be completed for the 2020 offering.

## Unit Learning Outcomes

**On successful completion of this unit, you will be able to:**

1. Design and execute a research project incorporating the key research steps, including the formulation of research question/s, the analysis of data to test the research question/s, and the interpretation of the findings
2. Prepare a research project report that includes research question/s, empirical literature review, data analysis, reporting of results and discussion.

The purpose of the two-term long Psychology Research Project (A & B) is to provide you with training in developing, conducting, and communicating research across theoretical and applied domains. This requires you to undertake an investigation of a research question in psychology and to report the investigation in written scholarly form. The research question will be of theoretical or applied significance to an area of psychology and the investigation and subsequent dissertation will be carried out under the principal supervision of a member of the psychology staff.

The thesis is an individual research project where the expectation is that you, with advice from your supervisor(s), will be responsible for, and participate in, all steps of the investigation and reporting.

Successful completion of this unit requires that Psychology Research Project A and Psychology Research Project B are undertaken in two consecutive University terms (e.g. Term 1 and Term 2, or Term 2 and Term 3).

Learning outcomes fulfill the level 2 pre-professional core competencies required by the updated Australian Psychology Accreditation Council (APAC) guidelines, specifically 2.5: Investigate a substantive individual research question relevant to the discipline of psychology. The unit also meets the study criteria as specified by the Psychology Board of Australia (PsyBA) as appropriate for study at level 8 as stated by the Australian Qualifications Framework (AQF).

## Alignment of Learning Outcomes, Assessment and Graduate Attributes



### Alignment of Assessment Tasks to Learning Outcomes

| Assessment Tasks              | Learning Outcomes |   |
|-------------------------------|-------------------|---|
|                               | 1                 | 2 |
| 1 - Written Assessment - 100% | •                 | • |

### Alignment of Graduate Attributes to Learning Outcomes

| Graduate Attributes                                 | Learning Outcomes |   |
|---|-------------------|---|
|   | 1                 | 2 |
| 1 - Communication                                   | •                 | • |
| 2 - Problem Solving                                 | •                 | • |
| 3 - Critical Thinking                               | •                 | • |
| 4 - Information Literacy                            | •                 | • |
| 5 - Team Work                                       |                   |   |
| 6 - Information Technology Competence               | •                 |   |
| 7 - Cross Cultural Competence                       |                   | • |
| 8 - Ethical practice                                | •                 | • |
| 9 - Social Innovation                               | •                 |   |
| 10 - Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Cultures |                   |   |

### Alignment of Assessment Tasks to Graduate Attributes

| Assessment Tasks              | Graduate Attributes |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |    |
|-------------------------------|---------------------|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|----|
|                               | 1                   | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 |
| 1 - Written Assessment - 100% | •                   | • | • | • | • | • | • |   |   |    |

## Textbooks and Resources

### Textbooks

**There are no required textbooks.**

### IT Resources

**You will need access to the following IT resources:**

- CQUniversity Student Email
- Internet
- Unit Website (Moodle)

## Referencing Style

All submissions for this unit must use the referencing style: [American Psychological Association 7th Edition \(APA 7th edition\)](#)

For further information, see the Assessment Tasks.

## Teaching Contacts

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## Schedule

### Week 1 - 13 Jul 2020

| Module/Topic                                    | Chapter | Events and Submissions/Topic |
|---|---------|------------------------------|
| Progress placeholder: Continue data collection. |         |                              |

### Week 2 - 20 Jul 2020

| Module/Topic  | Chapter | Events and Submissions/Topic |
|---|---------|------------------------------|
| Progress placeholder: Data collection; refine literature review; prepare appendices |         |                              |

### Week 3 - 27 Jul 2020

| Module/Topic  | Chapter | Events and Submissions/Topic |
|---|---------|------------------------------|
| Progress placeholder: Data collection; refine literature review; prepare appendices |         |                              |

### Week 4 - 03 Aug 2020

| Module/Topic  | Chapter | Events and Submissions/Topic |
|---|---------|------------------------------|
| Progress placeholder: Begin Data analyses; draft results and discussion |         |                              |

### Week 5 - 10 Aug 2020

| Module/Topic  | Chapter | Events and Submissions/Topic |
|---|---------|------------------------------|
| Progress placeholder: Data analyses; draft results and discussion |         |                              |

**Vacation Week - 17 Aug 2020**

| Module/Topic  | Chapter | Events and Submissions/Topic |
|---|---------|------------------------------|
| VACATION WEEK<br>Progress placeholder: Data analyses;<br>draft results and discussion |         |                              |

**Week 6 - 24 Aug 2020**

| Module/Topic  | Chapter | Events and Submissions/Topic |
|---|---------|------------------------------|
| Aim to submit draft of results and<br>discussion section of empirical report<br>to supervisor for feedback. |         |                              |

**Week 7 - 31 Aug 2020**

| Module/Topic   | Chapter | Events and Submissions/Topic |
|--|---------|------------------------------|
| Finalise appendices, literature review,<br>introduction and methods sections |         |                              |

**Week 8 - 07 Sep 2020**

| Module/Topic   | Chapter | Events and Submissions/Topic |
|--|---------|------------------------------|
| Review feedback from supervisor<br>regarding results and discussion, and<br>make necessary changes |         |                              |

