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## **PSYCH 690- MA Independent Research Syllabus**

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

Student grades will be based 50% each for Part A and B. Completion of Internship Hours and the Final Paper are NOT sufficient for a grade of A for the course. You will also be graded on the quality of your work.

### **A. Research Hours**

- Students are required to work 100 hours (7 hours a week for 14 weeks, breaks not included, shift minimum length 3 hours) at CHEST for the course of the Fall 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.
- There will be four mandatory trainings (held once a month in the evenings), including your Orientation. Each of them will be relevant to research, professional skills and/or the area of HIV.
- 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 MA Student Coordinator the signed **form on the last page stating that they have read and agreed to these policies.**
- **The internship experience is professional development. Students are expected to approach the internship as such. Therefore students' conduct is part of their evaluation for this part of their grade, which will be determined through input from the Intern Coordinator and other CHEST staff you work with.**
- **Conduct that is in conflict with 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 as well as lack of progress in accomplishing tasks, will negatively impact your final grade.**

### **B. Literature Review Paper**

- **Due to the nature of the work at CHEST, this literature review should focus on HIV or substance abuse research and theory.**
- **It is suggested that you speak to the MA Student Coordinator about your ideas for this paper prior to beginning the writing process.**
- **Students who are thinking ahead for the MA thesis, may design this paper as the introduction to the MA thesis proposal.**
- **Final product should be 15-20 pages.**
- **Paper should be written in APA format.**

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 Drs. Parsons and Golub *by email*.