**CONTRACT FOR SENIOR THESIS / PSYC 4970**

Department of Psychological Science

Georgia College

*PSYC 4970. SENIOR THESIS. (1-4-3)*

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Expected Student Learning Outcomes:

Application of Psychology-Students understand and apply psychological principles to personal, social, and organizational issues.

Grading Criteria (the supervising faculty will use the following):

1. The written thesis (topic, completeness, writing level, methodological approach, APA style adherence, thesis formatting adherence: department will provide a thesis format document)
2. An oral presentation to a thesis committee comprised of the supervising faculty and at least 2 additional faculty members from the psychological science department
3. Feedback from committee members on the quality of the written thesis and oral presentation

General Timeline

*Consult with your thesis advisor before proceeding with each step.*

1. Write the proposal
2. Form the thesis committee (TC) of at least 2 psychological science faculty members
3. Present the proposal to the TC
4. Make any necessary changes to the proposal
5. Submit proposal to the IRB or IACUC
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)

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| Student Name | |  | | | | | | | | |
| Semester | Fall Spring Summer | | | | | Year |  | | |  |
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| Tentative Thesis Title | | | |  | | | | | | |
| *Brief* Proposal Description | | | |  | | | | | | |
| Thesis Advisor (Professor) | | | |  | | | | | | |
| 2nd committee member | | | |  | | | | | | |
| 3rd committee member | | | |  | | | | | | |
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| *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: | |
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| Approved by Supervising Faculty/Thesis Advisor | | | |  | | | | | Date: | |
| Chairperson’s Appraisal | | | * Approved * Rejected | | \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_  Signed | | | | \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_  Date | |