**Week 9 - 14 Sep 2020**

| Module/Topic  | Chapter | Events and Submissions/Topic |
|---|---------|------------------------------|
| FINAL draft of thesis to supervisor for<br>feedback |         |                              |

**Week 10 - 21 Sep 2020**

| Module/Topic                                | Chapter | Events and Submissions/Topic |
|---|---------|------------------------------|
| Finalise appendices and check<br>formatting |         |                              |

**Week 11 - 28 Sep 2020**

| Module/Topic   | Chapter | Events and Submissions/Topic |
|--|---------|------------------------------|
| Review feedback from your supervisor<br>and make changes |         |                              |

**Week 12 - 05 Oct 2020**

| Module/Topic | Chapter | Events and Submissions/Topic   |
|--------------|---------|--|
|              |         | <b>SUBMIT THESIS, MONDAY WEEK 12<br/>Honours Project Thesis</b> Due: Week<br>12 Monday (5 Oct 2020) 11:59 pm<br>AEST |

**Review/Exam Week - 12 Oct 2020**

| Module/Topic | Chapter | Events and Submissions/Topic |
|--------------|---------|------------------------------|
|              |         |                              |

**Exam Week - 19 Oct 2020**

| Module/Topic | Chapter | Events and Submissions/Topic |
|--------------|---------|------------------------------|
|              |         |                              |

## Assessment Tasks

### 1 Honours Project Thesis

**Assessment Type**

Written Assessment

**Task Description**

The submission of the final thesis forms the assessment for this unit. Students should refer to the 2020 Guidelines for Psychology Honours Research Project and Thesis for specific details regarding submission and assessment. This document can be found on the course Moodle site.

**Assessment Due Date**

Week 12 Monday (5 Oct 2020) 11:59 pm AEST

The final thesis is due for submission on Moodle by 11:59pm (Midnight) (AEST). The thesis submission MUST be accompanied by a copy of the working data set.

**Return Date to Students**

Grade release will occur five weeks post submission - Please note this is ONLY for students who submitted the electronic version of the thesis by the due date, and have also submitted all additional documentation (i.e. data, ethics report, abstract). Grades will be delayed for any student with an extension and/or students who have not submitted additional documentation as required.

**Weighting**

100%

**Assessment Criteria**

Please refer to the 2020 Guidelines for Psychology Honours Research Project and Thesis for specific details regarding submission and assessment. This document can be found on the Research Project unit (PSYC14052).

**Referencing Style**

- [American Psychological Association 7th Edition \(APA 7th edition\)](#)

**Submission**

Online

**Submission Instructions**

The thesis submission MUST be accompanied by a copy of the working data set.

**Learning Outcomes Assessed**

- Design and execute a research project incorporating the key research steps, including the formulation of research question/s, the analysis of data to test the research question/s, and the interpretation of the findings
- Prepare a research project report that includes research question/s, empirical literature review, data analysis, reporting of results and discussion.

**Graduate Attributes**

- Communication
- Problem Solving
- Critical Thinking
- Information Literacy
- Team Work
- Information Technology Competence
- Cross Cultural Competence

## Academic Integrity Statement

As a CQUniversity student you are expected to act honestly in all aspects of your academic work.

Any assessable work undertaken or submitted for review or assessment must be your own work. Assessable work is any type of work you do to meet the assessment requirements in the unit, including draft work submitted for review and feedback and final work to be assessed.

When you use the ideas, words or data of others in your assessment, you must thoroughly and clearly acknowledge the source of this information by using the correct referencing style for your unit. Using others' work without proper acknowledgement may be considered a form of intellectual dishonesty.

Participating honestly, respectfully, responsibly, and fairly in your university study ensures the CQUniversity qualification you earn will be valued as a true indication of your individual academic achievement and will continue to receive the respect and recognition it deserves.

As a student, you are responsible for reading and following CQUniversity's policies, including the [Student Academic Integrity Policy and Procedure](#). This policy sets out CQUniversity's expectations of you to act with integrity, examples of academic integrity breaches to avoid, the processes used to address alleged breaches of academic integrity, and potential penalties.

### What is a breach of academic integrity?

A breach of academic integrity includes but is not limited to plagiarism, self-plagiarism, collusion, cheating, contract cheating, and academic misconduct. The Student Academic Integrity Policy and Procedure defines what these terms mean and gives examples.

### Why is academic integrity important?

A breach of academic integrity may result in one or more penalties, including suspension or even expulsion from the University. It can also have negative implications for student visas and future enrolment at CQUniversity or elsewhere. Students who engage in contract cheating also risk being blackmailed by contract cheating services.

### Where can I get assistance?

For academic advice and guidance, the [Academic Learning Centre \(ALC\)](#) can support you in becoming confident in completing assessments with integrity and of high standard.

### What can you do to act with integrity?



#### Be Honest

If your assessment task is done by someone else, it would be dishonest of you to claim it as your own



#### Seek Help

If you are not sure about how to cite or reference in essays, reports etc, then seek help from your lecturer, the library or the Academic Learning Centre (ALC)



#### Produce Original Work

Originality comes from your ability to read widely, think critically, and apply your gained knowledge to address a question or problem