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PSYCH 396/398-Honors Syllabus

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All students must have completed the online course in the protection of Human Subjects (www.citiprogram.org) before beginning the Honors experience. Students must turn in a copy of the completion certificate to the Intern Coordinator on their first scheduled day to work. Students who previously completed this online training for other courses simply must provide CHEST with a copy of their completion certificate.

Examples of current and past projects conducted by Departmental Honors students working with Dr. Parsons include: *stigma and male sex workers, domestic violence among gays and lesbians, open and closed relationships among gay men, sexual risk taking among female drug users*. Please review the listing of CHEST's research on our website, www.hunter.cuny.edu/chest, to decide what data you would be interested in using for your thesis.

A. Research Hours

- Students are required to work 45 “lab” hours (one 3 hour work day per week for 15 weeks) at CHEST for the course of the semester. Students will arrange their work schedules with the Intern Coordinator. Students who do not complete the required hours will automatically be given an incomplete for the course. The purpose of these hours is to give you insight into the research process and the collection of data.
- All students will be given a copy of the CHEST Policy and Procedure Manual before their first scheduled day of interning and must return to the Honors Coordinator the signed form on the last page stating that they have read and agreed to these policies.
- Part of the internship experience is professional development. Students are expected to approach the internship as such and to follow the stated policies and procedures (e.g., excessive breaks, disturbing others, improper use of cell phones, doing personal work on CHEST time, etc.) as outlined in the CHEST Policy and Procedure Manual.

B. Honors Thesis

- Students will meet with the CHEST Project Director of the study whose data the student will be using for their thesis as needed to work on their paper, e.g., conceptualization, feedback on rough drafts, etc. Data from any project may not be taken out of the CHEST office.
- Students will meet with a CHEST researcher for data analyses, in some cases students will be conducting data analyses on their own.
- Regardless, meetings with the researcher you are working with are not included in your research “lab” hours.
- Students are advised to submit the thesis in sections for review to assist you in developing the best possible paper, e.g., Introduction submitted for review, followed by methods, results and discussion.
- Once the all sections are complete the paper will then be submitted to Dr. Parsons for grading.
- Final product should be 15-25 pages (not including cover page or references, etc).
- APA format must be strictly followed.

Students are expected to complete their hours and turn in their paper by the **LAST DAY OF CLASSES** for the semester. Submit your final paper to Dr. Parsons *by email*.