**PSYC 4970 Senior Thesis Contract**

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| *Complete this form if you want to enroll in the psychology senior thesis course. Return this form to the department secretary, Ms. Deal (1-03 Arts & Sciences).* | |
| **Section 1 – Please read** | |
| Course description | *Independent research, writing, and presentation of an original project in psychology developed in conjunction with a faculty supervisor and thesis committee.* |
| Requirements | * Must be a senior psychology major * Must have permission of the department Chairperson * Must make prior arrangements with a supervising faculty member |
| Specifications | * 3 credits (1-4-3) * Standard grading (A, B, C, D, F) |
| Instructions | * Complete sections 2, 3, and 4 * Obtain appropriate signatures |
| **Form**  **Due Date** | **Chair approval must be obtained by the last day of registration of the proposed senior thesis.** |
| Thesis grading criteria | * Written thesis (topic, completeness, writing level, methodological approach, APA style adherence, thesis formatting adherence) * Oral presentation to a thesis committee comprised of the supervising faculty and at least 2 additional department of psychological science faculty * Feedback from committee members on the quality of the written thesis and oral presentation |
| Thesis general  steps | 1. Write a tentative proposal 2. Form thesis committee (TC) of at least 2 psychological science faculty members 3. Discuss tentative proposal with TC 4. Make any necessary changes to proposal 5. Submit final proposal to IRB or IACUC for approval 6. Prepare for data collection 7. Collect data 8. Prepare thesis 9. Schedule oral presentation with TC 10. Present to TC 11. Make any necessary changes to thesis 12. Submit final thesis to TC for signatures 13. Bind thesis (optional) |
| *Note: Consult with your thesis advisor before proceeding with each step listed above.* | |

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| **Section 2 – Please type** | | | | | | | | | | |
| Name: | | | | | | | | | Date: | |
| Phone number: | | | | | Email: | | | | | |
| **Section 3** | | | | | | | | | | |
| PSYC 4970 Semester: | | | * Fall | | | * Spring | * Summer | PSYC 4970 Year: | |  |
| Number of credit hours completed before the semester of the senior thesis: | | | | | | | | | | |
| **Section 4 – Please type** | | | | | | | | | | |
| Tentative Thesis Title | |  | | | | | | | | |
| *Brief* Proposal Description | |  | | | | | | | | |
| Thesis Advisor (Professor) | |  | | | | | | | | |
| **Section 5** | | | | | | | | | | |
| *I understand that it is my responsibility to form a thesis committee, adhere to the timeline developed under the direction of my thesis advisor, and that failure to complete this thesis within the stated semester can result in a grade of IP or F. I also understand that my final thesis grade will be determined by the quality of my written thesis and oral presentation, and by committee member feedback.*  \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_  Student’s Signature Date  \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_  Print Student’s Name  \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ | | | | | | | | | | |
| *I agree to supervise the thesis proposed above.*  \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_  Thesis Advisor’s signature Date  \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_  Print Thesis Advisor’s Name | | | | | | | | | | |
| Chairperson’s Appraisal | * Approved * Rejected | | | \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_  Chairperson’s signature Date | | | | | | |